

Loyola admin. suspends letters of non-renewal

MONTREAL (CUP)—The administration at Loyola College here has suspended letters of non-renewal of contract issued to 27 faculty members and, on the surface, appears to have defused the main element in the Roman Catholic institution's current crisis.

In a statement issued late Tuesday, the Loyola administration said the right of appeal granted to the dismissed faculty "suspends the effect" of the letters—de facto firings—issued Dec. 15.

COMMITTEE RE-NEGOTIATED

More important to Loyola faculty, the administration agreed to re-negotiate the membership of the college's committee on appointments, rank and tenure, the body which would hear appeals.

Currently, CART is made up of administration vice-president (academic) Jack

O'Brien and five administration appointees.

"The nature and constitution of such a reconstituted body of appeal is now the subject of discussion before the Meyer Commission (the provincial government's one-man inquiry into the current Loyola crisis," the statement said.

Dismissed Loyola faculty believe that Mr. O'Brien was heavily involved in the decision to fire the professors, a move which faculty claim amounted to a purge of anti-administration elements on the Loyola staff.

SUPPORT FOR APPEALS AGREEMENT

Concurring in the new appeals agreement were the Loyola senate; Brian Mulrooney, legal counsel for the association of Loyola professors (ad hoc faculty group

formed to fight the firings); and the just-ousted executive of the Loyola faculty association.

Although the fact was not included in the administration statement, observers at Loyola believe the reconstituted appeal board will be subject to the approval of all parties in the dispute.

The agreement also received the blessing of provincial investigator Harry Meyer, who said he was "pleased to note the areas of agreement among the parties which will considerably facilitate my work."

Mulrooney, legal counsel for the dismissed faculty, said he would recommend that the professors agree with the revised appeal process and begin their appeals.

No date will be set for the appeals until the nature of the new appeal board is decided.

Withdrawal of the letters of non-renewal of contract has been the single issue in most of the protests at the college since students and faculty returned to the campus after Christmas. It was the only demand made by 400 protestors who sat in front of administration president Patrick Malone's office until ousted by riot police Jan. 12.

STUDENT PROTEST SUCCESSFUL?

Loyola observers say the appeals and suspensions of the letters will satisfy most of the protestors.

Despite the apparent conciliation, however, the administration at Loyola has not rescinded its severe policy against protests at the college. Monday the administration announced court injunctions would be used against protestors at the administration's discretion, and imposed new, stringent closing hours for the campus.

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—Osep Cheladyn photo

... there's no one there

Once upon a better day there were 700; now upon a rainy day, association flounders

By DOROTHY CONSTABLE

The Arts Students' Association has so little student support that it will probably not be able to fulfill

its responsibilities this year.

The ASA was established for the purpose of providing arts students with an organization to bargain with the faculty administration. The association was immediately faced with the prospect of selecting people to fill 96 seats on various faculty administrative committees, according to the recommendations of the Terfloth committee.

The organization started with a bang when 700 students attended the first plenary session in early November. Selecting 96 students competent to sit on committees shouldn't have been a great chore, but the subsequent drop in student interest has made the selection difficult. Only ten students showed enough interest in the organization to put in an appearance at the last meeting.

There is still hope for the organization, according to ASA president, Andy Von Busse. The organization plans to write letters to all arts students stating the purposes of the organization, the committee positions which remain to be filled, and encouraging student support for the organization.

Funds for the campaign will come out of the \$2,500 grant given the ASA by the arts faculty. The

ASA has already spent \$200 for publicizing its first meeting. Further expenses will primarily be for the organization of forums on subjects of immediate interest to arts students, such as the validity of the BA program.

Dean of the faculty of arts, D. E. Smith, said that the ASA was moving "slowly, even squeakily, in this transition period," but he was confident that students would soon be sitting on the academic committees. He said he had not even considered any alternatives to student representation from sources other than the ASA, but it was his personal opinion that the faculty would "exhaust all possibilities to get students elected."

The faculty originally thought that an association of arts students would be the best method to obtain student representation, but if necessary it would use other means, perhaps working through the students' union, said Dr. Smith.

He objected to the use of the term "student power" in reference to student representation, preferring rather the term "student participation." "Student power has connotations of such things as black power," he said.

Dennis Crowe thrown out

DIE strips co-ordinator of SU privileges, office

By DAN JAMIESON

The students' union co-ordinator of activities has been barred from his office for a month by a Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement Board decision against him.

The DIE Board fined Dennis Crowe \$15 and suspended his students' union privileges for a period of one month for twice failing to respond to a summons from the board. The students' union privileges include the right to enter SUB, which would make it difficult for him to reach his office on the second floor and the right to sit on council, which would give him no office to reach.

SUB supervisory personnel put the decision into effect Wednesday evening when they told Mr. Crowe he was no longer welcome in the building.

Mr. Crowe was originally summoned on December 6 to testify on the matter of the closure of the SUB Art Gallery last November because of the sale of political literature there by the Edmonton Student Movement. He said he had "personal reasons" for failing to appear.

The second summons, issued to find out why he had failed to respond to the first one, was for January 17, but Mr. Crowe forgot the date.

"I admit that I'm at fault," he said with regard to the second summons, "I just plain forgot."

Mr. Crowe has said he will appeal the sentence to the Student Appeals Committee on the grounds that the punishment is "too steep."

He described his punishment as the DIE Board equivalent to the death sentence and said it was far beyond what the crime warranted. Bob White, head of the DIE Board, justified the fines because of Mr. Crowe's position on council.

"As a member of the council executive, he is one of the people responsible for the by-laws being as they are," he said. So one of the persons responsible for the by-laws

should be more responsible toward them, he said.

Mr. Crowe has already filed his appeal with the students' union secretary, and it is very unlikely that he will miss his hearing this time.

Quote corrected Two voted yes

In a front page story in Tuesday's Gateway the following paragraph occurs, in relation to the votes of two undergraduate representatives.

"The action of the two undergraduate students on the committee surprised him (Mr. Kemp). If the students were being represented, I should have got at least two votes. On the balance, students approve of my teaching. The two representatives did not vote in favor of tenure since there were no votes in favor of that option."

The quotation is correct but I now know that there were two votes taken in the Departmental Tenure Committee prior to the final vote, and that in both of these two votes were cast in favor of granting me tenure. I was mistaken, therefore, in concluding that the undergraduate representatives, Penny Dudley and Howard Hallum must not have voted in favor of tenure, and I want my error corrected, since it reflects unfavorably on those representatives. I think this is of the utmost importance not only to protect the integrity of these student representatives, but also to protect the essential principle of student representation in matters of tenure.

—Ted Kemp

Students' union official notice

Polling stations for the referendum regarding SUB expansion will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. January 23 in the following buildings:

1. Tory Rotunda
2. Lister Hall
3. V-wing of Math Physics
4. Medical Science Rotunda
5. Education Rotunda
6. Students' Union Building
7. New Engineering Building

Returning Officer
Derek Bulmer