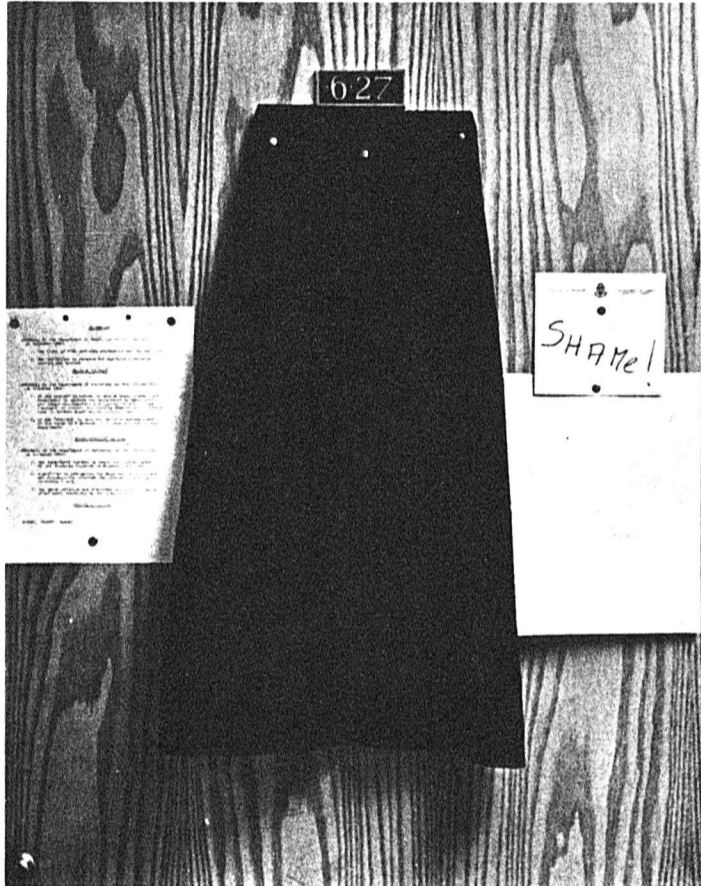


Occupation, arrests at Simon Fraser

University president issued proclamation; police arrest, charge 114 students



Shame, shame, shame Faculty-endorsed proclamation castigates sociology department

By KEN BAILEY

The Department of Sociology has been shamed.

At a Nov. 18 meeting, the faculty of the sociology department decided to place all departmental decisions in the hands of five people.

A petition signed by a number of the faculty had been collected advocating the establishment of a central committee having the power to make all decisions.

After five minutes discussion the vote was taken.

Carried 18-6.

Six professors walked out of the meeting.

"It was a railroad job," said assistant professor Don Whiteside, one of the dissenters.

He said the petition to reorganize departmental structure was "fraudently obtained by systematic misrepresentation."

At present the department does not have graduate or undergraduate student representation.

"We were just in the process of considering stu-

dent representation in departmental affairs," said Dr. Seth Fisher. "Now it is up to the new central committee."

Acting department head Dr. K. J. Krotki explained the reason for the central decision-making group.

"It was a matter of convenience," he said.

"If a major decision was to be made by this group, I would hope they would consult the opinions of the rest of the department. On the other hand, if the decision were not major, I would hope they did not consult anyone, especially me. I have other things to do," said Dr. Krotki.

Selected to the committee described by Dr. Fisher as having "total assumption of absolute power" were professors Gordon Hirataishi, Richard Ogles, John Forester, Arthur Davis and Don Larsen.

Dr. Whiteside nailed a black cloth to his office door with the statement: Freedom is dead, Responsibility is dead, Integrity is dead, Shame, Shame, Shame.

BURNABY (CUP)—The three-day occupation of the Simon Fraser administration building met a sudden death early Saturday morning when acting administration president Ken Strand called in the police and 114 students were arrested.

More than 150 local RCMP (acting as provincial police in British Columbia) hit the campus at 2:15 a.m. as Strand took a bullhorn to announce the building would be cleared in one half hour.

Strand read out his proclamation three times as he stood before the locked building: "To all persons occupying any part of the academic services and administration area of the library building: you are hereby directed to leave the building within approximately one half hour. That is, by 3 a.m., repeat, 3 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, 1968.

"The university will not longer tolerate any interference with the use of its property. I, and I alone, have requested the RCMP to come on campus.

RCMP
"There are two options: each of you may leave the building or the RCMP will remove you. The decision is yours.

