

PSA dept. votes to end strike at Simon Fraser

BURNABY (CUP) — The strike at Simon Fraser University is over, but the tribulations of faculty and students in the Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology may have just begun.

Approximately 150 PSA strikers voted Tuesday to end their confrontation with the SFU administration, 41 days after administration president Kenneth Strand forced the conflict over restoration of autonomy to the only university department in Canada which had instituted complete student parity.

After the vote to end the strike, the eight faculty offered to help students catch up in their work—provided it did not violate suspension regulations imposed on them two weeks after the strike began Sept. 24.

But SFU Arts Dean Dale Sullivan re-

mind the strikers Wednesday of an academic senate decision made Oct. 9, cancelling all but one PSA class taught by suspended faculty.

Students who did not transfer to special courses in other university departments—thereby deserting the strike—will not receive academic credit for their work this semester.

But the professors were told by Sullivan Wednesday they can "teach anything they want—it is unofficial."

Three of the professors are still under a court injunction issued Oct. 24 forbidding the profs to "obstruct any campus facility."

Some of the PSA students have carried on studies since the beginning of the strike anyway—in counter courses set up to "provide an alternative to Strand's university."

"The irony of it is that some of us are working harder on the counter course than we would have on the original," said Professor Nathan Popkin, whose class has carried on a survey of Canadian Attitudes Toward Their Canadian Identity and Toward Foreign Economic Influences.

"We were doing something we are really interested in," he said.

When the survey questionnaire is prepared, Popkin and his students will send letters to all students enrolled in Popkin's original course, inviting them to aid in the survey work.

Popkin said his seven striking colleagues still face hearings into their suspensions by a committee of the SFU Board of Governors, and also face simultaneous dismissal proceedings.

The hearings are set to begin Nov. 17

over objections that Board Chairman Richard Lester has prejudged their cases.

Presumably, the end of the PSA strike will also mean the end of the student parity arrangements which inspired the original administrative clampdown on the department last summer.

The administration refused to accept tenure recommendations made by the parity student-faculty committee in the PSA Department, and used its own tenure committee to demote, fire or place PSA professors on probation.

Students and faculty in the department demanded that Strand and the administration at least begin negotiations to reverse the decisions and remove the administrative trusteeship imposed prior to the tenure reversals.

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Day-care center ready for action in 1970-71

By BETH WINTERINGHAM

The day care centre for pre-school children of university students will probably be in operation by late 1970 or early 1971.

This year, briefs recommending such a centre have been presented to students' council by the Wauneita Society and a students' council action committee.

According to a survey completed in August 1969, 75 per cent of full-time women students would use a centre for children under three years old and 41 per cent for children three to six years old.

At present there are over 1,000 pre-school children with at least one parent a full-time student at U of A. Most of them have parents in Education or Grad Studies. The nearest facility which provides all-day care is Humpty Dumpty Day Nursery on 111th Street and 76 Avenue. The cost is \$55 per month, with only half of the meals being provided.

Wendy Brown, chairman of the council action committee, says that the probable cost of a campus day care centre would be \$45 to \$50 per month.

The students' union is working to have the centre located in the SUB basement. Renovations and the buying of equipment for the centre would cost about \$10,000.

ADMINISTRATION AGAINST IT

"The administration feels no responsibility at all for providing funds for a day care centre," Wendy stated. "They feel that we're out of our minds to ask them."

Wendy hopes that the administration will eventually change its mind, however. Until that time, the centre will operate without specific aid from the university. September 1970 is the proposed opening time.

Day care centres are operated at many places in Europe and some Canadian universities. Facilities have been set up at Toronto, U of NB, and SFU.

There is a meeting in the Meditation Room of SUB next Thursday to discuss the centre. It is open to all interested persons.



AN 8 O'CLOCK CLASS
... and a day care
centre client?

Fire Threat in Res?

By DICK NIMMONS

Derek Bone, Director of Student Housing and Food Services has recommended that Pembina Hall and Athabasca Hall be evacuated as of Dec. 31.

Now both buildings are alleged fire hazards and despite the fact that extra precautions have been taken to ensure that adequate exits and fire extinguishers are available in both buildings, the very nature of their construction makes it difficult to plan for unforeseen emergencies.

The situation was reviewed by the campus safety officer prior to the buildings being occupied by students this fall.

