

Strikes halt service at SFU...

BURNABY (CUP) - Simon Fraser University's 71 mechanical trade workers went on strike Wednesday, September 8, halting all unionized services on the second day of class.

The university's 660 unionized clerical, cafeteria and janitorial staff honored the picket lines, producing cutbacks in food, library, and maintenance and administrative services.

The mechanical trade workers, who have been without a contract since April, are demanding wage parity with similar workers at the University of British Columbia and a modified work week.

Wednesday the student-operated University Centre Building was closed in sympathy

with the striking workers, as were four cafeterias.

Buses normally travelling to Simon Fraser stopped at the picket line half way up Burnaby Mountain, forcing hundreds of students to walk a mile along the highway to get to class.

The registrar's office and bookstore were maintained with supervisory staff, causing long line-ups and turning away many students.

Simon Fraser faculty is not unionized so most classes went on as scheduled, although some faculty members observed picket lines and stayed away. The party unions advised students to cross picket lines and most attended regularly scheduled classes.

Commercial press steals copy

VICTORIA (CUP) - The commercial press here shows little regard for copyright legislation - especially when the copyright holder is the local university student newspaper.

In their August 13 issue, the University of Victoria Martlet ran a copyrighted front-page story containing a controversial interview with the outgoing director of the university's so-called "think-tank", Dr. Mason Gaffney.

Gaffney blasted the province's two main political parties and the university under whose aegis the institute ran for three years.

Two local newspapers, the *Colonist* and *The Times*, and radio station CFX quoted extensively from *The Martlet* in their versions - without crediting the student paper.

Sources at *The Times* said the original version of their story credited the *Martlet*, but the notation was deleted before being printed. *Times* senior editor George Oake's only comment was "what are you (*The Martlet*) going to do about it, sue us?"

Canadian copyright laws forbid the republishing of any copyrighted material without the prior consent of the original publisher.

"Apparently *The Times* and

Colonist feel their credibility would be impaired if they had to acknowledge *The Martlet* as being their news source," said editor David Climenhaga.

...And classes at Laval

QUEBEC CITY (CUP) - Classes may not start this week at Laval University if a strike by its faculty union continues.

The strike, which began September 7, has already curtailed fall registration for the 23,000 students at Laval. Picketing professors have also prevented most of the university's other employees from reporting to work.

The professors have been negotiating their first contract for a year. They voted 83 per cent against accepting the university's latest offer September 7.

Issues still in contention are: salaries, job security, implementation of a faculty salary structure, participation in establishing teaching criteria and creation of a grievance procedure.

University officials are offering a salary increase of 33 per cent which they say will give

Laval professors salaries better than those at other French-speaking universities in Montreal and Sherbrooke.

However, professors who are asking for 35 per cent have replied that salaries at those universities are soon to be increased.

U of L housing shortage

A shortage of student housing appears to be a province-wide problem according to reports from *The Meliorist*, the campus newspaper of the University of Lethbridge.

Of the approximately 200 people registered with the University of Lethbridge's housing office, only 100 have found accommodation. The vacancy rate in Lethbridge was described as "nil."

The 1,700 students on the U. of L. campus have another week to take advantage of the housing service. After that, the service will only be provided on a part-time basis.

Keith Wiley, a Meliorist staffer said that "a lot of people are taking rooms they really don't want."

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