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McGill Daily, Varsity--not guilty

A judiciary board at McGill has found the editors of the Daily 'not guilty' of the 'obscene libel' charge.

The student administrative council at the U of T has supported the Varsity's reprinting of the article which caused the charges to be laid at McGill. SAC expressed distaste at the paragraph in question.

Volkmar Richter, Varsity editor-in-chief, said he felt the decision was 'very fair.' 'They backed us up for exactly the reason we printed it to begin with. We did not print it to be obscene, but to give all the facts of the story.'

The article in question was originally reprinted from the Realist in a column in the McGill Daily and described a sexually perverted act fictitiously performed by President Johnson on the

dead body of John F. Kennedy.

Paul Krassner, editor of The Realist, commended the University papers for their actions. He said censorship is silly and napalm not four-letter words should be banned. By their reprinting of the 'satire,' Krassner said he felt that Canadian students had given the American universities a lead to follow.

The principal of McGill, H.R. Robertson, termed the article 'disgusting' as did Caput, the supreme disciplinary body at U of T. Both, however, allowed the students to have their say in disciplining the respective papers.

The incident sparked demonstrations at McGill and last Thursday night police were called in to clear a crowd of protesters who had seized the principal's office.

Lecturer Stan Gray, chairman of Students for a Democratic University, and two students were hauled away in a paddy wagon.

Some of the demonstrators charged that Gray was beaten by police prior to his arrest. The police denied this but when Gray appeared to speak the next day at a rally of over 500 students, his neck was bandaged.

McGill vice-principal, Michael Oliver, who handed out summonses to demonstrating students, termed the incident nauseous and said, 'I'll remember it for the rest of my life.'

There were no student demonstrations at U of T, but Caput honored a SAC request to allow the students to look after the obscenity charges themselves.

Tom Faulkner, president of SAC, reminded John H. Sword, acting president of the University, that the issue was not an academic misdemeanor but an obscene, libel charge, and that SAC was responsible for the publication of the Varsity.

Mr. Sword said that he didn't think he and his colleagues could 'withdraw completely' from the issue, but that they would not interfere directly.

Meanwhile, Inspector William Pilkington of the Metro Toronto Morality Squad said that the chance of legal action against the Varsity is still under consideration.

In reaction to the demonstrations at McGill, the principal and the student union president issued a joint statement last Friday calling for 'changes in the student role in the university.' They said, 'a deep assessment of the causes of this confrontation must be made, and this will require intensive work in the support of quiet reason.'

There is no statement of university administration reaction to the dismissal of charges at either university as yet.



Dr. Gordon W.F. Drake and his wife Judith

SRC constitution meets with success so far

Faculty membership in the new Student Representative Council (SRC) was accepted in principle at the general council meeting held Monday evening in Vanier dining hall.

Members from MBA, Graduate studies, Atkinson, and the three York Campus undergraduate councils met and approved the first three articles of the proposed constitution.

Section two of article two reads, "a constituent member is the entire membership of any student and/or faculty association or any college of the university."

The constitution committee had included in their draft the idea of faculty membership. This suggestion met with heavy opposition from some councillors Monday.

John Stiff, chairman of Founders College Council had a particularly strong stand against faculty participation in any student government.

He said after the meeting that he did not wish to make a statement at that time.

"I was ill-prepared at this meeting. I will have something to say at the meeting next Tuesday about the whole idea of having anything but undergraduates on S.R.C."

Richard Sands (V II) proposed an amendment to this section which in effect shut out graduates and faculty from the SRC. Wayne Anderson (MBA) labelled it a very restrictive and short-sighted act.

Jim MacDonald, former

president of Glendon Council, made a strong appeal for faculty and graduate membership. He reminded the councillors that students are clamouring to be admitted to faculty organizations. He said he did not think students should then close the door to faculty involvement of some kind.

He also allayed the fears of those who wondered what faculty participation would do for York's membership in Canadian Union of Students (CUS). He said we may be members as long as faculty did not constitute a majority in SRC.

There were several attempts at the meeting to settle the membership question in detail. Chairman John Adams ruled this issue held until the next meeting when article four, Membership, came up for ratification.

Also passed at Monday's meeting was article three - Functions. SRC has the job of representing the students as a whole before governing bodies of York and external organizations. Other functions include recognizing university-wide clubs, acting as a communications and information center, and sponsoring certain services to the students.

This last point was passed with the understanding that the SRC would not interfere with the college councils' entertainment and cultural services.

The meeting ended abruptly when, after a short recess, two few councillors returned to form a quorum.

York awards first two Ph.D's

by Claire Schriener

York University handed out its first two doctorates last Friday at its Autumn Convocation.

Gordon W.F. Drake, 24, and Allan Lord, 26, won their degrees in experimental space science.

The university's first Master of Science degree went to Dr. Drake's wife, Judith, at the same time.

Dr. Drake was born in Regina and received his earlier degrees at McGill University and the University of Western Ontario.

His doctoral thesis was titled "Dipole Polarizabilities and Hypopolarizabilities of the K and L shell isoelectronic sequences." The Drakes are now at Harvard University.

Dr. Lord was born in Rochdale, England, and received his B.Sc. and M.Sc.

in Chemistry at Manchester University.

For his doctorate, he researched the "Kinetics of iodination of mercury dimethyl in various solvents." He is now doing post-doctoral work at York.

Honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws were given to Henry Smith Wingate, chairman of the board of International Nickel Company of Canada, and British author and scholar C.P. Snow.

Lord Snow's wife, who writes under the pen name of Pamela Hansford Johnson, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters.

Convocation addresses were given by Lord and Lady Snow.

There were 55 graduates, 26 of whom were night students at Atkinson College.

SRC suffers from lack of money

The present SRC has \$1,200 of unallocated funds left over from last year's budget, according to Larry Rapoport, president of Vanier Student Council.

Mr. Rapoport says "If the SRC has money from last year, I suggest this go to Excalibur. This does not mean the three college councils will not give Excalibur funds. It does mean the colleges will give considerably less."

Ken Johnston, President of the "caretaker" SRC, has been asked by Mr. Rapoport to "clear the air" and have last year's financial report audited.

Later Mr. Johnston said SRC has "very, very little money" at present. Two hundred dollars is on loan to York Student

Agencies because of last year's debt, and another \$250 to the York Debating Society. The Debate Society had promised to repay their debt within a week, Mr. Johnston said.

He pointed out that he felt the \$1,200 statement was a misconception on the part of Mr. Rapoport based on a financial report given last March. The SRC has incurred expenses since then.

Mr. Rapoport said that in his opinion, in order to effectively start this year's SRC, last year's financial situation must be cleared up.

Mr. Johnston offered to take an Excalibur staff member to see the SRC books later this week.