The report was made to Associate Vice-President of Finance and Administration, L. C. Leitch. Professor Leitch said Mr. Bone's report was one of several requested in order that recommendations could be made to the Campus Development Committee concerning the future of the two residences.

"If something as drastic as this is done," he said, "the university must insure alternate accommodation for the students involved." However, Prof. Leitch indicated he hoped such action, if necessary, could be postponed until the end of the academic year. In addition, he indicated that other reports might recommend less drastic action.

An alternative proposal that there be fire drills in the buildings—one per month—has also been made. All proposals will be given consideration at meetings to be held within two to three weeks.

Mr. Bone said the emptying of the buildings was not his idea but that of the fire marshal who told him under the new fire regulations the buildings were definitely a fire hazard. Campus Development looked into the situation, he said, and found that eliminating the hazard in the existing buildings would cost approximately \$22 a square foot. Replacing the buildings would cost \$17-18 a square foot.

Problems have developed in procuring new residences. When an application was made to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for funds to build the residences, it was turned down on the grounds that there simply were no funds available. This might be overcome through an arrangement between the university and the provincial government.

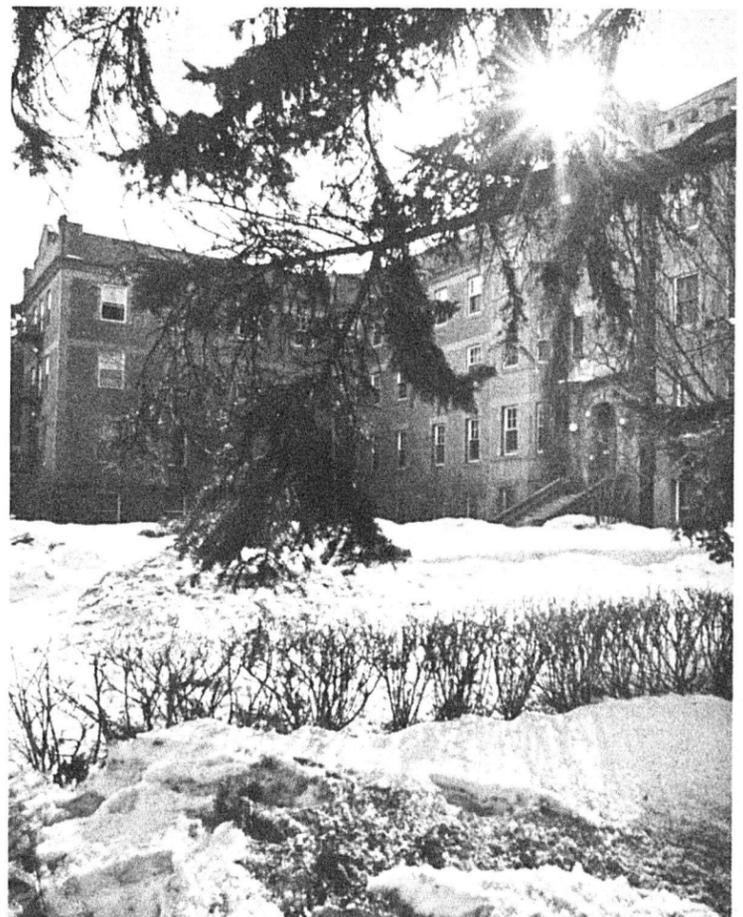
The second problem promises to be more difficult. Graduate students and the students' union cannot agree on the site of the new residences. The union, according to Mr. Bone, favors a site on 112th Street while graduate students prefer to use the present sites and adjacent land or a site on University Circle southwest of the Faculty Club.

In the meantime, precautions have been taken to lower the fire hazard in the buildings. Fire drills have been re-instituted but are expected to be inadequate as students have tended to ignore them in the past. Four extra notices have been given to the students in the building regarding the hazard, and new rules—no cooking, no hair

dryers or other extra appliances—have been instituted. These have been almost ignored, and there have been two small fires in the buildings this year.

As a result, a fire patrol has been started. Checking has been done into the possibility of a fireproof kitchen, but this was dropped when it was found the cost would be about \$5,000.

In reply to Prof. Leitch's comment that he hoped the buildings could be kept in use until the end of the present academic year, Mr. Bone agreed, but added that there is no valid reason at all why they should ever be occupied again without extensive modifications after this year.



ATHABASCA HALL
... it's been around a long time

—Ken Hutchinson photo