

Miss America, a real doll

By ARTHUR HOPPE

The fiasco that almost destroyed the Miss America Pageant can now be revealed.

The Pageant had proceeded with its customary smoothness. The beautiful, tanned (but not too tanned), blonde (but not too blonde) candidates had paraded in their swimsuits and tapped their tap dances.

The judges, after an agonizing deliberation over who would pick the winner's name out of the hat, had finally chosen Miss Sharon Anne Wasp of Muncie, Mich., who was beautiful, tanned and blonde.

Some confusion developed when it turned out Miss Wasp had lost her ribbon saying, "Miss Michigan," and thus could not be distinguished from the other candidates. But she was quickly identified by elimination and cried real tears.

The fiasco occurred at the press conference which followed. It was caused by one Mario Rubin, a reporter for the Underground Press Service, who had somehow gained admittance.

The press conference began in traditional fashion with the new Miss America saying how glad she was she didn't smoke, drink, date, perspire or eat onions.

"I guess that sure restores everybody's faith in America," said the master of ceremonies, leading a round of applause.

"What do you think of American men?" asked a reporter, checking off a Traditional Question from the list supplied by the management.

"I really could not voice an opinion," said Miss America smiling modestly, "as I do not know enough about members of the opposite (here she blushed prettily) s-dash-x."

There followed 17 more Traditional Questions with 17 more Traditional Answers when Rubin stepped in.

"As you know, Miss America," he began innocently enough, "the President has ordered the extermination of all citizens with blonde hair. How do you feel about that?"

"I feel that people who were voted into office must have the intelligence to know what to do," she replied, smiling modestly, "and that everybody should have faith in them."

"And he's declared World War III in order to wipe out the human race," continued Rubin.

"I am sure any war my country declares is a good war," said Miss America, smiling modestly.

"And he wants you to sell your body to the highest bidder in a fund-raising drive for the USO."

"If I am told to do something, I am told for a reason and I do not challenge it," said Miss America, smiling modestly.

"I think you're a real doll," said Rubin.

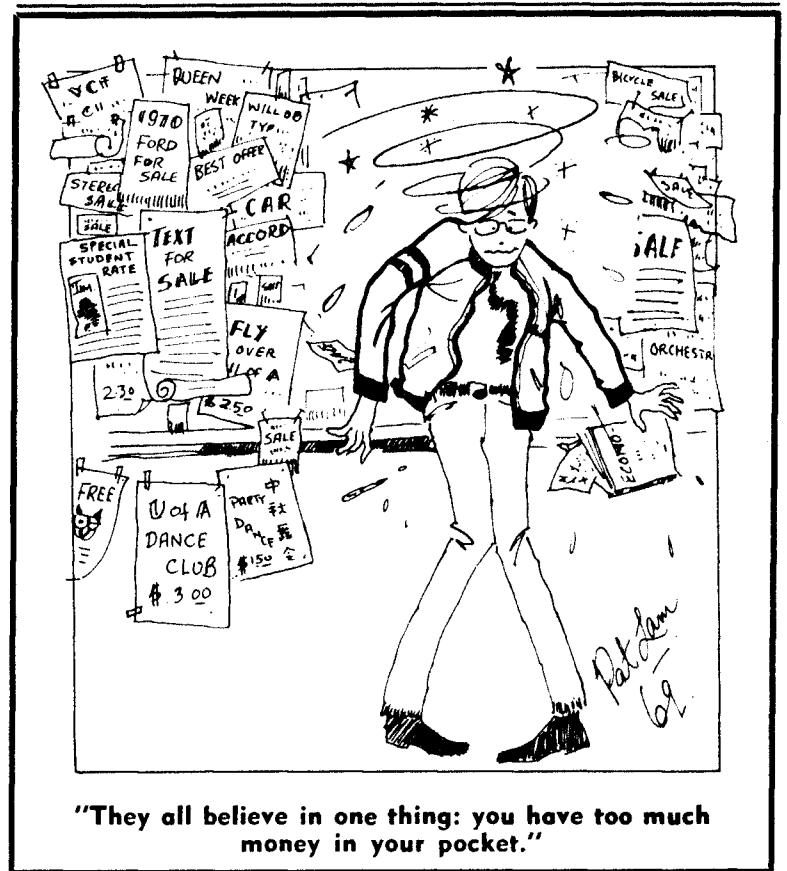
At this, Miss America shook her head so vigorously her left ear fell off. "I really could not voice an opinion," she said, "as I do not know enough . . . whirr . . . click."

