Bookstore head shelved in hazy situation

By GRAHAM MUIR

Al Strumecki, Glendon book­store manager took Fri­
day off to go to the Que­
bec Winter Carnival, leav­
ing two employees in charge of the store. On the fol­
lowing Monday, he found out he was suspended. On Tue­
day, he found out he was being let go.

The administration action, which took place during the early part of Reading Week, took Strumecki completely by surprise.

"I had no warning that if I did this, I would be fired for it. It simply floored me," said a slightly shaken Strumecki.

Although it surprised Strumecki, the action was only the culmination of a long period of friction between the Glendon manager and his two immediate superiors, William Jennings, York University Bookstore manager, and J. R. Allen, York University business manager.

BUROCRATIC HASSLE

It was Jennings who suspended Strumecki on the Mon­
day, when Allen talked to him he gave as a reason, "In the army we learned what people to choose for our team, you're just not the right man for our team," Strumecki became the wrong man for the team by being two supervisors over one and a half years trying to make the Glendon bookstore more efficient.

When the university was beginning, because there was only the Glendon Campus, there was not only the Glendon Bookstore. With the grow­th of the York Campus and the York Bookstore, Glendon became dependent on the other stores for central ordering, processing, returning, and bookkeeping services.

During the time Strumecki was at Glendon, he got all these services back under his wing, thus setting the eco­nomics basis for the pos­sible independence of the Gl­endon bookstore. Glendon still pays $4,300 to the oth­er campus for the service it no longer gives.

He and Delores Broten, a third year student and employee of the store, devised a plan and a budget for an independently oper­ated and financed bookstore at Glendon. (See below.)

INDEPENDENT STORE

Jennings and Allen are re­portedly not in favour of the independent bookstore idea. It is not known whether there has been any bearing on their decision to let Strumecki go.

Strumecki's manager, Strumecki's superiors, has been in the office for quite a while, though, because Strumecki works slightly more independently than they would like.

As manager, Strumecki has worked quite a bit more than a nine to five schedule requires of him. Often, he has worked on a Sunday night.

Miss Broten said, "I don't know why they should have been thinking of Al's hours of work. It's just not a ni­te to five job. He does all the work and more done."

In November, Strumecki, during a party at the Hilliard Residence, became in­volved in a fight with a pizza­man. He was hauled up onto the carpet before Je­nings, Allen and Bruce Fa­rrets, Vice-president of Fin­ance for the university, Gl­endon Principal Escott Reid and chief administrator Vic­tor Berg realizing the good job that Strumecki was doing spoke up for Strumecki and his job was saved.

This time, Strumecki was told to quit or get out by Jennings and Allen without any hearing.

NO SEVERANCE PAY

At first, Strumecki was not offered the basic legal mini­mum of severance pay. One student, Andy Brown, who is an employee of the store, has been working on the severance pay angle for Strumecki. He said, "I filed the administration's own actions quite inconsistent with their moralizing over Al's behaviour."

In the statement they attached to their proposed bud­get, they said, "For the first year of its operation, the Glendon Bookstore made a profit of $5,726 (Admin, figures) but for the last four years (including 1969), although this budget-year is not yet finished it has a re­cord loss ranging from $8,000 to $3,500.

"It is our contention that this loss can be accounted for by the payment of sal­aried employees to York, and by un­regular expenses such as office equipment in 1969 and the inclusion of dead stock (unsaleable and unreturnable books) for all previous years (operation of 1965 and 1969)."

A proposal for a fourth person to work at the Gl­endon store which would be a good step towards in­dependence, is presently be­fore the Bookstore Commi­tee. The proposal was work­ed out by Strumecki and the student members of the co­mittee.

One point of dispute be­tween Strumecki and Allen has been over whether or not to let student employees be in charge of the book­store alone during evenings. Strumecki has wanted to allow this for a long time but Allen has opposed it, auriously enough, in the past week or so students have been working alone in the book­store during evenings, with the permission of Jenn­ings.

Allen could not give the official reasons for Strumecki's dismissal but "He had a dismissal was justified. You should see Personnel for the official reasons." he said.

Yesterday, Strumecki ba­nked in his resignation to Je­nings. Jennings said, "He was given the option of re­signing or being dismissed. Obviously, it was better for all concerned for him to hand in his resignation."

