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AT LAST THE MILITANTS—have arrived to end all injustice on our campus. They aren't engineers protesting discrimination by artsmen, nor are they the SDU picket line in full gear. These are the gentlemen who were constructing the bio-sci complex on the north edge of campus asking for more money. Since local intellectuals are above such mundane things, it is doubtful any of them will be found associating with these plebians.

Ottawa students hold out for rights

OTTAWA (CUP) — The social sciences faculty of Ottawa University is preparing for trouble this week.

Some 400 students walked out of classes for two days last week to come up with proposals for change in their education and have given the faculty one week to respond to their demands.

Students leaders say they will call a general strike if the proposals aren't adopted.

The demands fall in six specific categories:

- Bilingualism—French students demand they be permitted to write papers and exams in French, express themselves in the language and that employees be bilingual. Well over 80 per cent of the students are French.

- University and society—endorsement of universal accessibility and free education. The money for free education would come from government employment of students during the summer months in return for payment of tuition in the fall.

- University government—equal, tripartite representation on all university decision-making bodies.

- Course and creditation structure—detailed proposals for a re-vamping of the promotion system, and course and degree requirements.

- Teaching technique—restructuring of seminars, new definitions of faculty and student roles, course evaluations, set qualifications for staff, more funds for teaching assistants.

Commission set up to draft Bill of Rights

"... start again from scratch"

By KEN BAILEY

The Student Bill of Rights is too much for council.

The students' council in a meeting Monday evening passed a motion that will relieve the council of the controversial and embarrassing Student Bill of Rights.

The motion proposed to the council by the student activities coordinator Don McKenzie read, "That students' council establish a

commission for the purpose of investigating and making recommendations to council on a Student Bill of Rights."

The Student Bill of Rights was originally formulated by the American Association of University Professors. It deals with the basic rights of the student in respect to freedom of access to higher education, student affairs, and disciplinary proceedings. The bill was designed to cover a broad range

of educational institutes in the U.S.

"It would require modification to make it apply particularly to U of A," said McKenzie.

On Oct. 1 students' council had a special meeting to discuss the bill. With no background information the council attempted for four and one-half hours to adapt the original bill to our university, with no concrete result.

"We didn't realize the size of the undertaking, but it proved there was a more realistic way of handling it," said students' union treasurer Mike Edwards.

"We are willing to admit this mistake and start again from scratch," said students' union vice-president David Leadbeater.

The student personnel board will choose the students (probably five) who will be on the commission. They will be responsible for determining student opinions and then either revising the original bill or formulating a new bill adapted to U of A.

"Instead of council deciding on something as important as the Student Bill of Rights, the students should be given an opportunity to participate," said McKenzie.

"I think it's important that we go to the student to get ideas, rather than waiting for them to come to us," said Edwards.

The commission will also be responsible for discussing the bill with the various organizations on campus including political groups, ethnic groups and fraternities.

"Council is not representative of interest groups on campus," said Edwards.

"Any groups that have felt their principles, as far as student rights are concerned, have been maligned or incorrectly cited, will have a chance to clarify the situation," said Leadbeater.

Christian Bay quits, circumstances vague

Under a cloak of mystery, Dr. Christian Bay has resigned as head of the department of political science.

Dr. Bay told The Gateway Tuesday afternoon he had sent his written resignation by mail to academic vice-president Max Wyman.

Dr. Bay would not elaborate on the circumstances that led to his resignation.

"All I will say at this time is that my resignation is in the mail," he said. "And it has to do with the decision-making within the university."

He said he would continue as acting head of the department until "they get someone to replace me". He has been head of the department since 1966.

Meanwhile, closed meetings were being held by the faculty of the department and the graduate and undergraduate students registered in political science.

Two Gateway reporters, seeking to interview faculty and students on Dr. Bay's resignation, were unable to locate faculty members Tuesday afternoon. The reporters were told that faculty were holding a meeting.

Later, the reporters walked into a meeting of the grad students in political science. When one of the reporters was recognized, both were asked to leave.

All Tuesday afternoon, the grad students held closed sessions and as The Gateway went to press, none would supply details of the meetings or of the circumstances of Dr. Bay's resignation.

Late Monday night, undergrads registered in political science held a meeting to discuss the apparent grad student monopoly on the council of the department of political science. The council has representatives of the grad students and the faculty but none from the undergrads.

Sources other than grad students and faculty say the conflict erupted over representation on this council. Allegedly, the grad students requested equal numerical representation with faculty on the council.

Campus centre seized

WATERLOO (CUP) — Over 100 University of Waterloo students occupied the campus centre here Monday and intend to stay until they win legal control of the building.

They immediately evicted campus centre director Paul Gerster from his office, and followed with his furniture. The students slept in his office and in a large lounge in the building.

Student council Oct. 10 demanded the campus centre be turned over to students and have negotiated with the administration since then. The council has repeatedly extended deadlines for an agreement. On Monday night a general meeting of students voted overwhelming to seize control of the building.

The administration insists ultimate control must remain with the university's Board of Governors.

"We will not accept unilateral decisions such as that announced by the student council with respect to the campus centre" said

administration president Gerry Hagey in an open letter last week.

In a meeting with student president Brian Iler Tuesday, Hagey insisted again that control of the building rest in administration hands. Iler refused to accept that position: "The students are the primary users of the building and they should have control," he said. "We regard the board as an illegitimate authority."

The administration indicated it will ignore the occupation and will not interfere with the students.

The building, despite the change in management at this point, is operating as usual.

Last chance

The Dinosaurs are back
Come Saturday and
See their last stand
at Varsity Stadium