"At the stated time of 3 a.m., the RCMP will enter the building. Any person remaining in any of those areas after 3 a.m. or interfering with the RCMP or myself entering the building will be arrested by the RCMP and will be charged under the Criminal Code of Canada."

A copy of the warning was slid under the door but after a half hour discussion of alternatives, only 60 students left voluntarily. The rest decided to remain and peacefully await arrest.

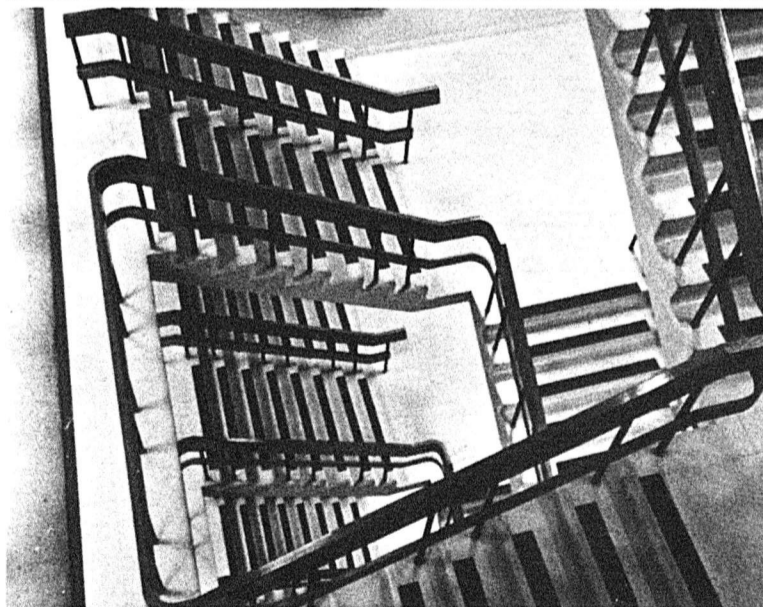
The 60 people who left by the



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front door entrance were led through a cordon of about 20 police, photographed by police, then allowed to go their way.

Those who remained to be arrested were led out one by one, with a police constable on either side, through a cordon of about 100 police separating them from an angry crowd of students yelling "Keep the faith baby" and "We shall overcome".



OPTICAL ILLUSION?—or architectural disillusionment?—Tory staircases at this time of day (8 p.m.) echo at solitary footsteps. In twelve hours you will not be able to hear your girlfriend yell when someone steps on her foot.

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Most of the students responded with a "V" for victory sign as they were ushered out.

All roads to the university were blocked and everyone approaching or leaving the campus had their names, addresses and license numbers recorded by the police. Several cars were turned back.

The students, carted off to the police station in paddy wagons, were charged by Inspector C. F. Gibbons, Chief of the Burnaby RCMP and in charge of the clean-up job.

He said: "114 students will be charged on section 372 of the Criminal Code" (obstructing lawful interest or use of private property). The charge carries a penalty of up to seven years imprisonment.

The Simon Fraser student council met at 5:40 a.m. Saturday and, after reviewing the events of the morning, passed four motions unanimously:

FOUR MOTIONS

"The Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) funds be guaranteed for legal aid and bail for SFU students arrested Nov. 23, 1968 and a support for aid be guaranteed for all other arrestees.

"Whereas Doctor Strand expressed his unwillingness to resolve the conflict internally in the university through rational debate between faculty and students, the SFSS condemns Doctor Strand, acting president, for calling the RCMP on campus in violation of the principles of academic freedom and as integral autonomy of the Simon Fraser University community. Further, that this motion and its condemnation not be construed as being a condemnation of the RCMP.

"The executive council of the SFSS accepts in principle a motion to be presented at an extraordinary meeting of the SFSS Nov. 25, asking for the resignation of Dr. Strand, acting president of Simon Fraser.

"That the Simon Fraser Student Council request students of Simon Fraser University not to attend any meeting which may be instigated by Dr. Strand.

EARLY MEETING

While the Saturday morning meeting was one short of a quorum, it is likely the full council will support the motions. The meeting did include "moderate" student president Rob Walsh—earlier a critic of the occupation.

Strand is the third person to hold the position of acting administration president of the university since Patrick McTaggart-Cowan resigned following a censure by the Canadian Association of University Teachers last spring. McTaggart-Cowan was censured along with the Board of Governors for meddling in academic affairs and administration.

When Strand was hired he said if he was censured by the students he would ask the faculty for a vote of confidence. The eight-man executive of the faculty association has approved of Strand's action in calling the RCMP, which Strand called "the toughest decision I've had to make as acting president".

At present the Simon Fraser University administration building is occupied by Burnaby RCMP.