INVESTIGATION URGED

The student council at a meeting on Tuesday passed a resolution urging the Bookstore Committee to make a full investigation of the situation and of admin­istrative practices in general associated with the aff­air.

Walter Beringer, Chair­man of the Bookstore Com­mittee, said that he is try­ing to contact members of the committee about a meet­ing on the bookstore sit­uation. He hoped a meeting could be called at the ear­liest possible convenience of the members.

Meanwhile some con­cerned students are thinking of circulating a petition among students to, if success­ful, ensure that the invest­igation when made will be public and administr­ators involved will be asked to give public testimony.

Estimated budget for an Independent Operated Gl­endon bookstore. Glendon would have a bookstore made for a minimum of $7,526 (Admin, figures) but for the last four years (including 1969) although this budget-year is not yet finished it has a record loss ranging from $8,000 to $3,500.

Student Union Resolution

Student Council hereby strongly urges that the Book­store Committee convene as soon as possible (with 24 hours if possible) to investigate:

1a. The reasons for the firing of Al Strumecki.
1b. The firing practices of York University vis-a-vis the fired personnel.
2. The feasibility of an independant bookstore.
3. The possibility of any relationship between points 1 and 2.

Student Council also urges that the Bookstore Com­mittee demand that the administration release to this committee any information which the admin­istration has that would appear to be relevant to the investigation.

That Mr. Allan and Mr. Jennings be urged to make public testimony before the Committee regarding this investigation.

That the committee be urged to hand down a report of its investigation within two weeks of to­day.
The real reasons
Two of the major themes pervading the corporate structure of North American society must surely be what is often termed the Protestant Ethic and what is perhaps less often termed to as the bureaucratic mentality.

The Protestant Ethic dictates efficiency, cleanliness, and Godliness hypocritical or not. The bureaucratic mentality assumes authority relationships, produces a culture of passivity and control, and conditioned conformity as to the manners and modes of getting ahead. The two function in a vertical, ladder of success, perspective, both material and spiritual.

In the paper world wide of university administration springs the education of a whole generation of administrators who are certainly, university bookstores, largely involved. The real reason for this is that Strumeci is a hard, efficient and honest administrator of a university department store and he is a financial administrator to the Glendon store, rather than to submit weekly to every wish of his superior about the operation he has run into opposition from the administrators. Jennings and Allen in particular. Strumeci has fought for two years to the ultimate of his financial and accounting responsibility delegated to the Glendon store to save more money. He devised a plan and a number of subsidiary suggestions to make the Glendon store independent and pay his own way. Jennings and Allen are reportedly independent for unknown reasons.

On at least two occasions he has corrected these higher up and producing false and misleading figures concerning the Glendon store and set them straight on the administration. Because Strumeci thinks it more important that the Glendon store be a successful business than that he be a hard, efficient and honest administrator of a university bookstore.

Strumeci was apparently told by Allen that he was "no good" to the Glendon administration. For doing things Allen reportedly learned in the army. So, because nobody wishes to buck, change, or question Strumeci's decision. Jennings and Allen in particular Strumeci has been fired without prior notice or consultation with the minimum provisory pay which is stipulated by Ontario labour laws.

Strumeci's situation brings into question the whole nation and one's situation and it is your situation.

The questions that have to be answered are:

Is the bookstore, just as the rest of the university a proper place for administration, or is its service for students and faculty on whom it depends for funds and supplies? It has nothing to lose but the rising prices and narrow range of books on the campus.

The community should demand that the administration account for itself on this whole matter and then act accordingly. It is a Strumeci's situation and it is your situation.

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"The right man for our team." — J.R. Allen, Business Manager, York University

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Dean Sirs,

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters, I trust that Glendon College administration is alive and well, it was rumoured when I left in 1968 that both were on their way to the soap factory. Glendon College after reporting by Larry Goldstein, a private Strumeci has been hired without prior notice or consultation with the minimum provisory pay which is stipulated by Ontario labour laws.

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LEONARD GODFREY

And do I hear a familiar voice crying in the wilderness? Three weeks ago the student newspaper at Sim- mon Fraser ran a story on one Larry Goldstein of York University. He appa- rently made the mistake of writing bile and opinion on the university. This mistake cost him his job. So free thought just what he thought of it, and so got expelled from the university. He was of course not the first to have been expelled from college or university after free thought just what he thought of it, and so got expelled from the university. He was of course not the first to have been expelled from college or university.

