**Student government non-existent Fees increase rejected, council resigns**

By Andre Foucault

"Une reaction d'enfant, mais un qui-ut-on-a-"tendre d'un gouvernement re-presentant une population enfantine." This is one of the many comments gathered from the student body on the day after the mass resignation of our Student Council. The seven members of the Student Council of Glendon College resigned on masses October 20. This coincided with the resignation of the entire staff of the managing editor of PRO TEM, the Glendon College newspaper of York University.

A 10% fees increase had been placéd before the Glendon student body on October 15. A 50% turnout at the polls was required from which 2/3 must vote in favor of proposed change, 60% of those voting supported the fees increase, but the issue failed to draw in the necessary 50% of the voting electorate.

This climaxed the issue dealing with the relevance of student government at Glendon College. "What's wrong with democracy?" exclaimed a hallowed Frances David, "No communications! No cooperation!"

Since September, the Student Council felt a gap - a rift - between itself and the student body. The year of the proposed fees increase was considered as a confirmation of this rift.

A joint statement, signed by Council president Bob McGaw, and councilors Toby Fyfe, Bruce Kidd, David Klein and Paul Johnston explained that since only 3/4 of the student body had vored on the fees referendum it had "effectively shown that they (the students) do not consider the issue of importance to councilors, to be important to themselves."

When asked what he thought about the resignation, David Roote said that "It is quite justified since the council did not have the support of the students and consequently, had in the past, operated more or less under editorial bias."

The council expressed the hope that the resignation would "spark some kind of discussion on the student body."

About the timing of the resignation, Mike Wanner commented: "It was irresponsible for the councilors to withdraw from the scene without setting up some kind of system which would allow new elections to be held.

The councilors stated: "Any action will have to be taken by the students themselves. If they want an election, channels will have to be set up. If they want a new constitution, it will have to be formed. Without council members, and no officers, the council and constitution are effectively in a suspended state."

The chief returning officer, Paul Scott, and the speaker, Don Walker, resigned as co-chairmen of the council. Tim Anderson, the managing editor of PRO TEM pointed to this position must pose any attempt to implement the governing body's position must pose any attempt to implement the governing body's grip on the situation.

Government superstructure disappears - reconstruction needed.

By Dee Knight

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So, there we have the unity of the liberation movements around the globe as unified struggles in the world revolution - each taking their strength from the others and leading eventually to a global victory for a progressive socialism which will ignore political boundaries in returning power to the people.

All these will be major topics this weekend, in addition to broader questions of non-violence vs. violence and counterstrategy vs. confrontation tactics.

**TOPIC: CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE**

In a preview to this topic last week, NDP left-winger Melville Watkins commented on his recent Manifesto. He said there is a lack of leadership among the Canadian political elite in regard to economic independence, and it's a void that can and should be filled by the left, since the key to economic change is change in the entire political structure. But, ironically enough, this change is tied in the United States itself.

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Call for moratorium

There is no student government at this college. Council has resigned, as have the top echelons of the faculty, secretaries, and student union managers, and political officials. We have no representation on the Board of Governors, and we have never voted on the Senate and Faculty Councils.

Our lives are disrupted; classes continue, as does business and parking tickets. The real government of our daily lives is not affected, because the students in this college are very much dependent on student participation in legal structures.

This is the major flaw in the structure of the ex-council. Council was acting as a company union - with compulsory membership, and no real structuring power in its dealing with the administration, it acted as a buffer between the administration and the students, and confused many of the real issues of government such as university financing, not merely student finance. It was, as the lack of response to the fees referendum has shown, unrepresentative of students' real needs.

Furthermore, it was structured as a negative delegation of responsibility - councillors were elected, not to construct policies, but to construct policies.

We commend the ex-council members on their ability to face and act upon these criticisms. The object of discussion at this point is how the students wish to structure a government.

There are at least three alternative forms of organization:

We can return to some variant of the old council structure. This has been rejected by both council members and students.

Students can attempt to set up some form of provisory council, which can currently curtail the original question on this issue. It would be a most undemocratic and unimaginative move, based on a slightly distorted model of the old council.

The third alternative is a structure developed to allow for the full expression of opinion on this question. As Carriere suggests, it is needed to carry out. It is needed and would no longer be difficult to 'pack' such meetings.

