

Senate condemns strike

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BURNABY (CUP) — The academic senate at Simon Fraser University Monday (October 6) voted to condemn the strike of the department of political science, sociology and anthropology as "highly irresponsible and unethical towards the students enrolled in their courses."

The PSA department has been on strike since September 24 over refusal of the SFU administration to negotiate the status of 11 professors fired, demoted or placed on probation by an administration trusteeship imposed on the department last summer.

The senate urged the administration to remove the trusteeship by appointing a non-striking PSA member as department head, and endorsed administration president Kenneth Strand's call for the examination of the PSA department by a committee from outside the university.

Faculty and student-elected PSA department head

Mordecai Briemberg, one of nine PSA professors who were suspended pending dismissal Friday (October 3) by the administration, said Tuesday the senate was trying to "give power to a minority in the department which is opposed to student parity," the administration's main quarrel with PSA.

He also charged the committee endorsed by the senate was a joint committee sponsored by the Association of Colleges and Universities of Canada and the Canadian Association of University Teachers, which was endorsed by Strand and which "would have supported the administration's allegations."

Both CAUT and AUCC are on record as opposed to student parity in departmental decision-making.

Briemberg also added that the October 6 senate meeting was "manifestly unfair" since no members of PSA were

allowed to present their side of the case. Student senator Don Korbin tried to speak for PSA but was ruled out of order as senators voted almost unanimously to condemn the department.

This firing of the nine PSA professors is the last stage of a successful counteraction by B.C. Premier W.A.C. Bennett, SFU Chancellor Gordon Shrum and Administration President K. Strand to rid SFU of critical elements within the institution. This is being achieved at no small cost. An entire department is being smashed. The loss of several brilliant academics will cause a drop in standards.

Support for the strike at SFU still appears to be growing. Students in the SFU philosophy department voted to join the strike which now includes PSA, history and English students.

by charles w. brown

Once upon a continuum, Charlie Brown and Lucy and the little red-haired girl were sitting in the Versanoise, being re-educated among the lower and middle people.

"It is wet, comrades," said Lucy. "It's the rain that does it," replied Charlie Brown, "our medicine-men have an incorrect understanding of the objective proletarian line." And he relapsed into uncharacteristic silence; but then, it was only eleven-thirty in the morning.

"The objective proletarian line" said the little red-headed girl, "looks rather long to me. And I want a coffee."

"The serving-personnel are deeply tainted by the bourgeois counter-revolutionary line of the arch-renegade scab and traitor Lao-tsun," Chas. B. informed the comrades, "He supports the Noise — and the pinball machines to boot — on capitalist-roader principles, and is quite clearly an objective agent of the Subiet renegade clique."

So they decided to go deliberately and conscientiously raise their consciousness at the Chairman Ottercreek Soda-Fountain. When they had settled themselves amid its charming socialist-baroque decor, one of the Red Guards stationed there to assist in the deliberate and conscientious raising of the consciousness of the people (but only, of course, within the strictest of socialist legality), approached.

Chas. B. and Lucy and the l. r-h. g. had decided they were tired of the usual choice of beverages (dear dishwasher and dearer pop) and that they would like some fruit-juice. Some real French or German fruit-juice. So they asked the Red Guard for a list, which, after a heroic proletarian struggle-search, he produced.

