

# UQAM professor turfed after students evaluate him

MONTREAL (CUP) — A communications professor at L'Universit Du Quebec A Montreal was fied by the university two weeks ago, after he drew repeated negative results in teaching evalu-

ations by his students. The professor was the first in Canada to lose his job as a result of student evaluations. The decision to fire the professor came in a majority

vote from the departmental assembly, comprised of teachers, students and administrators. The decision came after an evaluation showed five out of every six students saw him as a "bad pro-

fessor". UQAM is the only university in Montreal which automatically includes student evaluation in the files of professors. This evaluation is taken into account during

nominations and promotions of professors. The evaluations can also have positive results. A visiting professor in the same department, after overwhelmingly positive evaluations by

his students, was kept on, and is currently still teaching in the department.

## Cutbacks fact or fiction

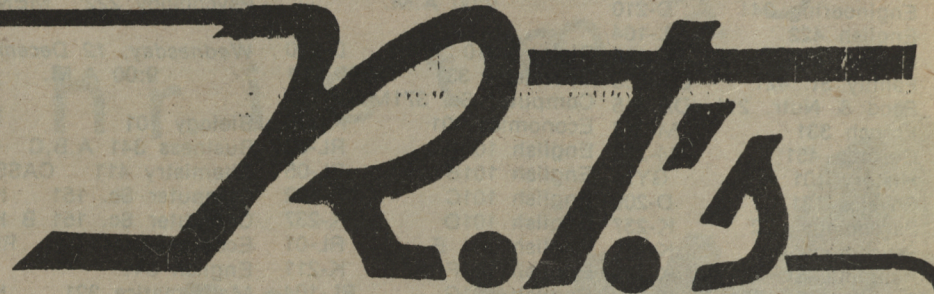
LENNOXVILLE (CUP) — Students should be writing instruction manuals for robot assembly and not a contemporary "Tale of Two Cities," Bishop's University's English department has decided.

The department, faced with a cutback in funding for part-time teachers, has but its creative writing courses, and will channel the money into an additional section of "effective writing" next semester.

One English professor, angered at the departmental decision, said the emphasis of Bishop's English department has traditionally been academic rather than professional.

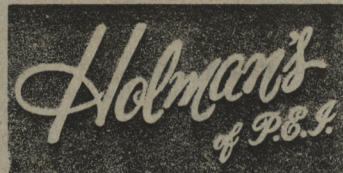
"We think of ourselves as an English literature department," the professor, who wished to remain unidentified, said. "(But) there are a limited number of things we can do."

The department's divisional chair said there was a greater need for effective writing and with the recent cutbacks "the highest priority must go to the greatest need."



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