

WHY ONLY RE-INSTATEMENT WILL DO.

Senate meets this afternoon to decide on the case of the three suspended students. We would like to make one fact absolutely clear - the minimum demand of Monday's mass meetings of staff and students was re-instatement of the three, and no formula which means less than this will do. Mere re-admission will leave the three students without grants for the rest of term, with the suspension permanently on their academic record.

If the Senate agrees to anything other than direct re-instatement, the basic issue is avoided. The re-instatement of the students means a complete reversal of the V&C's decision: there is no question of a viable verdict having been reached. A nominal re-admission does not mean this: if the students are merely allowed to take part in the university as if they were still a part of it, it means that the sentence still stands. It means that Senate accepts their guilt but out of the goodness of their hearts will allow the sentence to be suspended.

We draw your attention to the wording of the motion proposed by Paul Thompson on Monday evening, which stated that a free university would carry on "until the three students are re-instated". That remains our demand.