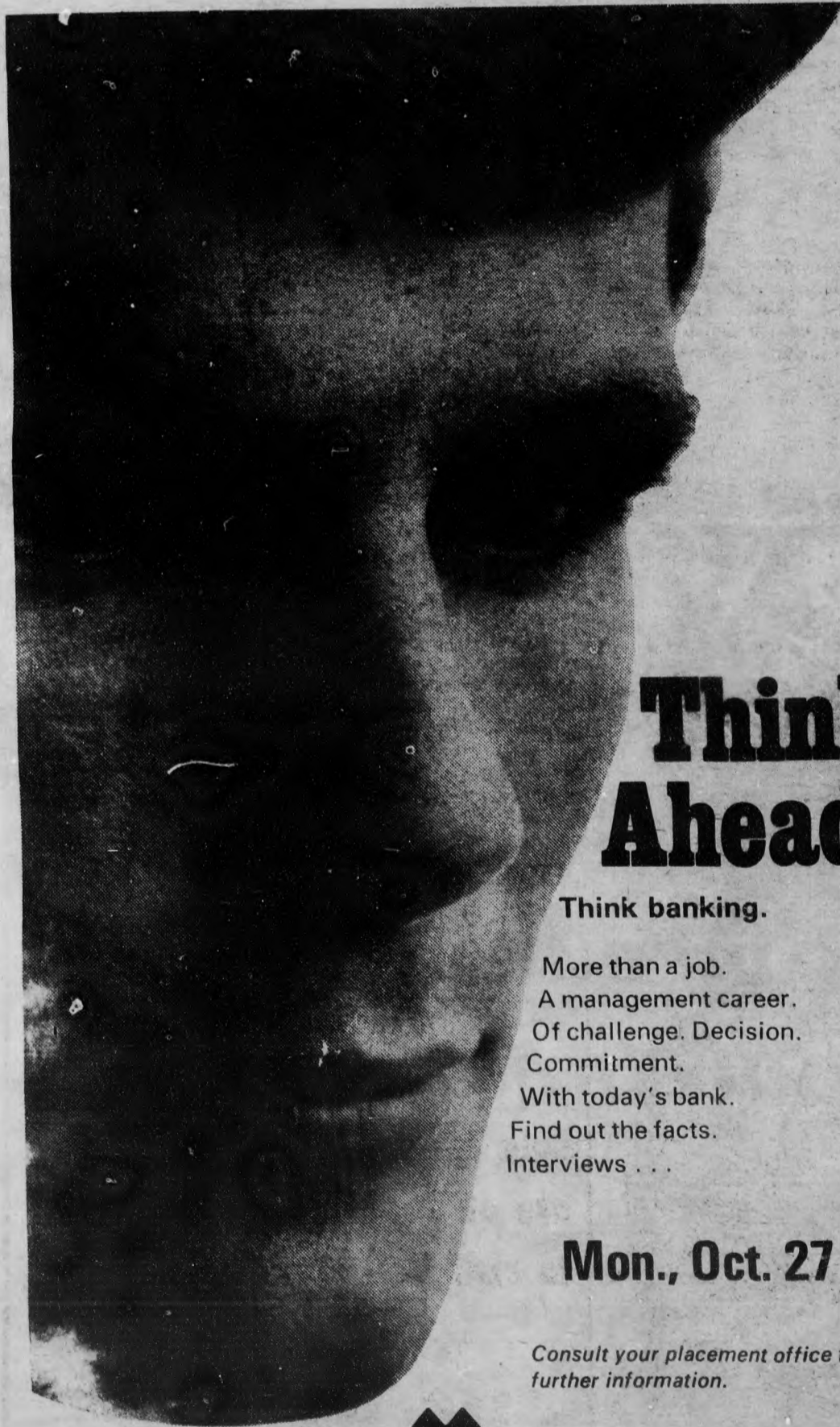
They examined the fruit-juice section, and entered into a dialectic of choice. This led them to conscientiously sum up their experience of the criticism-struggle-transformation in soda-fountains, and the rules governing the people's raising their consciousness therein. They concluded that said rules did not correspond with socialist reality. Or any other sort, for that matter. The People's Soda-Pop Commission was not looking at the people correctly.

"Perhaps" said Lucy, quite in jest, "one cannot drink fruit-juice in the soda-fountain, but only in the Eating-Room." And they laughed at such an absurd idea, and laughed and laughed.

The Red Guard re-appeared. "We would like a bottle of fruit-juice" said C. Brown, "the — "I'm sorry, sir, we don't serve fruit-juice in the soda-fountain. Only in the Eating-Room."

They ordered grain-pop and sugar-cane special. This process repeated several times, there came a time when it occurred to each of them to proceed to appropriately segregated rooms. However, they conscientiously summed up their recent experience, and decided against it. Two of them happened to have no proof of age with them to show, and it seemed likely this might be a prerequisite for entry. Instead, they left the soda-fountain, despite the fact there was plenty more consciousness left to raise.

And as they stood in the doorway and looked out into the mild fall drizzle, they realised they had found how to look at Fredericton correctly. With raised consciousness. Preferably a permanent state of raised consciousness. That way, it looks hilarious.



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