



You can't sit on this one... STRIKE!

We have participated in convocations, moratoriums and discussions for the last four weeks, while maintaining our sit-in at the S.S. Building. Though we have not substantially escalated our struggle during this period, the administration has gone from suspending three SDS leaders to calling in 700 members of the Tactical Police Force, bringing criminal charges against 39 students and faculty and turning the case over to the Grand Jury for possible indictment and prosecution on felony charges. These are blatant examples of the political suppression facing students and faculty at Queens College.

As a result of our struggle, the administration has reinstated the three SDS members who were suspended for "contempt" of "Student Court," through a "trial" ultimately controlled by the administration, and has dropped charges against them. If the administration had been willing to grant these demands a month ago, our protest would have appeared unnecessary. Instead, students were confronted with more serious examples of political suppression on campus, out of which new demands grew.

We demand the rehiring of Sheila Delaney, who was not rehired as an assistant professor because of political reasons. We demand that use of the Max-Kahn Report, a policy of the Board of Higher Education which enforces secrecy in firing, rehire and tenure procedures, be discontinued at QC. This report clearly serves as a smokescreen for political firings.

We demand that administrative and civil charges against the arrested students be dropped. We demand that administrative and civil charges against Henry Lesnick, a faculty member arrested in the sit-in, be dropped. We demand that the administration guarantee in writing that no police will ever be called on campus, except in case of direct danger to life or extreme threat to property. Student and faculty rights are negated when the administration is free to bring in police to suppress political dissent.

A strike is the one tactic around which enough support can be mobilized to force the administration to grant these demands, which affect every person on campus. A strike enables each individual to actively participate in the struggle. We of the Ad Hoc Committee will peacefully picket and will, as in the past, use no coercion, threat or force against students. Rather, we seek to discuss the issues and join with thousands of students and faculty in forcing an end to political suppression at QC. JOIN US!!!

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