

# U de M boycott classes

MONTREAL (CUP)— The administration at the universite de Montreal is under fire from students over academic changes, non renewal of a teacher's contract and alleged physical harassment.

More than 200 students in the faculty of education have been boycotting classes since October 9th. They are asking that the third year 24 credit project, reduced to 9 credits this year, be reinstated and that a professor and a teacher's aide be re-hired.

At a press conference Oct. 22 the dean and the vice dean of education explained that the change was the result of a three year examination of the project and that the issue of the professor and the aide were entirely separate.

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## Student not a thief

MONTREAL (CUP) — More than 5000 demonstrators marched to the universite de Montreal October 22 to protest theft charges laid against a student by the university.

Chanting slogans, the demonstrators, mostly student delegates from CEGEPs and universities throughout the province, peacefully protested the case of Guy Heroux, who's preliminary hearing began Oct. 23.

Heroux is charged with theft when he collected rent payment cheques from university residence students to protest a hike in fees. Residence students had given Heroux a mandate to withhold the cheques. While the major issue of the demonstration was to

the project raises a number of questions" said vice dean Gilles Bibeau. According to Bibeau, in May 1979 faculty in the pre school/primary section of the faculty of education were to answer questions concerning the project's method of evaluation, content, framework and relative importance. Last May the faculty council received a submission from the sections' faculty asking that the 24 credit project be retained, but without responding to any of the questions.

Bibeau said students would not be penalized academically for missing classes if the boycott ends soon. "As long as the boycott does not go on for more than three weeks, it can be made up within the year", he said.

There are currently no negotiations going on between the students and

pressure the administration to drop the charges against Heroux, there were many placards and slogans supporting the U de M in their fight against the university's demand for a permanent injunction to stop fee strikes and boycotts. After two hours of rallying and marching, the demonstration ended with a mass gathering in front of the U de M's administration building. "Welcome to the prison of Montreal" said one student.

In addressing the crowd Heroux said "we are showing what the student movement will be like for the next ten years."

Picket lines were set up in front of the municipal court house where Heroux will face prosecution Oct. 23rd.

only, asked that the five new members be made in keeping with the present ratio.

As of now, Campus Police policy states that "The Campus Police Force will be comprised of the following positions:

1. Chief
2. Assistant Chief
3. 16 regular members (of which 4 are female)."

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the administration. "There is no conflict as far as we are concerned", said education faculty dean Marc Gagnon.

Gagnon also denied that he pushed a student during the occupation of his office earlier this week. "They caught me by surprise as I was leaving my office, I

tripped and tried to right myself. They (the students) like to enlarge things," said Gagnon. One of the occupiers said Gagnon pushed one student against the wall and kicked another. "Even the security guards told him to cool down", said Nicole Villeneuve.

## Conclusion to Memorial crisis

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)— The blockade of a Memorial University of Newfoundland road ended Oct. 21 when the provincial government promised to construct permanent crossing facilities on the parkway which recently claimed the life of a MUN student.

Judy Ford was killed Oct. 17 on a pedestrian crosswalk on her way to class. Over 2000 students set up barricades on the parkway, which runs through the campus, demanding that an overhead skywalk be constructed to end the dangerous conditions.

Newfoundland Premier Brian Peckford said Oct. 21 the provincial government would pay 75% of the \$1.5 million cost of constructing two skywalks and installing traffic activated lights on the parkway. The University and the city of St. John's will share the remainder of the costs. Construction on the skywalks will begin in six months. The traffic lights will be installed

next month.

Fences were put on the median of the parkway Oct. 22 to prevent jay-walking. The speed limit has been reduced to 30 kilometres, police patrols will be increased and warning signs will be placed on the parkway.

The government has also agreed to establish additional security measures in a tunnel under the parkway, used infrequently because of poor lighting.

The demonstrators are currently negotiating with the university to ensure that no one who took part in the blockade will be penalized academically. Joe Greene, president of the Memorial student council, said he is pleased with the results. He said it was a unanimous decision to end the blockade. The protest was supported by the National Union of Students, the Association of student councils, Ford's parents and many Newfoundland colleges and high schools.

## Women dominate campus

OTTAWA (CUP)— The average American college student no longer belongs to a fraternity, plays on the football team or guzzles beer with the boys.

According to the United States Census Bureau, the average American student is a woman. Statistics released last week show there are 5,9 million women enrolled in American colleges compared to 5,48 million men. This is the first time since world war two that women have outnumbered men on American Campuses.

James Wells-Schooley, vice-president of the National Organization for Women, says major

reasons for the increase in women are laws prohibiting discrimination against women in enrollment and the pressure for extra education to compete for jobs.

The biggest change was reflected in the almost 1 million women over the age of 35 on American campuses. This figure compares with less than 1/2 million men of the same age. Schooley called that statistic, "a phenomenon of the time." "we are in a two wage-earner economy, frankly, I think, to keep the country from depression," she said.

## Chauvinist C.P. Polic

by Maureen Hartman

The Campus Police Force was extended from 18 to 23 for the 1980-81 academic year, and the five additional members will be male, it was decided at Sunday night's Council Meeting.

Campus Police Chief, Bruce Hickey, who has distinctly stated more than once at Council Meetings, that he is representing the Senior Class