

Parity is goal of arts faculty

By DOROTHY CONSTABLE

Students have gained substantially increased representation on Arts Faculty governing committees.

A report from the faculty's committee on student representation approved by the council says the proportion of student representation on the bodies "should be left open for negotiation with parity being the ultimate goal."

Parity has been recommended on the curriculum, matriculation requirements and admissions committees among others.

The council is the faculty's central governing body.

Student representation on the academic standing committee, the advisory committee on buildings and space, the election procedures committee, the executive council and executive committee has also been recommended.

To fill the new positions, the committee says a representative organization of arts students should be formed.

Bill Bradley, students' union arts representative is spearheading formation of an Arts Association to fulfill that recommendation.

Friday, Mr. Bradley said acceptance of the report "is one of the greatest things to happen in this university."

He said radicals have been asking for this opportunity for a long time and now "they are being given a chance to do something." The council is also recommending that the faculty investigate student representation on tenure and promotion committees.

Students' union president David Leadbeater supported the move as a "progressive" measure but cautioned that "parity is of no use to the students unless they have something different to advocate from the faculty."

The acceptance of parity, at least in principle, is a move unique to the arts faculty.

Douglas Smith, faculty

dean, said Sunday night parity is the ultimate goal of the Arts Association but reserved his own judgments on that goal and the council's recommendations as they were "personal" opinions.

Any student elected to a faculty committee will also sit on the general council.

Mr. Bradley says every student in the faculty automatically becomes a member of the association which he and 10 other volunteers are now organizing.

The association's first general meeting has been called for the SUB theatre Thursday, October 9 from noon to 2 p.m.



BILL BRADLEY

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The Gateway

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MRS. LILLIAN PICHE was one of the speakers supporting greater student involvement in the Native Peoples Defense Fund. The discussion, presented by the Student Christian Movement, was held Friday noon in SUB theatre.

Student support sought for Native Peoples Defense Fund

By SHIRLEY SKEEL

Rose Auger and Lillian Piché lobbied for greater student involvement in the Native Peoples Defense Fund, Friday noon in a SUB theatre forum.

The discussion was presented by the Student Christian Movement in an attempt to gain interest and contributions to the NPDF.

The purpose of the fund is to provide legal, monetary and informative aid to native peoples throughout Alberta. Legal aid is offered when the provincial government legal aid scheme is not applicable; monetary aid takes the form of bail and informative aid is to inform Indians of their rights.

Mrs. Auger, a former worker for the Company of Young Canadians, and now president of the NPDF, told 400 students the white man is trying to force the Indian into a society that isn't meant for him. The main problem of the Indian is gaining an identity, she said. Mrs. Auger accused Canada of helping other countries out of personal

greed, while ignoring the Indian problem at home.

Lillian Piché, a Cree from Cold Lake, described her battle this summer against racial discrimination in housing. Her tent, pitched in protest in front of city hall and later in the legislative grounds, led to the formation of a citizens' housing committee to fight such discrimination. Mrs. Piché also raised her voice against Indian children not being taught their own history in school.

Young Indians losing their identity, Mrs. Piché said, is often intensified by the necessity to attend schools off the reservations. Students questioned why religious groups take children off the reserves and board them in cities to attend schools rather than build schools on the reservations. The suggestion was also brought up from the floor that the government should devote about \$95 per student towards Indian education on the reserves, the same amount spent per student in the cities.

Participants were strongly divided on the question of what welfare does for or to Indians. It was pointed out that over 1/3 of the natives on reservations were on welfare. One student stated that they should be farming their land, but another retorted that it was almost impossible to obtain a loan for machinery.

The basic need of the Indians, Mrs. Auger said is "to return (to tradition) not economically but culturally, and in our own lands." She told students "We are making you aware, now it is up to you to decide how you can help."

Closed senate

MONTREAL (CUP) — McGill will not have open senate meetings. A motion by student senators calling for the Senate's deliberations to be opened to "any observers" was rejected by the other members Thursday.

Such a move would be "opening the doors to those who might be the enemies of McGill," Vice-principal Michael Oliver had warned in the debate.

But student senator Robert Hajaly said the Senate "has a responsibility to the general public."

"It's a flagrant injustice to deny a citizen of Quebec the right to witness the proceedings here."

Oliver was afraid the Senate would not be able to "police open meetings," referring to an incident last April when a group of 40 militant French workers and students came to McGill to ask the Senate to act on the demands of 'Operation McGill' after thousands of workers and students demonstrated to demand a "McGill Francais."

On that occasion the Senate failed to acquire a quorum and did not meet, although individual senators did talk to the delegation outside the chambers.

Hajaly said Oliver's claim about policing meetings applied no matter who is allowed to attend. With the defeat of the motion, only senators, McGill students and staff, and accredited press representatives may attend meetings.

Forgive us our Daily . . .

Today is D-Day for The Gateway.

Today, The Gateway goes daily for at least the next few weeks.

If the Monday through Thursday issues seem a little meagre in comparison to past copies, they will be more topical, more immediate.

And our readers can always look forward to a total of 16 pages including Casserole on Fridays. We would like to know what you think of the new schedule once it has been in operation for a week or so.

If you think the experiment is succeeding, then tell us. If not, then tell us too. There is nothing worse than going to the greater effort required by daily deadlines only to discover no one cares or benefits.

And it IS a tough proposition from this end. It means proofreaders showing up in the printshop every morning at 5:30 without fail. It means a rotating desk so staffers have enough time to give their courses a fair shake. It means our advertising manager has bad dreams at night about papers empty of advertising.

There is only one other student daily newspaper in Canada, The McGill Daily. So we are still feeling our way to a large extent as there are few people around who can show us the best route.

The Gateway wishes to assure both students' union by-election returning officer Frank MacInnis and the engineering faculty that there is no plot to purposely foul them up in our election notices.

To wit, most of the notices have failed to mention that one additional representative will be elected to students' council from the faculty Oct. 10.

So here's hoping we are in time to inspire some candidates to rush in their nomination papers by 5 p.m. today.

A word on our competitor

Competition for The Gateway has appeared in the form of a monthly paper, the Staff Rep, published by the University of Alberta Non-Academic Staff Association.

The editorial staff of the Rep consists of John Styles, Editor; Judy Carefoot, Copy Editor; and Peter Emery, in charge of photography and layout.

Those interested in joining the staff are welcome.

The purpose of the paper is to provide communication between

association members and the administration, to attract new members, and to inform members of their rights and legal positions.

Copies of the paper will be circulated on an experimental basis to all 2,600 non-academic university employees each month. The editors hope this will interest isolated groups in the association.

The Association, originally Branch 22 of the Civil Service Association of Alberta, became an autonomous organization last June.