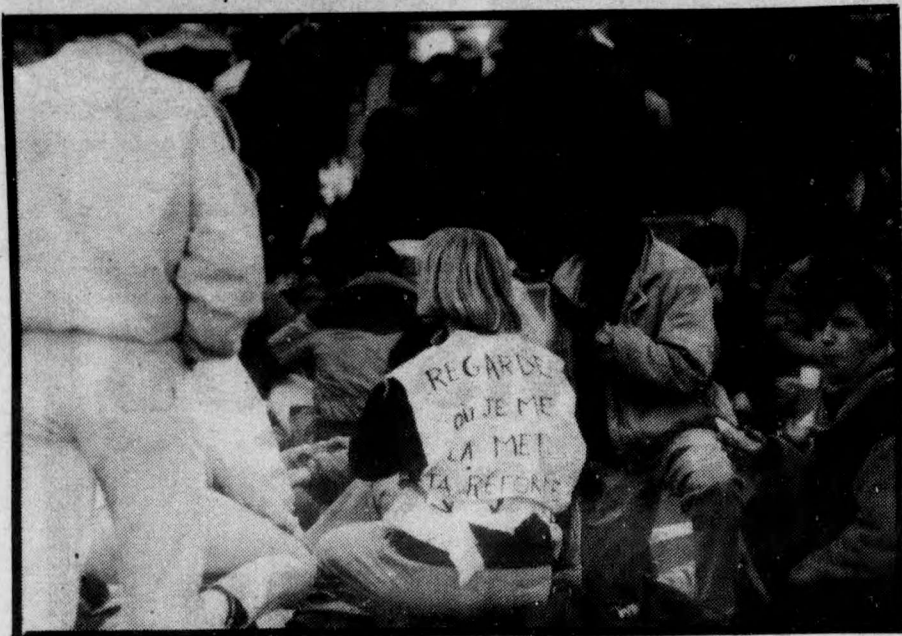




Paris under a dark sky



Jugglers and sidewalk merchants gather around striking students



*"This is where I would like to stick your reforms!"
a French student wears her message*



Paris students watch the goings on during peaceful protests against reforms

Student activism is alive

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While passing through Paris en route home to Canada, he witnessed the Paris student demonstrations and returned to Fredericton to file this report.

Paris under a sullen late fall sky. First term classes are not completed but lecture halls are empty as students take to the

streets. Police in full riot gear line blocked boulevards near the Louvre. Lanes usually flowing with traffic are impromptu picnic sites for protesters.

Detention buses and an armoured water cannon wait beyond the barricades.

On this afternoon the unit will be in vain. No violent outbursts, no surging crowds, only a peaceful statement of protest.

If anything, the mood is festive. Guitar players, jugglers, gymnasts, and singers play up to the media that mill through the encampment snapping pics, taping