

Pregnant women shut out of apartments in Hamilton

HAMILTON (CUP)—A McMaster University student says he is so enraged at a Hamilton realty company's practice of evicting pregnant women from its adult apartments that he is moving out of one of its buildings.

Kevin Best, a second year student, says he and his lover decided to move after discovering the terms of their lease. The lease says female tenants must agree to provide Vanon Properties with immediate notification of their pregnancies and be prepared to leave one of their five adult apartment buildings by the seventh month of their pregnancies. The contract contravenes the Landlord/Tenant Act.

"We would never have taken the apartment [if we had known in advance]," Best says. "They are very sick individuals. How can they ask people to leave when a woman gets pregnant?"

Daniel D'Ignazio, Hamilton human rights officer, says a woman

cannot be evicted if she bears a child.

While the manager of an adult apartment building can refuse to rent to people with children, the contract discriminates on the basis of sex if Vanon evicts pregnant women, D'Ignazio says.

"Yet the very fact that there would be a woman who wouldn't get the apartment [because the woman refused to agree with the terms set out by Vanon] is sex discrimination," he says.

Catherine Catlin, manager of Vanon Properties, said if the tenant did not agree to the terms of the lease, then no agreement to rent would be made.

Maggie Roberts of a local community legal services branch confirmed that such a contract is contrary to the Landlord/Tenant Act.

"[Any pregnant woman] would certainly not have to move," she says. □

Report says Moncton expels politically active students

TORONTO (CUP)—Université de Moncton administrators will likely face harsh criticism in December when Canada's nation-wide teachers association releases its final report investigating the university's alleged abuses of freedom of expression.

A preliminary report leaked to the *Globe and Mail* two weeks ago says administrators expel more students in proportion to its population than any other university in Canada and that many of these are students politically active on campus.

The inquiry, prepared by the Canadian Association of University Teachers for the U de M's association of librarians and professors, follows the expulsion of 15 students in the spring of 1982. They occupied the administration building in protest of a massive tuition fee increase.

According to the *Globe and Mail*, the report says the conditions under which eight of the 15 students were allowed to return violated Canada's Charter of Rights

The report also investigated the activities of one dean who created an uncomfortable academic environment and difficulties for professors wanting tenure.

Brenda Côté, one of the students expelled for her leadership role in the occupation, says she is not surprised by the report's conclusions.

"We were always being aware of faculty and students rights being denied at the U de M," she says. "It's been a major problem since the (university's) creation."

Côté, who was also chair of the Canadian Federation of Students the year following her expulsion, says more pressure must be placed on the administration to make the university democratic.

"I don't trust them. They will have to change the whole administration to ensure democracy. There should be a test, a student demonstration (to see if it has improved)."

Cynthia Maillet, U de M student council vice-president, says the timing of the report is strategic because December marks the end of several

administrators' terms, including that of university president Gilbert Finn.

"It's going to come down with one big wallop. They're going to get hit with all of it," she says.

Faculty association president Donald Poirier says he hopes the administrators do not seek another term in office. "I don't know if any of them intend to seek another term. Hopefully they won't."

CAUT executive secretary Donald Savage says he will not comment on the inquiry's findings until the final report is made public in December. Investigations are still underway.

Savage says the CAUT's academic freedom and tenure committee, under whose auspices the inquiry was conducted, sent a preliminary report to the concerned parties at the U de M for an official response.

Any other actions, such as the imposition of censure, would be undertaken at the CAUT's general meeting in May 1985, he says. □

UBC students want cyanide

VANCOUVER (CUP)—The living will envy the dead in the aftermath of nuclear war, according to a popular peace slogan.

Some University of B.C. students have taken this slogan to heart and are circulating a petition asking the campus' student health services to stock cyanide pills so students can commit suicide instead of dying from nuclear fallout.

Students for Peace and Mutual Disarmament want a referendum, similar to one held at Brown University on Rhode Island recently on the same issue allowing students "the choice of a quick painless death rather than the slow, inevitable death in world destroyed."

"The intent is to make students realize the gravity of the issue and of alternatives to cyanide pills," says peace group member Mark Fettes.

"Basically it's disarmament or cyanide."

The peace group needs 500 signatures to call for referendum. But even if the vote passes, the UBC student health services could refuse the request, as did the campus health centre at Brown University.

Brown's student leaders said students turned out in droves for the referendum, and vote passed by a 60 to 40 percent margin, 1,044 to 687. Although the event grabbed headlines in the U.S. and Europe, the students emphasized the non-binding referendum was a symbolic move to promote disarmament.



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