

SFU strike over as hunger strikers end fast

BURNABY (CUP) - The last visible signs of opposition to the administration at Simon Fraser University vanished last Friday as a group of hunger strikers ended a 15-day fast with an ice-cream party

and an interview with administration president Kenneth Strand.

The four drew a blank response from Strand when they asked whether he intended to enter discussions with the eight suspended faculty or take any other steps which might resolve the current crisis at SFU.

protests might pave the way to violent demonstrations

The eight professors are still teaching non-credit counter courses at SFU; their regular classes were cancelled by the administration Oct. 9 and students who honored class boycotts during the protest are left without credit for the entire fall semester.

Hearings by the SFU board of governors reconvene Nov. 17 into the suspensions of the professors, who refused to return to classes following an administration edict that a class boycott would provide grounds for dismissal.

The board hearings will go ahead over the protests of the eight, who argue board chairman Richard Lester has prejudged their cases.

York asks \$15 million

York University is asking the Ontario government for 15 million dollars for the 1970-71 year.

In a brief to the committee on university affairs the university points out that this amount will be needed for capital expenditures if York's college system is to be preserved.

Last year government cutbacks prevented the construction of College E.

Also, the brief says, there was "the necessity - owing to space and staff limitations - of not offering admission to some 500 eligible applicants."

"Continuing expansion of academic programmes and physical facilities" is a major reason for requesting 15 million

During the 1968-69 year Osgoode Hall became part of York and the development of two new faculties, fine arts and environmental studies, advanced considerably.

"Projections for 1970-1 are 3,025 first year students, 8,672 undergraduates, and 853 graduates for a full-time enrolment of 9,525," the brief states.

This would make York "fourth in full-time enrolment amongst Ontario universities."

Despite the lack of funds for a new college building last year "it was necessary to create a new college in order to prevent excessive overcrowding in, and preserve the viability of, the four established colleges," the brief says.



The hunger strikers extended their protest three days after the official end of the strike in the university's department of political science, sociology and anthropology, to stress that the issue involved in the conflict remained unresolved.

Eleven hunger strikers began the protest Oct. 23, opposing the administration's suspension of eight members of the PSA department who participated in the 41-day strike for autonomy of the student-parity department.

Only four students lasted to the ice cream party that finished the fast.

Strand refused to respond to their questions and denied he had made a statement during the first days of the action, implying negotiations might begin with PSA once faculty and students returned to their classes.

The strikers finally left, after making individual statements deploring Strand's refusal to negotiate with PSA, and after reminding him that continued refusal to respond to peaceful

To look after coordination

Day-care centre gets 2 staff

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At a York Day-Care Center meeting held earlier this week, the decision was made to hire two part-time staff members for the center.

Sandy Stewart and Ann Darcy, who have both been involved with the center since the idea for it was first conceived, will be sharing the time and responsibility involved.

Their job will be mainly one of overall coordination; one of them will be at the center at all times to ensure that some continuity of program and aims will be maintained.

In order for the project to remain a truly cooperative effort, the responsibility for the successful

operation of the center will continue to rest with all the parents and volunteers.

According to estimates made by Miss Stewart and Joan Roth, the cost for each full-time child will be approximately \$17.50 a month; this figure is based on the assumption that there will be at least 15 children.

At present, the center is caring for five children full-time and another six on a part-time basis. In order for costs to be kept as low as possible, more children are needed.

The decision was made to charge \$20 for full time and \$10 for part-time children this month in order

to meet current operating expenses.

The center which is now in its second week of operation still requires volunteers and supplies such as craft materials, mattress covers, sheets, blankets, bottle warmers and child-size furniture - particularly small tables and storage chests.

It is located in 017 Winters College and welcomes visitors anytime from 8:30 to 5:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Glendonites ask to pay \$2,400 debt

By JOAN SHIRLOW
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A petition is being circulated at Glendon College to ask the college's administration to pay off \$2,400 of debts accumulated by the Glendon student council before it resigned en masse three weeks ago.

If the petition is signed by half the college's students Glendon senior administrator V.L. Berg will have the power to pay off the debts from the student fees of \$17 per student collected with the university tuition payment in September.

At a general meeting at Glendon last week, students set up the petition and discussed ideas with which to replace the defunct council.

About 80 students attended the meeting and talked about setting up a participatory democracy where open meetings of the student union would be held and anyone present could vote on any issue. The idea of a voluntary union was also suggested.

When students started talking about a union structure which would be apolitical and would have a purely financial task, Andy Raven, G3, objected.

"If you're concerned about what happens to you on this campus, it's a political question," he said. "When the Laskin committee (on rights and responsibilities of members of York's community) comes out you will be for it or against it and that's a political decision. Any financial decision is a political decision, whether you like it or not."

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