

Police end Loyola sit-in; classes cancelled

MONTREAL (CUP) — All seems quiet at Loyola College now, after almost 500 students and faculty abandoned a six-day-old sit-in in the college's administration building when Loyola administrators called in police to clear the building.

The demonstrators walked out in a funeral procession when police read an eviction notice, carrying the plain, black coffin with which they symbolically laid to rest the college's English department in the snow in front of the campus chapel Friday.

At the same time as the eviction, in Quebec City, the provincial government announced that a sought-after commission of inquiry would be launched into the Loyola affair, following more than a week

of protests at the Roman Catholic campus over the dismissal of 27 faculty members on the grounds of "upgrading academic standards" and preparing for an expected decrease in Loyola's enrollment next year. Seventeen of the school's 43 English professors stand to go through the administration action.

The college's administration closed the campus down Monday morning for a week to "facilitate a freer and more profitable exchange of views of all concerned." In announcing the shutdown, the administration appealed to the protesters to abandon their sit-in. The police were called in when the demonstrators refused to go along with the plea.

The college declared the decision to call in the police was made

"with great reluctance." It was the second time police had been called to the campus since the academic year began.

On Nov. 6, dean of students Roderick Shearer called police to evict former student council president Marcel Nouvet from a Loyola senate meeting in which Nouvet challenged decisions being

made about not rehiring physics professor S.A. Santhanam.

The week-long ban on classes, meetings and activities on the Loyola campus did not prevent a meeting of about 500 students and faculty at a nearby church Tuesday.

At the meeting, called by the English department, a motion of

non-confidence in the Loyola administration passed 453-6.

Meanwhile, the provincial government has not decided who will be appointed as the one-man fact-finding commission to Loyola. The name of the commissioner is expected to be released by the end of this week.

Rye head might sue newspaper

The chairman of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute's board of governors has threatened the school's student union with libel action as a result of a story published last Thursday in the Ryerson student newspaper, The Eyeopener.

The article, a light satire on how sodturning ceremonies are used to political advantage, was credited to the board chairman, William Kelly.

The Ryerson student union's board of publications Tuesday voted down a motion to censure the paper, dismiss the editor and set up a censoring board for the paper.

The Eyeopener received a letter from Kelly's lawyers Friday, informing them of possible legal action and requesting that all available copies of the issue be taken to the board secretary. Eyeopener staff members refused to comply with the request.

Later that morning student union president Barry Hales met with the school's acting president, Tony Wilkinson, and board member David Crombie. Hales said they were "obviously disturbed."

Hales said the administrators threatened to sue the union for any articles in the newspaper which were libelous.

The next step, Hales was told, would be to write all The Eyeopener's advertisers and encourage them to withdraw their contracts, effectively cutting off all the newspaper's external aid.

Wilkinson and Crombie also threatened to cut off all student fees collected on behalf of the student union as a final resort.

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Guelph probes racism charge

GUELPH — Investigations are being conducted on two fronts by the University of Guelph into charges that "ethnic racism" is being practised by the administration of the languages department. Roland J. Haumont, a former Guelph professor now in Montreal, made the charges in a letter to university president W.C. Winegard Dec. 12. The president's committee on human rights began a series of interviews with 34 members of the language department Monday. Haumont, a native of France who became a Canadian citizen in 1955, was the

but of racial remarks at a faculty meeting when he suggested a course should be started in French-Canadian political and social studies. In his letter Haumont is critical of the academic criteria for selecting teachers. He said a Mexican graduate student in the veterinary college taught a first year Spanish course until complaints by faculty and students caused his removal in mid-term. The man had never taught before. He claimed there are at least three undergraduates teaching first and second year language courses despite the disapproval voiced by other faculty members.

Ryerson to elect dept. heads?

The social sciences department at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute will ask the Ryerson board of governors to approve a resolution passed last Wednesday which calls for election of all department administrators. A resolution passed 24-15 at a department meeting urged "that all official positions directly related to the social sciences department should be put on an elective rotating basis."

SFU profs start new school

VANCOUVER — Suspended members of the Simon Fraser University department of political science, sociology and anthropology have launched a new attempt to make education serve the people. The faculty intend to open a new educational institute — the community education and research centre — Jan. 24, to "serve the needs of the entire community." The purpose of the institution "is to make education relevant to the problems faced by people such as workers, tenants, minorities and the poor in their everyday lives", said former PSA chairman Mordecai Briemburg last week. Briemburg was democratically elected by students and faculty in the PSA Department last summer, was first deposed from his post and then suspended when PSA members struck to fight an administration trusteeship imposed on the department. During the course of the strike seven other professors were suspended.

Assault charges laid at McGill

MONTREAL — Two McGill students have been arrested on charges of assault arising from an incident in front of the McGill student union building Dec. 7. They also face university disciplinary action and have been temporarily suspended. The students — Arnold August and Eric Hoffman — are members of the Indian Progressive Study Group and the McGill Student Movement respectively. Police have accused the two of attacking Steven Wohl, former chairman of the McGill Moratorium Committee, and Frank Costi, manager of the student union building. Both the IPSG and the MSM have been active in a campaign to remove retired general J.N. Chaudhuri from a position in McGill's Centre for Developing Areas Studies. The students have charged that the centre is a front for CIA-type research, intended to develop defenses against liberation struggles in Africa and Asia. In a press release Monday, August and Hoffman said the assault charges were a "frame-up" aimed at suppression of the anti-Chaudhuri campaign.

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