

Smith 'weak' on Murray?

by Greg deGiere

President Robert Smith "is weakening" on his resolve to keep George Murray teaching "and I'll probably get fired," Murray said.

Smith was unavailable for comment, but an Administration spokesman said that he will make no decision on the Board of Trustees "request" to transfer Murray to non-teaching duties "for a while."

"The odds are against" switching Murray, Smith said after the Thursday Trustees vote.

"Caroline Shrodes told me that the English Department still supports me but that Smith needs some support — which means that Smith is weakening and I'll probably get fired," Murray said on Friday.

Mrs. Shrodes, the English Department chairman, confirmed that she still supports Murray. About Smith, she said, "I'm confident he isn't weakening."

"She didn't have any choice, because I'm going to teach regardless. Only the Black people can decide whether I will teach," Murray said.

Murray also accused Vice President Donald Garritty, Humanities Dean James Wilson, and Mrs. Shrodes of refusing to talk to him and several other Black students on Friday.

"They offered to talk to me and one other Black person — there were four of them, but they didn't want to talk to more than two of us. That's white supremacy and racism," Murray said.

Mrs. Shrodes agreed to Murray's account of the non-meeting, but said that Wilson made the decision not to meet with the group of Black students. She met with them earlier and "reaffirmed our previous policy," she said.

Wilson was in a meeting as the Gater went to press and was unavailable for comment.

However, Wilson's assistant described the non-meeting as a group of blacks "crowding around" Wilson in his office.

Wilson was shaking, but the blacks assured him there was no reason to be nervous, the assistant said.

"Then they started acting as though they were going to pull him out of the office. Someone said that Murray didn't want them to pull him (Wilson) out, so they left," he said.

Murray was not present at the confrontation, according to the assistant.

Meanwhile the Associated Students Legislature unanimously called the Trustees vote a "racist" fascistic, condemnatory, and condemnable decision that is consistent with the traditional suppression

of the Black people's struggle for liberation."

Murray agreed with the AS characterization of the action.

"This morning Huey Newton was sentenced to two to 15 years in prison, the UC Regents have just banned Eldridge Cleaver from talking at Berkeley more than once, and the Trustees are trying to fire me — they're tying all the racist attacks together," he said.

Murray is the Minister of Education of the Black Panther Party, headed by Newton. Cleaver is the party's Minister of Information and the Peace and Freedom Party presidential candidate. Large numbers of Berkeley students and faculty are now protesting the Regents' partial ban on Cleaver there.

The AS resolution also promised to "mobilize the campus and the community to take any action necessary" to defend Smith if he supports Murray.

But such a defense may not be necessary. According to "highly reliable sources" attending the Trustees meeting, Smith told the Board before it voted he would refuse its request to transfer Murray.

Murray can not legally be fired because he has a binding letter of appointment, according to the Trustees legal counsel.

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New hope for College Union

SF State's plan for an ultra-modern College Union, designed by architect Mosh Safdie, is not dead despite a discouraging rejection last week by a committee of the Board of Trustees in Los Angeles.

An optimistic Frank Sheehan, Director of Campus De-

velopment here, announced Friday that a Trustee-adopted resolution now allows the College to present a modified proposal at the next Board meeting October 23-24 at Fresno State College.

College Vice President Glenn Smith said, "We feel

that the differences which led to the initial rejection can, in a large amount, be overcome by either redesign of technical elements or better communication of design concepts and proposed function."

The Campus Planning, Buildings, and Grounds Com-

mittee originally rejected Safdie's blueprint on purely technical grounds as "incompatible" with the College, according to Sheehan.

However, Sheehan said, the Board recognized the intense need for a student facility on this and agreed to reconsider the proposal.

The proposed \$5.8 million project has been theorized for over 11 years, when original plans for the Union were drawn up in 1957 and soon dis-

carded.

Extensive plans were laid out in 1969, when the College Union Council was established to promote the project. Since then, the students, faculty, and administration of SF State have joined in an unusual coalition to push through the student-financed Union.

Construction, according to Sheehan, would take about 18 months, and would begin with the clearing away of the huts and part of the cafeteria.

Servomation prices inflate

Shades of creeping inflation!

