

Letter confirms ATL firings

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They're fired.
It's official now.

W. Gary Groat, Ken Lawless and Robert S. Fogarty received Monday the written notice which University College by-laws require be given to terminated employees before Dec. 15 of their last year of employment.

The identical letters read:

"The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Board of Trustees at its meeting of Nov. 23 did not renew your contract as instructor at Michigan State University.

"The decision I made not to recommend your reappointment was made in consideration of the judgment of the Advisory Committee of the Department of American Thought and Language and the department chairman that the position you occupy could be filled by a better qualified person.

"Therefore, your last day of employ-

ment at Michigan State University will be Aug. 31, 1967.

"Sincerely yours,
"(signed) Edward A. Carlin
"Dean"

The three men received the news calmly. Groat, his stiff upper lip concealed by the 38-day-old beard he began growing when he first heard of his impending dismissal, conceded apparent defeat with a quip:

"I'm shaving it off."

The informal post mortems began Monday afternoon as colleagues and friends

dropped by the three men's offices to say a few words.

The formal post mortems begin tonight. The United Students, who organized a rally and an eight-day eight-night vigil to bring attention to the three dismissals, meet at 8:00 p.m. in the Union to figure out what to do now.

The entire faculty of the ATL Dept. also meets tonight to discuss the furor. Questions, written statements, motions and discussion will be considered, announced the ATL advisory committee, which suggested that the meeting be held.

ATL Dept. chairman T. Ben Strandness and members of the six-man advisory committee will answer their colleagues' questions. Bern Engel, professor of ATL, will preside during the discussion.

Then the advisory committee, meeting as the faculty's ways and means committee, will analyze the results of tonight's meeting.

They will report back their proposals, possibly to include reforms in hiring and firing procedures, to the entire ATL faculty at another meeting before the end of the term.