The master of ceremonies swept up the cogs and wheels that littered the floor and made an impassioned plea for secrecy.

"If middle-aged Americans can't have faith that somewhere there's a living, breathing young person who is unquestioningly loyal, invariably polite and devoutly reverent of us elders," he said, a sob in his throat, "what can they have faith in?"

All present swore secrecy except Rubin, whose body washed up under the Boardwalk a week later. Miss Idaho was uncrated, dusted off and wound up. "America is a perfect country," she said.

No one knew the difference and the Nation was saved for another year.



CAUT President here urges SFU reconciliation

The following is the text of a telegram containing Professor Willard Allen's press release received by President Kenneth Strand September 20. Prof. Allen is with the Department of Chemistry here.

In the view of Professor Willard Allen, President of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the present conflict at Simon Fraser University which involves the combined Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology Department has reached a dangerous point of explosiveness. So long as the present atmosphere of head-on confrontation continues, there appears every day less chance of a rational and fair resolution of conflict.

The Canadian Association of University Teachers has been appealed to by a number of parties to the dispute, and the Executive Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure have already made one visit to the Simon Fraser campus this month. But it is impossible now for any organization to make a rapid judgment on the great number of allegations, of charges and counter-charges that continue to come forth both from the administration and the P.S.A. Department. The issue of blame, however, seems at this moment secondary to the desperate need for some mode of reconciliation before further and more dangerous confrontations are allowed to take place.

Professor Willard Allen proposes that both parties to the dispute should agree immediately to the following steps:

(1) An external committee of review, the majority of which is drawn from academics outside of Simon Fraser University, in the fields of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology, whose mission it will be to review the present relationship of the P.S.A. Department to the University and to make recommendations on its findings to Simon Fraser University. The committee should be appointed through procedures that will promote impartiality and sound academic judgment.

(2) Provision for a suitable agency of appeal for the 11 faculty members of P.S.A. for whom recommendations on contract renewal, promotion or tenure were recently reached through a process which deprived them of proper evaluation by faculty or professional competence in their own

fields. Such an appeal must be heard by a body consisting mainly of academics in Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology drawn from other Canadian universities.

(3) Suspension of the P.S.A. trusteeship during this period of examination and review.

These steps should be agreed to by both parties to the dispute immediately.

There should then follow, as quickly as possible, a process of review and recommendation by the appropriate university bodies at Simon Fraser in two critical areas:

First, development of a set of guidelines on the nature and limits of departmental autonomy in decision-making on curricular,

personnel and administrative matters. Careful thought should be given to the desirability for innovation and experiment, within a framework of policies and procedures acceptable to the whole university.

Second, a review and where necessary a revision of the Simon Fraser regulations governing academic appointments and terms of employment, including procedures relating to renewals, promotions, tenure, and proper channels of appeal. Professor Allen said that only the urgency of the situation at Simon Fraser has prompted this public statement. It is to everyone's interest that the present conflict reach a just and peaceful resolution.

And Strand's reaction

To the University Community:

Professor Willard Allen, President of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, has issued a press release expressing his personal views concerning Simon Fraser University. A copy of his press release is attached. The following statement is my response to Professor Allen's press release.

First, I must express my astonishment that Professor Willard Allen would choose to issue a press release without personally seeking first-hand and current information from me or the Faculty Association of Simon Fraser University. However, that is not the central issue.

I share his genuine concern for rational and just resolution and these are my specific comments on the three points he has raised:

(1) Professor Allen calls upon both PSA and the Administration to agree to an external and impartial committee to examine the relationship of PSA to the University. On September 15th I requested the CAUT and AUCC to use their good offices to form just such a committee. I am pleased that Professor Willard Allen's individual views endorse this means of resolution. Unfortunately, to date, PSA has taken the position that they will not co-operate with an external committee.