Students at SF State were welcomed back to campus this semester in a rather ungracious manner with raised prices on most of the vending machine items.

The unwelcome cost hike followed a three-week summer strike which "substantially raised the wages" of the Teamster employees of Servomation, according to Rudy Nothenberg, head of SF State's Foundation.

Students will be paying the cost for the wage raise, said Nothenberg.

The Foundation is responsible for the contract with Servomation, which was signed two and a half years ago, and which will also be up for renewal next year.

Nothenberg said that the Foundation relies on a percentage of Servomation's sales to keep the Commons complex in operation.

"We operate the Commons at a deficit of about \$100,000 a year," Nothenberg explained, "and the money we get back as rent-

al from Servomation, which ranges anywhere from less than \$1,000 to \$3,000 a month, goes directly to offset this loss."

Prices for most of the vending machine items went up a nickel, which outraged many students.

"Fifteen cents for a candy bar, and 10 cents for a pack of gum?" asked one student incredulously.

Drinks have gone up to 15 cents, and that old standby lunch for dieting waists and wallets, yogurt, is now costing 35 cents.

Almost the only vending items which have not been altered are the coffee dispenser and the bill and coin changer.

Servomation did attempt to raise coffee to 15 cents (as it did in all its other off-campus spots), but the Foundation was able to discourage the raise for that early-morning staple.

"I think we were also able to keep the cost of milk from going up," said Nothenberg. Milk is selling for 15 cents for a half-pint.

Student and faculty reception of the higher costs

of consumption was far from amiable.

During the busy noon hour one student patiently inched up the long line in front of one vending machine to discover not only the new prices, but that now he was a nickel short.

"It's just not fair," he complained.

"Prices now," seconded another husky student sporting an athletic jacket, "are as bad as at Candlestick Park."

When told that the strike was the cause for the increase, another student said, "I'm sure the workers weren't striking against us, so why must we, the students and faculty, get hurt?"

Amidst all the complaints, the most constructive comment came from a well-dressed professor who described himself as a frequent patron of the candy concessions.

"That settles it," he concluded, "from now on I'm going to be bringing my own candy and drinks from the outside, where it just doesn't cost as much."

First SDS protest

Militant members of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) have threatened the use of physical force to bar recruiters from coming on campus for the upcoming Military Information Day.

"Students should use physical force if necessary to end campus complicity with recruiters," said Howie Forman. He was backed up by John Levin, member of the Progressive Labor Party (PL), and other students.

However, SDS held off on making a final decision on the use of force. Instead it called for a "mass meeting" of all students opposed to the presence of military recruiters on campus. The meeting will be held sometime this week to discuss strategy of the demonstration.

SDS members were attacked at a demonstration last Spring when they attempted to put on a skit at a Marines recruiter table.

Military Information Day, to be held on Oct. 8, is billed as a discussion between members of the Armed Forces, an-

ti-war groups and interested students. It is being sponsored by the campus Placement Center.

Other SDS members disagreed with Forman's tactic, however.

"We should use the Administration's facade to educate the campus," said Joy Magezis, also a member of the Independent Socialist Club.

"We have to make it clear to the majority of students that recruitment is not an issue of free speech but clearly an attempt to continue the use of our campus as a tool of the military-industrial complex," Miss Magezis said.

Final decision on the tactics to be used will be made at mass meeting this week.

If the Trustees accept the modified proposal, the extensive building will be completed by January, 1971.

"I don't expect any extensions of that date," Sheehan said, "because the construction will be closely supervised by deadline, and we will be less likely to be hurt by strikes."

Letters

Student shortchanged?

Editor's Note: The following letter has been submitted to KPIX Action Line. Mr. Akin felt that the letter should also be printed by the Gater to inform students of his experience.

Dear Action Line:

I feel that I have been manifestly mistreated by San Francisco State College's Office of Student Financial Aid, directed by Dr. Helen Bedesen, and that this mistreatment, unnecessarily has tragically affected my future. Basically, the problem is as follows: Since my wife and I are both students, we have found it necessary to seek financial assistance; therefore, I applied for a National Defense Education Loan (NDEA) during the spring of 1968 for the school year '68-'69. Since I am a graduate student, I was eligible for fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) for a loan, which was to supplement the wife's and my income from part-time jobs. The loan was approved; however, before the loan could be finalized, I had to sign certain forms that were to be sent to me in May.

