

# Two Students Arrested For Being Assaulted

On the afternoon of Mar. 27th, in response to a letter by Mike Hennessey in the *Cadre*, Scott Sinclair and Janice Nicole walked into the Registrar's office looking to see their files. Scott asked first and the girl went to the filing cabinet

to get it. But before she brought it back, she went into an office with it. Apparently she took a sheet or two out of it. She then brought it to Scott who asked where his high school recommendations were. She said they didn't have them.

So Janice asked for hers and the secretary (another one this time) brought straight to her and sure enough the recommendations were there.

Upon seeing this, Scott demanded to know why he couldn't see his. After a short conference the secretaries had a change of heart and brought him the recommendations. When he asked why they weren't there the first time she replied "they were". Not wishing to make a big thing out of a small issue, Scott sat down to read them.

Just as he started, Louise Gay came racing out of her office and demanded them back, saying they had made a mistake. Scott suggested he read them in her presence. She still refused and finally after some more arguing she went around the glass divider and attempted to gain them by force.

Scott just put the papers behind his back and Louise continued to maul him in an attempt to get them back. Finally she de-

cidied to destroy them, saying "if you won't give them to me then I'll destroy them."

But Scott parried her and since he was by now backed into a corner he handed them to Janice telling her to run. So Janice bolted out the door with a secretary in hot pursuit.

Outside in the snow the secretary managed to tackle and bring down Janice. To the tune of screams for help Scott ran out and freed Janice from the secretary. They both then ran across campus.

Meanwhile the Registrar's office called security and asked them to find the two. Eventually they did and placed them under arrest, charging them with theft and assault (!?). At this point Prs. Baker came down and suggested that the charges be held in abeyance until today.

As this was written Friday, we have no further information. So either listen to CIMN or read next week's paper for further details.



"Gimmie, Gimmie, Gimmie"

## A Student's Confidential File Opened To View

It would seem that the above story is in direct contraction to Mike Hennessey's recent letter to the *Cadre* stating that all records are open to you - all you have to do is ask. If this is the case then why was Scott Sinclair left with little choice but to 'steal' his records in order to see them? Granted that such documents should be kept in strictest confidence..But from the person to which they refer?

What happens if these records contain statements which are unfounded, unsubstantiated, and bordering on slanderous as was the case with Scott's? For example

his states without any elaboration or justification that he is likely to come to university only to "find a place to sleep, eat, play cards, etc." Or which makes statements which in themselves are meaningless but which tend to create an atmosphere prejudicial to the subject such as "Life has not been overly kind to him [Scott] personally but no worse than a lot of other students" and "he certainly is radical in his thinking". Incidentally the latter statement was tied to "we had a lot of trouble with him, to keep him in school". How do the two relate? Should a

person be insulted because of his political views?

The thought that such a statement could exist about me certainly burns. I hope it does you too. How can you do anything about unfounded allegations of this sort? Do you have to wait until the Registrar's office makes another "mistake". (And you can bet your bottom dollar that after the first one there will be fewer)

Unless these records are kept open to the student described, then such libelous reports will continue, possibly affecting the subject for the rest of his/her life. Does it seem right that a

councilor can write things like "I like Scott as a person but doing him a favour is what he wants [don't we all] and would not thank us for it", despite the fact that *he has never seen Scott in an official capacity*. When, in view of this he can turn around and have the audacity to say "He [Scott] is a hard boy to understand and an even harder one to help. Believe me we've *tried*." (Italics his), then it is time that students not only had the right to see their records but also to make additions and corrections to them.

Dave Macrae

## Montreal Student's Assault Trial Found To Be Inconclusive

Montreal (C.U.P.) On Friday February 21, an estimated fifty McGill students packed a Montreal courtroom for the fourth preliminary hearing of Ismail Haridy, a McGill student charged with assaulting Therese Couture, a native Montrealer.

It was decided that the evidence presented by the prosecution was sufficient to warrant a criminal trial to be held next September.

The prosecution relied heavily on the testimony of the arresting officer who, Ismail claims never to have seen before in his life.

Although the officer ac-

knowledged his own "computer-like memory", he was unable to remember the names of his fellow officers or the number of his squad car or even the number of Ismail's apartment.

The three prosecution witnesses contradicted each other as to how and whether Miss Couture was dressed. Gigi, a friend, stated that she lent her a coat while the officer insists that he did the same and Miss Couture said she had her clothes on at all times although they were in various states of disarray.

When the verdict was an-

nounced, a whisper of shock spread through the courtroom as viewers turned to each other in disbelief. The presiding judge who had been laughing minutes earlier was now pronouncing criminal charges. Ismail was visibly shaken as he realized that he is now faced with six more months of waiting for the culmination of events dating back to July 1973, which include several brutal beatings and numerous court appearances.

Many have speculated as to the causes of Ismail's difficulty with the police. His long history of harassment from the police leads many to the conclusion that

he is guilty. However he has no past records of charges or convictions, nor has he ever been in contact with any persons or organizations which have been in conflict with the police. Perhaps the police bear a special grudge because Ismail was responsible for the suspension of one of their fellow officers. Perhaps there is more to the story than has been revealed. However the fact remains that Ismail is innocent until proven guilty beyond any doubt, and at this time there are certainly many doubts surrounding these charges of criminal assault.