

SFU Education students join strike

BURNABY (CUP)—Students in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University Thursday joined the 22-day old strike around the university's Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology.

By a vote of 128 to 120, Education students agreed to join students and faculty from PSA and students in History and English in demanding re-instatement of PSA

faculty fired and suspended by the SFU administration, and the recognition of total student parity arrangements in the PSA Department.

The Education students' decision pushed the number of students on strike well over the 1,000 mark, although exact figures are not available. Many classes in History and English, as well as five classes in the PSA Department, continue

despite strike decisions and the narrowness of the Education vote probably indicates that the same will occur in that faculty.

Students from the Behavioral Sciences Foundation and the Social and Political Foundation of the Education faculty also met to consider strike action Thursday, but the results of their meetings are not yet known.

Striking students have thrown up full time pickets around the office of Arts Dean Dale Sullivan, to prevent students from transferring out of PSA courses into other departments.

In an open letter to students issued two weeks ago, Sullivan and the administration Vice-President L. M. Srivastava invited students, "deprived of their educations" by the strike, to re-register: an attempt to circumvent the growing protest against the university administration.

The invitation to re-register is part of a general strategy by the administration to virtually ignore the existence of the strikers. Striking faculty from PSA are no longer considered by the administration to belong to the university. Administration President Kenneth Strand has declared that five scab professors now in PSA constitute the entire department.

Students' council

Students' Council will hold their weekly meeting this Monday starting promptly at 7 p.m. at Collège St. Jean. The Collège is located at 8406 - 91st Street. This week's meeting promises to be hot and heavy so be there, you can't beat 150 vocal French-

men asking questions in French to an English council.

Some of the topics to be discussed are:

- tenure
- yearbook
- personnel board
- re-organization of Students' Union

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Social bombed

There was lots of beer and stuff left over last night as the students' union sponsored "social" drew a very small crowd.

An estimated 100 persons enjoyed the music of The Key at the latest SU attempt to bring the sudsy stuff to campus.

While the SU took a loss at this "social" it plans to make up any deficits at the next get-together Oct. 31, the Hallowe'en Social.

One particularly important social takes place on Nov. 20. It's the fourth anniversary of the sod turning for SUB.

Forum

By EARL SILVER and MILLARD EVANS

In the past month, many of the departments in the Faculty of Arts have been making efforts to establish undergraduate participation. In setting up such needed organizations it seems that the main strategy is to call mass meetings.

In view of recent developments, it seems apparent to us as sociology undergraduates that as a starting level this is not feasible. Witness the attempts of other departments in their attempt to hold representative mass meetings.

With the acceptance of apathy on your part as an undergraduate, but not your lack of concern for your education, a few undergraduates in sociology have been working in co-operation (not co-opting) with their department in setting up a workable brief.

This brief will propose a meaningful structure which will allow your commitment, however limited, to be realized.

Voting and dissemination of information will be handled by means of mailed ballots and circulars. Due to the large cost of reaching up to 7,000 undergraduates, it has been necessary to only budget for mailed material for those concentrating in Sociology. Others will be informed through the classroom as to where they will be able to vote and pick up circulars.

The circulars are designed to inform students who are unable or unwilling to go to meetings.

In setting up an "individual feedback" system, it will be necessary to elect paid officers to handle administrative and statistical data and serve as representatives. The election of such representatives will take place in the near future following faculty and graduate approval of the revised brief now in committee in the department.

The problem of committee work in the sociology department is that it performs in terms of weeks while undergraduates' frame of reference is in terms of days. Remember, the issue at stake is undergraduate representation not administrative detail.

Some attempt is being made by the department, however, so it would not be fair to discount their interest. Although, it must be our intention as undergraduates to keep them from having to be over paternalistic.

Already they have rejected a proposed brief written by undergraduates on the basis of individual objections on the part of the professors who voted. Graduate students had previously voted to support this brief with only one person objecting.

However it is believed that these problems are not inherently insoluble nor should their alternatives prescribed by the faculty in conjunction with graduates and undergraduates be unacceptable.

It is in the interest of the entire department that polarization between students and faculty be avoided because undergraduate participation is fundamental to the legitimate operation and decision-making of the department.

The individual feedback system (the "if" system) is designed to meet the needs of your apathy but the possibility of large meetings where issues can be dealt with directly has not been ruled out.

In fact, the important nature of these meetings will be to expose those most interested in their department to direct involvement.

By using the two outlined methods, the representative administrative body will not be allowed to isolate itself from its constituency.

It is important to point out at this time that a structure is not going to be imposed by the active students in the department. On the contrary, once the brief is approved by the already existing constituencies, the brief will be taken to "you" the undergraduate, for approval or rejection through classroom participation.

As a result, students are not being co-opted to conform and fit into a structure which will be unrepresentative but they are being questioned as to whether or not they will accept this form of participation as compared to direct participation in mass meetings only.

It is necessary to emphasize that meetings are desirable yet in order for a decision to become accepted by the department it will have to have been decided in favor by a substantial sized quorum.

If last year was to repeat itself in mass meetings, decisions made by 30 students are hardly acceptable.

"No Pill" says Student Health

"We have nothing to do with prescribing contraceptives either to married or unmarried women," says Dr. M. McWilliams, Acting Director of Student Health Service.

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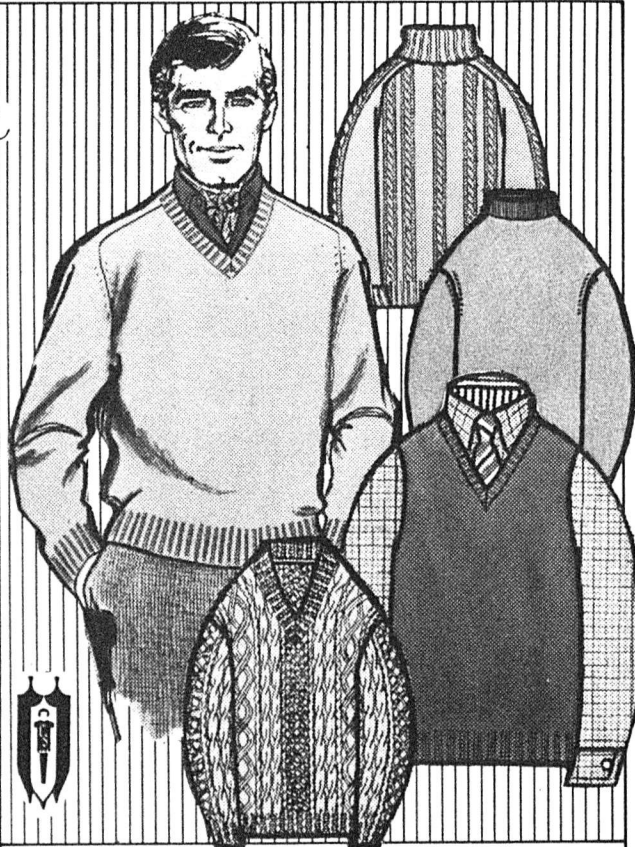
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