(2) To completely and justly implement Professor Allen's second suggestion that recommendations on tenure, promotion and contract renewals be made "by a body consisting mainly of academics in Political Science, So-

ciology and Anthropology drawn from other Canadian universities" would require a reconsideration of all recommendations on tenure, promotion and contract renewals in the PSA Department. This is not possible without a change in the Statement of Academic Freedom and Tenure—a change which would require negotiations between the Faculty Association and the Board of Governors. What is possible is that the individuals concerned use the procedures open to them within the Statement of Academic Freedom and Tenure. To my knowledge, to date only one of these persons has indicated any willingness to use these procedures. A statement from each concerned individual that he will use the procedures and that he wants external review of his case would be a significant step as it would make possible my recommending to the University Tenure Committee that external consultants be used and that the University Tenure Committee use the good offices of CAUT to name the external academic consultants.

(3) With respect to Professor Allen's third point, I am prepared to request that the External Committee called for on September 15th take as its first charge an examination of the evidence and the positions of both parties with regard to the Trusteeship and to make prompt recommendations with respect to its continuance or suspension.

K. Strand
President

SFU purge protested

Further to Mr. Duggeby's letter of September 19th regarding the recent purge of professors in Sociology and Anthropology at Simon Fraser University, readers might be interested to know of actions now underway.

A large number of anthropologists, some of them at U of A, have protested the firing of Dr. Kathleen Aberle, professor of anthropology at SFU, one of the many victims. If our request to the President of SFU that she be reinstated does not meet with a timely and positive response, we shall, as a matter of conscience, inform the entire anthropological profession of the conditions of employment existing there, with a view to discouraging anthropologists from seeking appointments.

I am not sufficiently acquainted with the facts and circumstances surrounding the firing of the sociologists and therefore refrain from expressing an opinion at this time. However, in the case of Dr. Aberle, I know more than enough about her ability, career, achievements and personal qualities to say that her dismissal is one of the grossest injustices I have heard of in the academic world in many years. Dr. Aberle not only enjoys a high reputation internationally as a

gifted and creative scholar; she also happens to be a humane and ethical person in her relations with others. But her social and political outlook is radical. This she expresses articulately, consistently and fearlessly. There's the rub! Such disgusting verbiage as "unresolved doubts about her academic procedures" and her "objectivity", coming from a tenure committee on which there was not one anthropologist, must be seen for what it really is: a puerile, shameless attempt to disguise in high sounding, pseudo-academic jargon the prejudice of the SFU administration and some of its faculty collaborators.

This arrogant claim by fence-sitting "liberals" and right-wingers to a monopoly on objectivity, and their confusion of objectivity with impartiality, are not Canadian inventions. These have been pretty standard devices in American academic witch-hunting for a long time. Now, as in the past, they must be fought resolutely, and especially here in Canada where such patterns of behavior are not (yet) generally prevalent and passively accepted.

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Department of Anthropology

Secretary didn't get letters

The Editor

I wish to correct a statement which appeared in the September 23 issue of the Gateway.

I did not receive a letter from Bob Zadunayski. It may have been lost in the mail, but I never read such a letter, or most certainly would have brought it to the attention of the students' council.

Please see the enclosed two letters written to Bob Zadunayski regarding his attendance at Students' Council meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my position.

Wendy S. Brown
Secretary
July 24, 1969

Dear Bob:

At the Students' Council meeting July 21, 1969, a notice of motion was given for the suspension of the Science representative—Bob Zadunayski from Students' Council, if he failed to attend the next Students' Council meeting Tuesday, August 5th or send his alternate. At the next meeting you, or your

alternate, will be required to state why you have been absent from council meetings since May 5th and also the June 2nd, 16th, 23rd and July 7th and 21st Students' Council meetings.

Please refer to Bylaw No. 1, Section 19 (c) and (d).

Hoping to see you at the Students' Council next meeting—Tuesday, August 5th, 1969.

August 25, 1969

Dear Bob,

The Students' Council on August 19, 1969 passed the following motion: THAT Robert Zadunayski, Science representative be expelled from Students' Council.

This action will necessitate a by-election to be held in September or October to elect a Science representative and three additional ones, according to the new representation bylaw.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the action, please do not hesitate to contact the Executive.