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John Saywell is, I suppose, the most prominent victim of the Fraser administration.
"Harold Wilson, you're a mass murderer"

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Water pollution...

Story by LARRY SCANLAN

Toronto Star, November 9, 1942: "Recurring discussions in city hall on the danger to health from sewage-contaminated water is a clear indication that the Controller and Aldermen recognize that it ought to be corrected but unfortunately, they have not displayed a determined united effort on the construction of a new sewage disposal plant which alone would cure the situation."

Toronto Star, July 6, 1949: "Despite the urgency of relief from the heat wave, Toronto people were unable to bathe off the beaches both east and west of the harbour on account of pollution of the water by sewage, no planning, zoning, or restrictions,... a case of bungling,... a lack of foresight. The old seimming hole has become in an astonishing number of cases, an up-to-date cesspool."

Toronto Star, August 19, 1959: "Premier Frost says that no power on earth can end the pollution of Toronto lakes before 1961."

For decades, Toronto had been pumping sewage, treated and untreated, into Lake Ontario, and most of it through a dilapidated sewer system, straining from old age and abuse. Only in 1910 was raw sewage stopped from being dumped straight into the lake. Gradually minor improvements led to a major overhaul in 1954.

Since that time Metro has spent $110 million dollars, turning 18 ancient lakefront outlets into five large treatment plants at the mouths of the main rivers. As well they are still working on a midtown interceptor, which will alleviate the heavy load on the city's storm and sewer system.

The major offensive on pollution was dealt by Ray Bremner (now City Works Commissioner) who persuaded council to spend $154 million dollars on a 25-year plan to the city's antiquated sewer system. One by provincial grants, its purpose is to separate the stormwater system from the systems.

Until the plan is completed, heavy rains still may tax the drainage system and the old combined pipeline to carry right by the new treatment plants and into the lake.

The federal government meanwhile has posed a $23 million dollar scientific centre to be opened in Burlington in 1972 which will assemble some of the best brains in the world to combat water pollution in the Lakes. The new centre will be big enough to allow biologists, engineers, chemists, geologists, economists and sociologists to work together against the problem. It rings of unity, but on paper it is still a dream.

Water pollution for Lake Ontario at is governed by four distinct bodies: the city, the Ontario Water Resources Commission and the Metro Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority. Bremner thinks a single authority could best handle the problem and that Canada is perhaps overgoverned.

Nick Vardin, Senior Engineer at the Works Department (city hall) also thinks a single authority would be better. He is worried about the pollution of Lake Ontario before 1961."

A lack of co-operation still exists in the today. Independent studies do little. Until there is an overall organization with priorities, times and limits, you will get nowhere."

He complained of the paltry subsidies offered by the provincial and federal governments in the war on pollution. They are between 25 per cent and 50 per cent of construction cost, but with the stipend the federal plan the federal plan for urban renewal and new developments in the city, Toronto must almost fend for itself. A Canada Water Act, which was to integrate such deficiencies, never escaped the planning board.
Vardin admired the U.S. federal government for their setting aside of billions of dollars strictly to combat water pollution. Government levels in Canada don’t seem to communicate, he said. He cited the example of the International Joint Commission, a Canadian-American effort to examine the problem of water pollution. At no time he said did this commission ever approach the city for advice or technical aid.

"Suppose the Don River needed dredging, widening, or its banks needed stabilizing. Who would do it?", asked Vardin.

MORE OPTIMISTIC

Don Young, Senior Engineer at the City Works Department, was a little more optimistic. The 25-year sewer separation plan, coupled with new city by-laws and the threat of stiff fines he thought was quite capable of regulating industrial waste.

He maintained that it was the province that set standards and objectives and that where they were not met the province could step in. Outside municipal boundaries, control of pollution became the job of the O.W.R.C. The O.W.R.C. was created to "urge and assist municipalities to speed up construction of necessary works."

Dennis P. Caplice, director of the division of industrial wastes there, had this to say: "There’s no magical tap to shut off pollution. All we can do is let the lake rejuvenate itself and ensure that man doesn’t accelerate the aging process. Lake Erie is a prime example of the misuse of our water resources."