I repeatedly requested these forms through May, June, July and August, either by phone or in person, about 10 times, but I never received them. I was told, during one of my several phone calls that indeed the loan had been approved but due to some mix-up the forms had not been sent; however, I would receive my money during registration. So I went to the appropriate table during registration to get the cheque, but instead of receiving a cheque, I was told that since I had not returned the forms "sent" me in May, my loan had been given to someone else. I, naturally, protested by saying that no forms had been sent, as according to the phone call on August 28, and that I had repeatedly asked for the necessary forms but had never received them. They stated that nothing could be done even if it was their fault, for the money had been spent.

The only solution that has been offered is that of a Federally Insured loan for \$1500. But this is unacceptable to me, for it requires a total repayment of the \$1500 plus interest; whereas the NDEA loan provides that teachers only need repay one-half the total plus interest. So in other words, to take the Federally Insured loan would cost me \$750.00, for the mistake the school made.

I and several lawyers agree that the college is totally responsible for this situation, for even if the school did send the forms to me on May 29, as they now state, the letter should have been returned to the college by now, and since, I had repeatedly informed them that I had not received the letter, they were fully informed to the problem. So the reason the forms were not received is not my fault but instead, the unwillingness of the college to respond to my many requests for the forms. Furthermore, there is a definite question as to whether the forms were sent at all, for I certainly did not receive them, nor have I had a change of address within the last two years. In addition to that the college office of Student Financial Aid stated via telephone on August 28, that the forms were not sent but were not necessary, just to proceed through registration.

Interestingly, I have found already, two persons who have encountered the same situation. And the Office has admitted the possibility of making a mistake. But, according to Dr. Bedesen, even if it was their mistake, the school feels the mistake is irreversible. This appears to me to be a bestial attitude which has and will continue to create conflict on our campus.

If this problem is not solved, the chances of me remaining in school are tenuous, but I will do everything in my power to correct this injustice. But although several lawyers have advised me to file suit against the school, I would prefer to settle this in a more rational, reasonable and amiable atmosphere. Therefore, I have written to Action Line, and hopefully you can solve this problem.

I wish to thank you in advance for your efforts. I remain

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SOMETHING IS BEING DONE FOR GATORVILLE

Editor:

In reference to the Gater article "Gatorville on Way Out?" certain clarifications are in order.

An independent study of the condition of houses in Gatorville is now being conducted by Jim Fox, Assistant Housing Director. If the results of this study are favorable then admissions to Gatorville will re-open. Mr. Fox, Frank Sheehan and several other members of the administration are working hard to keep married student housing on campus, and it can be said that at this time cooperation between Gatorville and the administration is at a maximum.

Certainly it is apparent that with available campus land at a premium Gatorville property is quite desirable and a ladies athletic field is only one possibility.

Also, we will not be "pretty sure" of the results of the survey taken during registration.

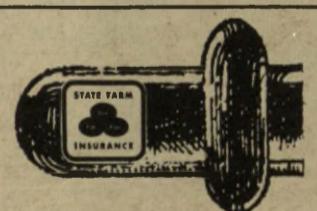
Bradley Elfman
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TRUSTEES INCITE RIOTS

Editor:

I am angered and frustrated with the "Trustees" rejection of the Student Union. Not only is their decision an insult to Moshe Safdie's capabilities, but it shows that the "Trustees" are void of contemporary aesthetic appreciation. If ever there were groups responsible for inciting riots on campus, the State College Trustees beats them all. They are totally unresponsive to students and teacher needs, and it is evident that the college community is overdue in asserting its power. The "trustees" stupid decisions are pushing students more to the left, and one wonders if the rejection of the Union is an attempt to stifle possible student organization. It is the Gater's obligation to inform us of each Board member, what he controls and how he powers the college community. It's about time each member is publicly identified and criticized. So how about a series, Gater?

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are reported on the Testing Office Bulletin Board.

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• Maurice Bassan reads Thomas Wolfe — Gallery Lounge — noon.

