

CUS withdrawal not complete without constitutional change

CUS withdrawal is not yet complete.

Students' council has not changed the constitution.

Owen Anderson, former CUS chairman and present external af-

fairs chairman, says red tape is the reason.

He says constitutional changes take six weeks to enact as council meets only every two weeks.

Constitutional changes require

passage at three consecutive council meetings.

Gord Meurin, law 3 and former law rep on council says six weeks are not needed.

If necessary, the needed changes could be made by holding three meetings on the same night.

However, Anderson says constitutional changes enacted in this manner would not be valid.

Although the constitution does not prohibit changes done this way, the Disciplinary, Enforcement, and Interpretation Board last year ruled such changes invalid as they violate the spirit of the constitution.

Anderson believes the same decision is still binding.

What then is the reason why the constitution has not been changed?

UNCERTAINTY

Blaine Thacker, law rep, says uncertainty on CUS withdrawal has held up changes.

"And," says Thacker, "there is no guarantee we won't be in CUS at the end of the year."

Anderson wants the constitution changed now to include the external affairs chairman as a fifth member of the executive.

This person would be above the CUS chairman if U of A rejoins CUS.

Although there are certain advantages to having a fifth executive member, law rep Blaine Thacker believes such a change would be detrimental to student government in the long run.

He said the executive would be taking power away from the general council body.



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SETTING UP SHOP
... for the all-new Treasure Van

South African, Rhodesian goods not included at TV

Treasure Van is back this year, but with a difference.

For the first time, no South African or Rhodesian goods are included.

The exclusion of goods from the two countries is due to their policies of apartheid, said Phil Cove, director of TV.

The decision was made at the national assembly of the World University Service held in Windsor in October. Treasure Van is WUS-sponsored.

Last year students' council defeated a motion which would have

outlawed the sale of goods from apartheid-supporting countries.

"Everything is new this time," said Cove. "Areas like Hawaii which have not previously been represented are included."

"Outstanding among the goods are the statuettes from Greece, the Eskimo handicraft, and West-Coast Indian miniature totem poles."

Prices of Treasure Van goods, which come from 40 countries, run from 10 cents to \$45.00.

Treasure Van will be open from noon to 10 p.m. until Friday in the armed forces building.

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"It looks like physiotherapy will win the interfaculty trophy again," said Rick Dewar, this year's blood drive chairman.

"The blood drive is going extremely well. Last week 1,371 people donated blood. This week we expect at least 1,400," he said.

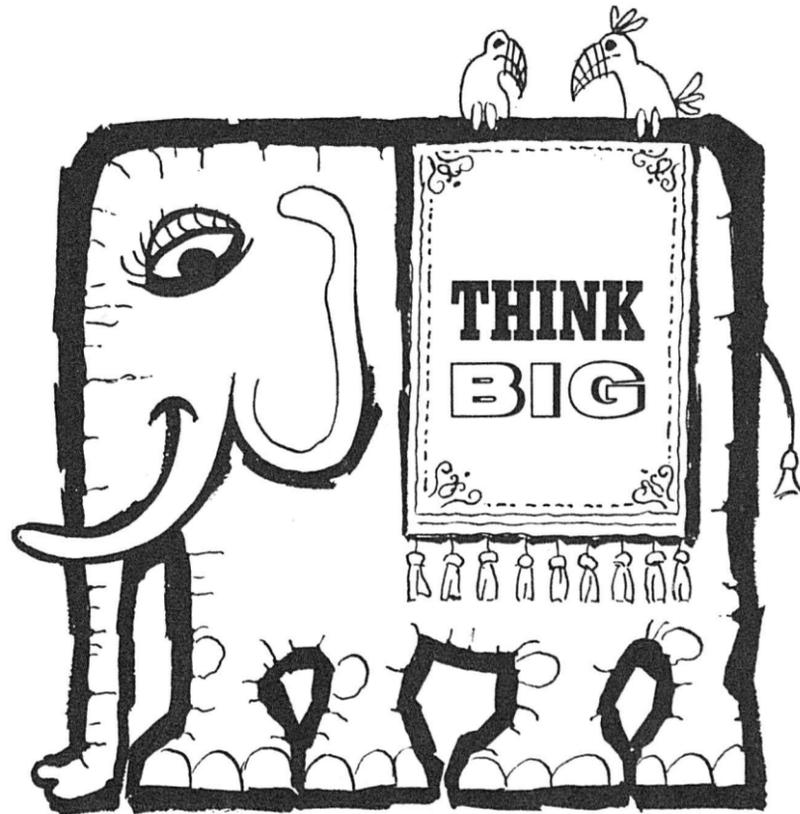
"The Red Cross has been extremely pleased with the turnout. It has been one of the best years so far.

"Next year we hope to provide donors with entertainment in the new building. The new building will also enable us to expand the drive.

"The residences must also be complimented for an extremely high turnout," he said.

"Next year the Red Cross hopes to have more equipment available so people won't have to stand in line so long. Entertainment will help them from getting nervous."

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