UofT students convene constitutional session

TORONTO (CUP) - A student government constitutional convention at U of T has been called for the decentralization of the central Student's Administrative Council.

Only 55 out of a possible 126 delegates attended the campus' first constitutional conference on Friday and Saturday (Nov.26 & 27). They approved 29 resolutions which will serve as quidelines for a series of subcommittees established to prepare a new SAC constitution for submission to the second conference session in late January.

Two conflicting policies emerged as medicine and engineering delegates urged a restructured, almost non-political student government, while several others argued for a strong, politically active student union.

One suggestion, pushed by this year's president of the U of T engineering society called for the formation of a new Central Student Government (CGS), depending on local councils for most of its operating revenue.

As debate wore on, the med-engineering alliance gained strength and eventually dominated the conference.

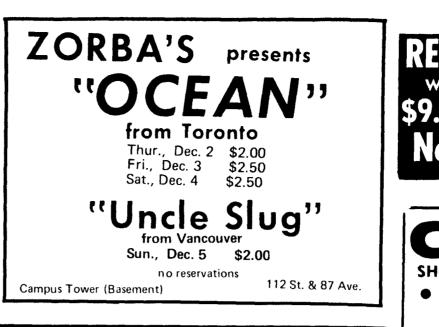
A key resolution calls for a new SAC fee lower than the present \$13 and a CSG dependent on local college and faculty councils for part of its annual operating funds. According to other successful resolutions, SAC would be forbidden to intervene in the affairs of individual colleges or professional faculties unless specifically asked to help by the local council. SAC would also be restricted to purely volunteer community action programs. Political clubs and social action programs would have to obtain grants from only local councils.

addition 1n to the restructured CGS, the convention also called for the formation of a new overall

course union or council for all arts and science students.

The delegates agreed that the restructured SAC would continue to operate university-wide student services, but came to no firm conclusions about the problem of "representativity" that was a prominent feature of most anti-SAC briefs.

All attempts to create a totally non-political CGS were defeated as were two resolutions calling for a series of referenda and mass student meetings to set policy for the new CSG.



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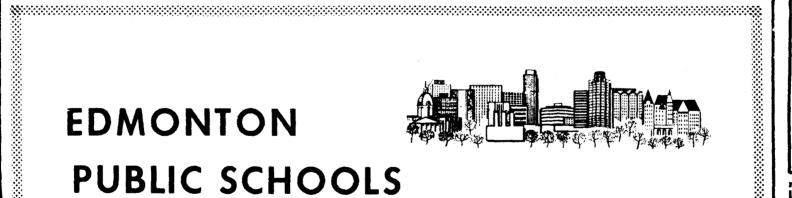


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