



Political Move?

McGill Prof. May Be Fired

MONTREAL (CUP) - The McGill University administration has taken the first step in an attempt to fire activist political lecturer Stanley Gray.

Tuesday, Principal H. Locke Robertson and Dean of Arts H. D. Woods handed Gray a letter advising him they were "satisfied that there is adequate cause to justify our recommending that you should be dismissed from the university."

At a press conference later in the day, Robertson refused to elaborate on the action but said the University Statutes allowed dismissal only on grounds of "immorality, inefficiency, or any administrative or other cause which in the opinion of its members (the university corporation) affects adversely or is likely to affect adversely, the general well-being of the university." Earlier Robertson described Gray as a man "highly respected by his colleagues."

Arts and Science student president Paul Wong said Tuesday he had been told by Woods that the dismissal was specifically related to Gray's participation in a disruption two weeks ago of McGill's first open board of governors meeting.

At that time, 150 students, including Gray, forced the board to adjourn after it refused to discuss student demands that it finance a student co-operative

housing venture.

Gray's department head, J. R. Mallory, was not informed of the dismissal before notification was given to Gray. Ironically, Mallory and the other members of the department had recommended before Christmas that Gray's contract be renewed and that he receive a promotion to assistant professor.

The next step in the dismissal takes place Thursday morning when a televised hearing will discuss the case. Gray will meet with Robertson, Mallory and another faculty member. The hearing, according to Robertson, will attempt "to settle the matter".

Gray said Tuesday he did not recognize the right of "a few guys" in the administration and board to "kick me out of the university."

He said the move was "clearly a political" one by the administration and an attempt to quash the radical factions on the campus.

At a rally Wednesday, over 1,000 students met to discuss the matter and though no decision was taken, the mood clearly opposed the administrative decision.



On the Ides of March, 44 BC, Julius Caesar, standing on the steps of the Senate, saw Brutus approaching. Assuming his friend would like a refreshing drink of ice-cold Coca-Cola, Caesar called out, "Et tu Brute?" meaning, "You want some, too, Kiddo?" Unfortunately, Brutus had flunked Latin, and, thinking he'd been insulted, immediately slew Caesar, speaking the immortal words, "Res melius evinissent cum Coke," a translation of which appears below.

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