February 2, 1979.

TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY:

Re: Contract Negotiations

Negotiations between SFU and AUCE Local 2 broke off this morning after one hour when the University refused to move from its position of 6% over TWO years and made discussion of the Contracting Out and Extended Health Benefits articles conditional on the acceptance of that 6% over a TWO year term. The third remaining non-monetary article, Vacation Scheduling, was flatly refused once again by the University.

The Union refused to drop down on its money demands without a concrete and unconditional offer on its non-monetary items. At the last negotiations on January 10, the union dropped significantly: we accepted the two year contract term, we moved down to 7% and 8%, and then we moved down AGAIN to 4% and 6%. The University has finally begun to negotiate but their movement has been conditional and not an appropriate response to our significant moves down from our original position.

The Union is willing to return to the bargaining table at any time should movement on the University's part be forthcoming.

Contract Committee, AUCE, Local 2.