The centre at least of Lake Erie is thought to be biologically dead. Plant nutrients found in sewage and some industrial wastes enrich the water and encourage the growth of algae. When the algae die they provide food for microorganisms which make use of oxygen and as the oxygen on the bottom is depleted, the cycle continues stimulating more plant growth, regardless of whether more sewage is added. This self-supporting monster gorges itself on oxygen, without which aquatic life is doomed, Caplice said that generally, the O.W.R.C. has overall control that they can offer both technical aid and provincial loans to the city. Still there was a problem of jurisdiction, and he too could not establish just whose responsibility it would be to dredge the Don. He surmised that the Metro Conservation Authority would do it.

CANADA WATER ACT

He mentioned the Canada Water Act, whose aim was to investigate the ways and means of supporting the fight against water pollution. It had been drafted, discussed and promptly shelved. In a survey taken of the money spent per person per year, he noted that the money spent on sewage control ran a distant fourth behind the Bell and Hydro.

Even the O.W.R.C. cannot simply step in and take action against an offending industry. It must take the industry to court and prove that it has been dumping sewage into a waterway and then prosecute it. A backfire could mean libel.

Caplice termed himself "mildly optimistic" about the problem of water pollution. It was a headache that had crept up on us and only of late had it been given the recognition befitting its magnitude.

Maybe the lakes and the rivers will rejuvenate themselves, but no one could predict when.

Not too long ago, an alderman suggested dredging the 100,000 cubic yards of water between the Argonaut Rowing Club and the Humber, and using the enclosed breakwater to form a bathing area and circulate air through the water to keep it clean and free from algae.

WILL THINGS CHANGE?

In the long run, though, it is yet to be determined whether or not this rising consciousness of the situation will alter significantly the damage that has already been done.

As the O.W.R.C. people implied, what is needed now is the moulding of institutions and efficient channelling of resources towards not only the problems of man living with man, but also man living with his environment.

And quiet flows the polluted (dead) Don.

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Anti-grape people appointed

By JOAN SHIRLOW

The student council has appointed two new members to the Food Services Committee. At the council's meeting Tuesday Doug Newton and Jean Stevenson were appointed, "on the condition that they accept the decision of last year's council on California grapes."

Council chairman Bob McGaw said, "Because the student union has shown its feelings through the 300 signatures on the petition (to request that California grapes not be served at Glendon), it is valid to ask these people to accept this decision."

In the future the student council will appoint students to the Dean's committees but will only be able to recall them for absenteeism at the committee meetings.

The student union, however, will have the right to impeach any member of any of the Dean's committees. If at least one eighth of the students sign an impeachment petition, there will be a by-election held for the position.

The student council has urged the faculty council's bookstore committee to investigate the reasons for firing of Al Strumeci, the former manager of the Glendon Bookstore, and to investigate the feasibility of an independent bookstore.

McGaw said, "The administration at the other campus says that Strumeci was irresponsible from their point of view. But Al has been trying to make the Glendon Bookstore independent of the main campus. What I have to find out is whether Al was fired for "gross irresponsibility" as was the charge, or because some people at the main campus wanted to get him out of the way.

A budget produced by Strumeci and Delores Broten a bookstore employee, shows the Glendon Bookstore could make a profit if it were independent of the main campus.

At present it pays about 3000 dollars for someone at the main campus to put a signature to the Glendon order forms.

The bookstore also pays 3000 dollars to York for "the building and maintenance," McGaw said that since the budget of the bookstore comes from York, this, in effect, means the university is paying rent to itself.

McGaw said, "This is interesting because we've been bitching about the cost of books in the bookstore. The administration has been telling us that it's costing them money to provide this service to us. That they're being good guys in giving us a bookstore. But the administration should be discredited for this. That is: their argument is false. That is: they are lying to us."

The attempt to impose a general boycott on grape sales here at Glendon is going on for its seventh week. This boycott has already been placed into effect at the University of Toronto and at the main campus of York University.

The Toronto area consumes over 20 per cent of California grapes. The region has been a target for the past several months of an attempt to stifle consumption of the commodity.

The boycott is the most effective weapon being used by the strikers. The California grape pickers have been on strike for three years now, in a bid for higher wages. Their wages were 2,400 dollars, one half the California average, at Glendon.

Salami emphatically stated that he was impartial to the dispute, "I'm not pushing the damned things (grapes), I'm not even putting them in the salad plates."

He revealed that he had made an experiment two weeks ago. When told to keep purchasing grapes, he bought first, two boxes of "a little nicer" grapes, the first night we sold out a whole crate (30 pounds). The same the next night, it's no boycott...people prefer the "nicer" (light green) grapes. The red grapes don't go as fast. For a matter of fact I could try it again. Since that time consumption has increased naturally considerably...about 150 per cent."

