

Representation formula changes studied by SRC

By RICK FISHER

A proposal for changing the representation formula on the Student Representative Council finally emerged from their constitution committee and was presented to the council at their meeting on Monday November 20th. Major changes in this area have occurred within the memory of the majority of students on the campus and so close

attention must be paid to these changes.

Most of the implications of this move have been studied very carefully, but there are some areas that have presently been neglected that make this look slightly like a stop gap measure until the whole package is considered. While they are changing one area of the constitution they may as well revamp the whole thing.

The proposal put forward by the constitution committee sug-

gests that the number of students that each councillor represents be raised from 150 to 300, and this move would reduce the size of council by 33 percent - to 21 members.

This move would on the surface accomplish many of the objectives that it set out to achieve. Council would have much better communication, and it would be easier to get the business of council accomplished with a smaller council. It is hoped in the pro-

cess that competition for seats that would be less in number would weed out some of the do-nothing council members who are presently very unproductive. It would leave other people who are interested in student affairs to fill out other posts that are vacant or not properly pre-represented.

On the surface there are many benefits. But underneath there are some negative factors that have gone relatively unconsidered. One of the worst results could be that council would become even further removed from the students, something that council could ill afford. There would be less councillors serving on council to fill all of the committee seats some of which are presently vacant. There would have to be some opening up of some of these committee seats to the campus in general, including the Administrative Board if unproductive members are still serving on those committees just to get quorums.

The proposal still does not solve the problem of the lack of communication between the SRC and the student representatives on Senate and the future problems that will occur in the same manner between the SRC and the representatives on the Board of Governors.

I was very pleased to see Maria Wawer in attendance at the most recent SRC meeting attempting to explain a Senate proposal that required student input and she got some information to take back to the Senate on the topic. There are other members who are not so concerned about how well they do their job on the Senate.

It is interesting to note that

at present all the student senators are non-voting members of the SRC and I am fairly sure that they have not been informed of this fact. Their attendance at SRC as non-voting members is not strictly required, but to do the job that is necessary on the Senate they should be asked to attend meetings regularly, and I believe that they should be made voting members of the SRC. Hold it, you say. The council will get back to its larger size again with these new members. This could be offset by eliminating the representatives at large, and substituting the students elected to the Senate and the Board of Governors. This would give you a council of about 25 members which I think isn't all that large and could do a much better job than the present one is doing.

At present there is a move afoot to have some student Senators made into non-voting members of the Executive of the SRC. This almost correlates into nothing times nothing still gives one nothing. It is very hard to approach seriously a job if it is a non-voting one. This approach is totally ineffective and evades the main problem of the issue.

The numerous advantages that have been pointed out I think are basically sound and should work for awhile until the next organizational problem is met by our student government. The full proposal should also include the students on the Senate and the Board of Governors as they would be better informed on the decisions that they would make on those very important body and that would give us better representation and that after all, is what we want.

Reader knocks US takeover

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entions the large feeling against continental energy policy, wanted and pushed so much by the United States. There is no discussion of the way in which the United States is pushing Canada into an economic bloc that includes all the racist white countries in the world outside of the European Common Market. Tax reform is mentioned, but not the story about the Trudeau cabinet failure to implement real reform as demanded in a special study of the problem. The loss of Ontario's seats in Parliament has significance beyond that presented. . . the provincial government of Ontario Progressive Conservative and has taken some steps to stop the United States take-over there.

This "remarkable man" was one who called all Canadians any stripe "bleeding hearts" who wanted the government to

has a great friendship for Canada, instead of looking reality in the eye and acknowledging that the U.S. is only a neighbour that takes all it can get and thinks it has the right to everything.

I wonder how M. Trudeau, as a French-Canadian, feels about the story, proven to be totally false, made up by James Earl Ray to explain the death of Dr. King. He tried to put the responsibility for connections with a conspiracy to kill Dr. King on a French-Canadian, who never materialized. This is terrible slander against French-Canadians in particular, and all Canadians in general. But it is typical for the United States to look outside for "international conspirators" rather than face the bevy of ruthless people they have in their own borders.

Independence, thereby starting off with a terrible lie about belief in the equality of men before the signers even put ink to the paper.) Despite the facts that Trudeau had tremendous support all across Canada four years ago, that all parties supported his language policies then, that there are many ways in which the man and his party have failed to meet the needs of most Canadians, that he himself was harder on his French-Canadian brothers two years ago than many non-French-Canadians wanted him to be, that he is arrogant to the peoples' Parliament, the newspaper is going to leave out discussion of most of the real issues. In one article, ten out of twenty-one paragraphs are devoted to arranging French

The New York Times

al fairly with the negotiate with the F.L.Q. two years ago. His tions then probably polarized the country far more than the language problem; they turned the latter into a symbol that could never have been. This "remarkable man" replied to concerned students with "Where's the mafia?" This man is "arrogant, cool and cool;" but those hardly the qualities that make for a first-rate Prime Minister of any country. Dress in personal style is relevant; but treatment of people and nature as a measure of personal style is the core of life; Pierre Elliott Trudeau has managed to antagonize every single group of people in Canada, except the big corporation crowd. And also, of course, he has not antagonized Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States. In the face of accumulated evidence from over two hundred years, he has kept on insisting that the United States

But then the New York Times has spent a lot of effort trying to convince us all that Canadians are just like the U.S. dwellers, "only more mediocre"; that they have no culture, no writers, no artists, no thinkers, no "colour" that did not come from the United States. They are obviously very disappointed that Canadians might turn down the United States candidate for Prime Minister of Canada. The Progressive Conservatives, on the other hand, have, on occasion, stood up to the inordinate demands of the United States.

It is so disappointing that they are going to base the ultimate motivation for it on racism, pure and simple. This is inevitable. A country born with the congenital defect of racism deliberately chosen for monetary gain could not help but pick that out of a pile of reasons to interpret voters' motives in other countries. (The paragraph against slavery was taken out of the Declaration of

and English-speaking Canadians along a battle line; it ends, of course, with a quote from a Canadian newspaper, which not so incidentally was supporting the election of Trudeau. A country hurting from world-wide condemnation for its own racial prejudice dearly loves company; and the United States absolutely hates to think that anything might be different or unique in Canada.

Well, most of us know that the roots of the election upset were mostly never discussed in these November 1 articles. The Philadelphia Inquirer came right out and said it two years ago. . . November 8, 1970. . . don't forget it now, when you need to remember it most. . . and I say this as a Canadian who believes that Québec has a right to secede peacefully if that is what the Québécois want. . . "United States holds big stake in effort to divide Canada".

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