

ADMINISTRATION TRAMPLES ACADEMIC FREEDOM OVER IAW POSTER

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On February 26, posters promoting Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW) were torn down from the office doors of faculty in the department of sociology and anthropology, reportedly by order of the Carleton University administration.

According to sources, a professor and student witnessed an employee of Sodexo, the company contracted by Carleton University to provide cleaning services, removing a poster.

The student reported, "He [the professor] was just sitting in the office, when one of the Sodexo employees walked by. The door was slightly ajar, and as the Sodexo employee pulled down the poster,

he asked the employee what was going on. In the employee's hand was a sheet of paper with about 10 office numbers on it and a sheaf of IAW posters that had been ripped down."

The student further explained, "The faculty member asked the Sodexo employee who had told him to remove the poster. The employee said he had been ordered to do it by his supervisor. The faculty member pointed out that faculty doors are often exempted from administration policies because of issues of academic freedom. However, the Sodexo employee said he did not know about this and was just doing his job."

In summing up his experience, the student noted, "The entire experi-

ence, the display of university censorship, leaves a sour taste in my mouth."

Ben Saifer, a member of Students Against Israeli Apartheid, approached the head of Sodexo to ask if IAW posters were banned. "I was told that everyone has their orders from above and that I should speak to Kevin Gallinger [the assistant director of maintenance services]."

According to sources, between the evening of February 25 and the morning of February 26, a meeting was held with Gallinger; Len Boudreault, director of university safety; and Jason MacDonald, director of university communications in attendance.

A spokesperson for the



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