The Glendon Food Services Committee is to meet again on Friday, February 28th, at 1:30 a.m. The issue will probably arise again, since the last meeting, three new student members have been appointed by the new student council (See student council story),

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"Things we've gone better with Coke."
Students reject dean

MONTREAL (CP) - McGill University arts and science students voted for their choice for faculty dean and rejected the present dean, H.D. Woods, by an overwhelming margin last Wednesday.

The vote, called a preferential poll, was run without administrative sanction after students despair of getting an adequate say on a nominating committee slated to select the dean of arts and science. Woods is the only nominee with the results but said it was up to the students to see whether their choice would be respected. The arts and science student executive will deliver the poll results to principal H. Roke Robertson next week.

The poll winner was Donald Theall, chairman of the English department, and generally regarded as a progressive administrator.

Seven people ran, all nominated by students. None were given the option of withdrawing from the campaign. Four - Theall, mathematics lecturer Donald Kingsbury, history department head Robert Vogel and English professor Arthur Malloch - took the campaign seriously. They submitted programmes and policies for publication and campaigned with various degrees of interest. Woods' participation was minimal. He did send his academic to the students. None rejected the present dean, Robert Vogel and English professor Arthur Malloch, who was elected by students. None would have done so anyway because the deanship is non-elective.

The top three candidates, Theall, Kingsbury and Vogel, swamped the others. All three are student favourites. Theall was instrumental in the fight to keep John Fotheringham in school last year. Kingsbury is a sharp critic of McGill educational technique and a strong supporter of student bids for democratization, and Vogel has been consistently sympathetic with student demands for openness and relevant discussion at the senate and board level.

In a complex point distribution system, Theall polled 4,627 points, Kingsbury 3,294 and Vogel 3,153. They were followed by a far distant fourth with 775 points.

Theall is the Russell H. She З new chairman of the economics department.

New chairman found

The economics department has finally found itself a chairman. Dr. David L. McQueen will take over the chairmanship on July 1.

McQueen was educated at the University of Manitoba, Queens University and the London School of Economics. He graduated from the L.S.E. in 1952 with his doctorate. He was employed by the Research Department of the Bank of Canada until 1965 when he joined the Economic Council of Canada and was appointed Director of the Economic Council last year.

McQueen co-authored a study entitled 'Housing and Social Capital' for the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects, and has contributed to two books on economics. 'La Planification Economique dans un Etat Federatif' and 'Wages, Prices, Profits and Economic Policy'.

The economics department has never had a chairman. Dean Brian Bixley has acted as administrative coordinator of the department for the past two years.

Speaking about the appointment, Bixley said, "The faculty are pleased by the appointment. He will bring a strong element of the practical and more concrete economic interests to the department."

McQueen will be at Glendon tonight to speak in the Junior Common Room at 6:45 on 'Economic Aspects of the War against Poverty'.
Pensioners win!

The Pensioners of 3rd & 4th Year lost a battle but won the war, as they defeated the A House Axemen in the intramural basketball championship finals. The Octogonarians lost the second game of the best of three series, but their hopes for the undefeated season were dashed when they were defeated by the Axemen in the final game to take the title.

In the second game, the Axemen pulled off a big upset by edging the Pensioners 30-29, a cold-hand in the shooting department, but in the final analysis it was A's dogged determination to win that day that carried the day. A's halfback, Tim Howden, was outstanding in place in the backfield, but it was Paul Stevens with 6 points, all in the second half and second half shooting that was the margin of victory. Faye had 7 for 3 & 4.

In the finale, a tried to show the game down on offense, and went into a light zone on defense. Mike Faye wrecked their strategy with several timely steals and long ones. The Oldtimers reached 25-22, Rick Meneer had 10 points to go with Faye's 12, King had 7 and Fife 6 in a losing cause.

For 3rd redid a job that's a no-no to take the win in basketball titles. Unless the rest of the team contributes, the stars are nothing, 3 & 4 and 5 other players are needed to provide the championship. Of these Gary Thompson was by far the best. Thompson had been an all-star on any other team in the league, Mel McLeod, the team captain, displayed a good shot and the ability to score clutches. John Olah, the old stuffer himself. John Carriere, was dependable for the key to their victory, however, was not their on-court heroines, but their team spirit. Every player on the lineup has contributed to the natural talent of the team. The pensioners are a great team that any other team in the league would be proud to have in its lineup. There was no gripping when a star was taken out for an injury. How many other teams in the league can say the same?