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The students at this college have shown how their lives have been solved, or none, in the passage of this important piece of legislation. I would in fact urge that those interested in the passage of this important piece of legislation should worry more about whether the apathy of those students who if they are waiting for the bus, while they are waiting for the bus; while they're standing at the urinal, while they are making love. Participatory democracy becomes a dynamic part of life.

Everyone votes, using the computer student aid system. Some vote in connection with a computer, at this campus, it would be the system to count the votes, every proposal would reduce student council to an information focal point. Though there is reason to propose, many of the ideas are not wanted. Perhaps this year, the Stu­dents Council shall we sit back and say, "Is this true?" We can ask the community. The council would no longer have policy making power, and would no longer be an elite. These are the conditions student leaders are asking university admin­istrations to accept. How do they expect more for themselves?

Delores Broten

Changing the guard

Both editor Graham Muir and managing editor Andy Michalski have resigned from their positions on this paper. They have a long history of struggling through countless late nights and technical hassles, with only the occasional "what-am-I-doing-here?" sigh. Their resignations were not linked with the resignation of the student faculty councillors (who at least had a fairly good idea of what they were about). They resigned because they were needed to carry our specific directives from the plenum, and they will both be completely legitimate when it includes all members of the Glendon community - through staff, student and faculty - that is, when enough people decided they needed to carry out. They feel that a structure develop to allow for the full expression of opinion on this question. It would be a most undemocratic and unimaginative move, based on a slightly distorted model of the old council.

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Memorizing not educational

I am very angry. Not only are we forced to take courses that we don't want or need. Not only do we have memoranda on discipline handed down from the outer structure, but we have a fairly good idea of what they mean.

I don't like the idea of being asked to memorize textbooks and accept the answers of some authority figure on some question. In a certain soci­ology course, the students have been asked to spend a full year memorizing one textbook. It was pointed out that any of our ideas are not wanted.

Are we mindless? Can we accept this insult to intel­ligence? Just because a pro­fessor is too lazy to arrange seminars or conduct discus­sions or mark any essays, shall we sit back and say, "Oh, well, that's how you want it?"

I did not come to Glendon to memorize textbooks. I came to think and to learn. It seems apparent that I am being denied the right even to do that.
100,000 march in moratorium

By Graham Muir

It was the respectability of it all that was most distinctive. Over 100,000 people marching past the White House with glowing candles late into the night, with hardly a peep of even 'We Shall Overcome' between them. A quiet and dignified, if it is possible, demonstration against a very unequited and undisguised war. That was Washington last Wednesday night, the night of the first moratorium on the Viet Nam war. When we decided to go down to the modern day Rome for a two day trip I only expected a small demonstration that would probably flog before it started.

But when we crossed Constitution Ave, over to the Washington Monument grounds where the crowd had listened to Martin Luther King we saw the dark outlines of the bodies on top of the large hill and the glittering sea of flickering candles and waving blackness all over below. The most common estimate of the crowd was 100,000.

For those used to hotter times in Chicago and Columbia and Berkeley the demonstration would have been very liberal and dull. Everybody moved peacefully and nobody was bussed. Only 200 people were on the route of the march.

But the march was distinctive almost because of that and its nature showed up many things that might be wrong with the 'revolutionaries' and their movement. The marchers were of all ages and walks of life. There were a number of children with their parents. The majority of the crowd seemed about as prone to revolutionary slogans and Marxist doctrines as Rene Levesque would be to sing 'God Save the Queen'.
By Nick Martin

The Masked Beaver has uncovered evil doings in the current intramural cross-country. The Champion of Justice declared Larry Scanlan winner of the race after the super sleuth learned that the former winner was in reality a pinko Conservative in the employ of the treacherous Jet Squirrel, and besides that, he was also a student at St. Mike's.

Glendon zapped York in the intercollege cross-country, as Terry Kelly, Charlie Traynor, Larry Scanlan and Bruce Kidd swept the first four positions.

The good guys continued their route as the Red Guards socked it to McLaughlin (to coin a phrase) 1-0. The local heroes placed second in intercollege golf, with Bruce Berdock of 1st Year coming 2nd in the individual standings with a 79.