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Social welfare students call for more control of program

Janet Russo and Alan Kornfeld

The faculty of the School of Social Work will be meeting this afternoon to vote on four student-initiated proposals to reform graduate work program.

The 80 graduate students are calling for greater liberalization within the School.

The demands are:

- equal student representation on all faculty committees, including voting power;
- elimination or substitution of the master's thesis;
- an option regarding a third day (seminar, special project, etc.);
- reduction of the project academic work load.

John Hayes, chairman of the student interim executive committee of the Graduate School of Social Work said yesterday, "We don't have any real doubt at this point" that the forty faculty members will ratify the four points.

Whatever the faculty decides, the outcome of today's

meeting will be subject to student ratification at another meeting tonight.

Francis Purcell, Director of Social Work and Education, admitted that students probably will receive parity on all faculty committees except Hiring, Retention, and Tenure (HRT).

Classes in the Graduate School have been suspended so far, while four faculty-student committees have been deliberating the issues.

A student petition was sent to the faculty last June, outlining another four point program.

During the summer, the faculty adopted the first two pro-

posals for more minority group students and teachers.

Purcell stated that 40 percent of the incoming grad class is from minority groups, and four of the seven new faculty members are black.

The faculty also endorsed the last two original proposals, which called for greater student participation in the School's administration.

However, by mid-September, efforts to implement the last two points had reached an impasse, and the students called for a suspension of classes until the issues were settled.

On the first day of scheduled classes, September 23, the faculty succumbed to the students' demands for suspension.

"Graduate social work students and recent graduates had been increasingly concerned by the irrelevance of social work education in this time of unprecedented social upheaval. They also realized that they had the responsibility to become sensitive to the changing social needs and values of our society," Hayes explained.

"The curricular activities are already under the state budget, so whatever has already been funded (which is not sufficient) is what we have to operate upon. Anything beyond those activities must be paid for from some other source," he said.

If the Creative Arts Department does not secure some additional funds there will be no funds to cover the cost of equipment use, the cost of replacing equipment and the cost of wages, often on union scales, for personnel who must work over-time.

Grad fellowship applications ready

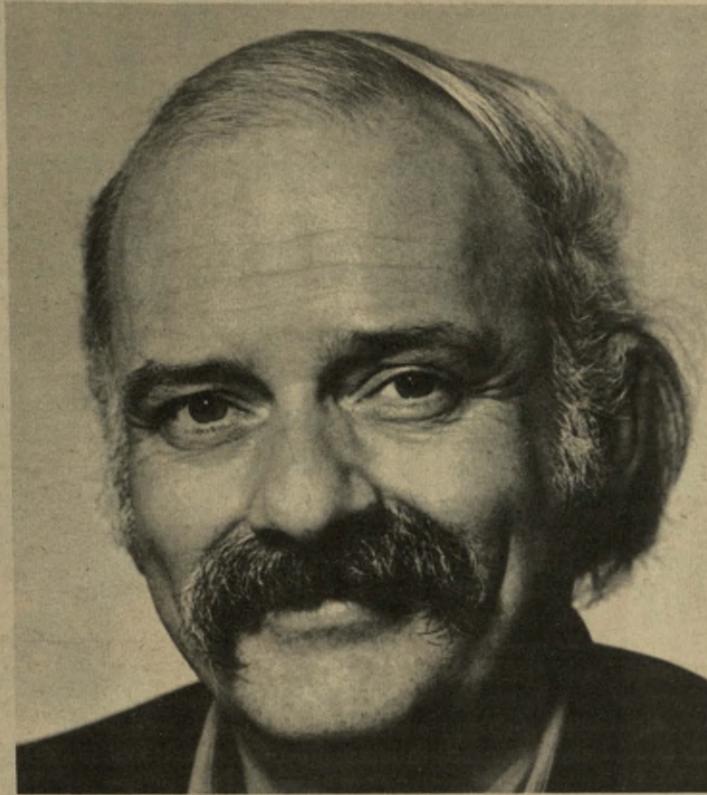
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Valaoritis, who fought with students in the month-long "seige of Paris" earlier this year, was formerly the editor of PALI, the only intellectually critical voice in Greece.

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