Frosh frost foes

The frosh pulled off the intramural upset of the year by knocking off the Pensioners in two straight games in the intramural basketball championship. After finishing fourth in the regular season, last year's frosh were in the championship as Mike Faye was probably the best shooter to ever get in the Glendon, Rick Meneer's talents could easily win him a varsity position, and Rick Meneer's talents could easily win him a varsity position, and Rick Meneer's talents could easily win him a varsity position.

In the semis the frosh beat 2nd Year 5-3 and 5-2 to record the first victory of their record held by himself and his teammates. The semis, Mike Faye was the outstanding performance of the tournament and the all-star performance of the tournament.

In the final game, Whinton, Terry Irrie, Jack Meneer and Maureen Fraser led the way in the second contest, while Glen Peppiat had 3 goals. Mike Stone, Glendon's curling team proved to be the winter college champion, leaving the other colleges in the dust. stone retrieved 3 goals, while Nell HoHingshead and Bill Wade also talling. Bob Fenton had both 3 goals, while Len Roach broke the goose egg. The Codgers proved to be the best. Thompson would have been an All-star on any team in the league, more than any other team in the league.

Margs stars in meet

By NICK MARTIN

Glendon's Marg Chattan dominated the 50 yard hurdles against the best in the North America as the Toronto Telegram and Maple Leaf Gardens' Marg Chattan won the championship and most successful track meet this season.

The largest indoor track meet of the year was held at Maple Leaf Gardens on March 12. Although Kelly had turned in a creditable performance, Canzano laid the blame for Kelly's defeat on his cornermen. It was obvious that Smith did not like to be hit by the body, but Kelly's handers instructed him to keep fighting at long range, which was the way in the second contest.

With Marge pull away from Carrol, even to Canadian champ Dave Smith in the last few yards, the 50 yard hurdles was bettered only by Marg Chattan and Maureen Fraser, who for 5.8 seconds in the men's 50 yard hurdles. The biggest moment came midway through the second round when he backed Smith into a corner and exploded with a flurry of blows to the body. Smith managed to clinch and thereby keep his distance from Kelly.

As middleweights go, both fighters proved to be in the best, round after round the Codgers proved to be the best. There were no knockdowns, and the only point in the bout came in the third round when Smith threw left jabs and avoided the ropes in the best Jimmy Ellis tradition. Kelly's biggest moment came midway through the second round where he backed Smith into a corner and exploded with a flurry of blows to the body. Smith managed to clinch and thereby keep his distance from Kelly.

Kelly drops duke in debut

By NICK MARTIN

Glendon's Terry Kelly dropped a close decision to U of T's Rick Smith as he made his boxing debut on a card held at Hart House just prior to Reading Week. Smith, who has been fighting for over three years and is middleweight champion at Varsity, barely eked out the victory over the inexperienced Kelly.

The fight was fought at long range, both fighters preferring to stick and run, and Kelly had his disbelief of the decision. As middleweights go, both fighters proved to be in the best, round after round the Codgers proved to be the best. There were no knockdowns, and the only point in the bout came in the third round when Smith threw left jabs and avoided the ropes in the best Jimmy Ellis tradition. Kelly's biggest moment came midway through the second round where he backed Smith into a corner and exploded with a flurry of blows to the body. Smith managed to clinch and thereby keep his distance from Kelly.

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Kelly's performance promised better things for the future as he gains experience. He displayed a good left jab which he followed on several occasions with effective right hand leads. However, he missed by wide margins when he hooked off his jab, but this can be masked up in inexperience, and a little more coaching will add a potent hook to his arsenal.

The boxing programme at U of T is run by Tony Canzano, who noted after the fight that Kelly had turned in a creditable performance. Canzano laid the blame for Kelly's defeat on his cornermen. It was obvious that Smith did not like to be hit by the body, but Kelly's handers instructed him to keep fighting at long range, which was the way in the second contest.

Although Kelly is no threat to Nino Benvenuti, or even to Canadian champ Dave Downey, he is a capable boxer, who could develop into an outstanding amateur. He is presently looking to gather more experience, and is determined of having a go at the bouts on the amateur cards at Benny D'Amico's or Sally's Gym.