

**MONTREAL (CUP) -** Despite intense student opposition, McGill University officials have approved a new research contract linked to the controversial fuel-air explosive (FAE) weapon systems.

The contract, worth over \$225,000 was awarded to engineering professors James Lee and R. Knystautas by the Defence Research Establishment, a unit of the Department of National Defence.

The contract was approved last May in a confidential session of the executive committee of the McGill Board of Governors. Earlier in March, McGill students had occupied the administration offices for six days to protest FAE research.

"This is an FAE contract," said Marc Wills, a member of the ad-hoc student committee opposing FAE research. "The pro-

fessors involved in this contract are the ones working on the FAE contracts. And this contract, like the others, is with the Defence Research Establishment."

"The work that professors Lee and Knystautas have been doing for the (Department of National Defence) has been on the dispersion, detonation, and potential explosive power of FAEs, in effect improving this weapon's efficiency and effectiveness."

Fuel-air explosives are based on the principle that gas vapour, when mixed with certain proportions of air, can be ignited, causing fatal blast pressures over a wide area. FAEs have been described by some armament experts as one of the most destructive non-nuclear weapon in existence.

"I don't see why there is this intense concern over this research," said Gordon Maclachlan, McGill's dean of graduate faculty and research. "It's something that happens every time you put your foot on the gas pedal."

He said the military contract is a "pure research issue. It may as well have been granted by the National Research Council."

Revelations of the new military contract were made public at the same time the McGill Board of Governors announced it will delay discussions on research guidelines until next month.

Over 100 students protested against the inaction of the Board on FAE research last week in front of the McGill administration building.

## Hall Happenings

by Sean MacIntosh

It seems that there is no end in sight for The Marian Hall Pit Bulls. With another two wins under their belts, there seems to be no way to stop them. The Pit Bulls finished off last week with a 5-0 victory over the Business Society Team and a 4-0 shutout against the Mooseheads. As of press time, the Pit Bulls are still on top with no losses.

A Freshman Marian Haller had this to say about the Hockey Team, "Next time we'll take off our blind-folds and they'll really be in trouble!" Team veteran, Greg Willson was overheard mentioning, "we'll have to start shooting on our own net to give Bert some practice."

Todd Selby, Assistant Coach of the Pit Bulls said, "...its too bad we haven't got any really tough competition and I would like to thank the fans for coming out to support us." While John Dalton, Coach of the team had this impression of the game, "it was dirty, rotten and unfortunately, not enough people got hurt"

It was noted by many of the team members that Bert Ronahan is by far the most spectacular goaltender in the league and that it was only natural that he play for Marian, the best team in the league.

Perhaps Mike Koughan summed up our team motto when he said,

"Mess with the Best, lose like the Rest!"

Marian Hall had its last House Party before the Christmas Exams last week and it was a smashing success. There was a good turnout with the place filled to near capacity. Unfortunately the photos of the party were delayed in developing and will follow in next weeks GEM.

The Marian Hall House Committee would like to extend its thanks to Sheila for all her help in the bar. They would also like to congratulate Dorothy Hache and Nici Carbone, winners of the "cases."

### Marian Hall Joke of the Week

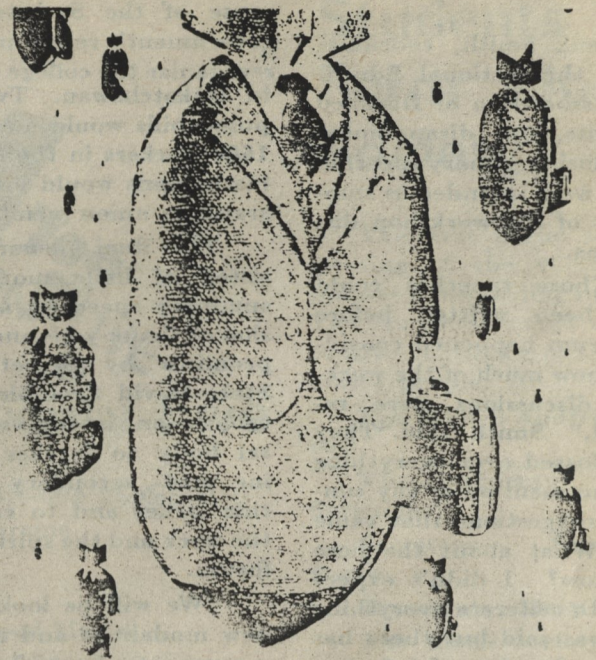
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