

# PROTEM

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## THEY CRIED: 'WON'T YOU COME OUT BILL DAVIS?'

Thousands of post-secondary students marched on Queen's Park yesterday at 12:30 in support of The Ontario College of Art's latest move to win the most basic rights of academic freedom.

Students from OCA, University of Toronto, Ryerson, George Brown Centennial College, York University, and Glendon College. The Glendon contingent numbered around fifty students. Support came from as far away as McMaster University in Hamilton.

The march, which had been postponed since Tuesday, was the culmination of OCA's five day boycott of classes. Over 70 per cent of the students have been participating in the sit-in since last Thursday. The students have about half of the faculty supporting them.

The marching students presented a three point petition to the Deputy Minister, William Davis, the Minister of Education, would not meet the students. He had met with a delegation of their leaders earlier and had agreed to come to OCA on Friday at 4:30. The petition called for the re-instatement of Eric Freifeld and Aba Bayefsky the two teachers fired; written promise by the administration that there would be no punitive measures against staff and students; and the immediate agreement to restructure decision-making along democratic lines.

One factor which has been urging the students on is that Sydney Watson, Principal of OCA had fired the two teachers without getting the necessary consent from the minister, Davis. The two professors had also been very active in organizing a Faculty Association at OCA.

The striking students plan to continue their boycott until at least Friday when Davis finally speaks to them.

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### ACTION MEETING TODAY AT NOON

Glendon Student Council has called a mass meeting at noon today in the OLD DINING HALL to discuss what further means Glendon students will take to support the students at OCA.

The student council will present 3 alternatives to the student body. The first would be an all day sympathy walkout/teach-in on Friday culminating in going down to OCA around 2:30 to numerically support the striking students. The second involves a half day protest. The last alternative would involve only the unofficial and voluntary support.

Jim Park, student union president, made the decision to call the meeting because he felt that Glendon students must consider whether their support should be increased or not. He also felt that a walkout in sympathy would increase the pressure on Davis to do something real instead of sitting around waiting for student support to die away in the face of upcoming exams.

Remember—12:00—Be There.

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Don't get sucked by the establishment" - Stephen Lewis, NDP mpp; Wednesday, 1:30.