

## Biltek unveils this year's council reorganization plans

Students' Council passed in principle a document that will centralize further power in the hands of the executive, but that will partly eliminate the slate system.

The document, prepared by a committee on council reorganization chaired by Academic Vice-President Dave Biltek, proposes to reduce the executive of council to five members, increase the scope of terms of reference of the executive with a corresponding decrease in the scope of power of council, and increase the autonomy of boards working under council.

Another change originally proposed by the document but amended by council, was a recommendation to replace the present council reps with the presidents of the undergrad faculty associations. Among the first to object to this was engineering rep Howard Christensen. "You're throwing too much of a work load on a guy." Presidents would either fail or take half their normal course loads, he said. Med rep, Dave Shragge, said that the med president would not be able to attend as many as 50 per cent of council meetings. He recommended that faculties have elected reps whom their association presidents could overrule in council voting.

Law rep, Gerry Riskin, said that the vice president of the law club is automatically law rep to council, and has virtually no other duties as vice-president. Christensen revealed that he also serves on the board of advisors of the Engineering Students' Society. It was found that only three or four faculties have council reps who do not in some way work within their respective undergrad societies.

A motion by Gerry Riskin to maintain the status quo on the election of council reps was passed.

The division of powers of the executive and of council was the subject of another amendment. The document more clearly defined the powers of council and of the executive, and then gave all residual power to the executive. Previously, there was no clear constitutional division of power between these two bodies. The executive could declare anything an executive matter, subject to veto by a simple majority of council.

Members of the present executive defended the new

system. Referring to the powers given specifically to the council, Biltek said, "These are the powers a council should have -- that a legislative body should have." He said that what was left to the executive was "detail matters".

Treasurer, Frans Slatter, said that under the present system, "every little picky detail has to come into this room."

It was pointed out that the report left council with sole power to amend the constitution, allowing them to remove anything from executive control if they wanted. However, this would require two-thirds passage at three meetings, and as there was talk of having only monthly council meetings next year, this could have required a three month wait to reverse an executive decision council did not like.

Council passed a motion by Gerry Riskin to allow council to define jurisdiction of a matter by a two-thirds majority. This means that if this document is passed, it will require a two-thirds majority to take a matter out of executive hands where a simple majority sufficed previously.

Reorganization of the executive itself was another matter covered by the document. The proposal will eliminate the positions of external vice president and secretary and to create the position of executive vice president -- a sort of assistant president.

The reason cited for the elimination of the post of external v. p. was that it had become redundant. Elimination of the position of secretary has been suggested often before; usually on the grounds that giving bureaucratic work to paid staff has removed the original reason for having a Students' Union secretary.

The positions in the revised executive would be: president, executive v. p., v. p. (academic), v. p. (services) -- roughly equivalent to the co-ordinator under the present structure -- and the v. p. (administrative) -- roughly equivalent to the treasurer under the present structure.

The president and executive v. p. would be required to run on a slate, but the other three vice-presidents would be elected singly.

The document originally recommended that the president

and executive v. p. be the only executive to have voting seats on council, but an amendment gives a vote to each of the other three as well.

The document also proposes to give greater autonomy to

boards serving under council. Under the "terms of reference" of council, "The Council has the authority to veto any decision of any Boards or Committees of the Students' Union by a two-thirds majority."

Previously where boards had had the power to act at all without a motion from council, their policies have been subject to veto by a simple majority of council.

By BOB BLAIR



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## CKSR goes cable

by RICK GRANT

CKSR, U of A student radio station, which has been heard only in the university area, is moving into the cable radio system and will eventually be heard by half the city.

Through an arrangement with Capitol Cable, operating in Sherwood Park and West Edmonton, CKSR will provide the FM programming and Capitol Cable will pipe the signal by cable to subscribers. Since Capitol Cable will eventually be broadcasting to approximately half the city, this means that the U of A radio station will have a considerable audience.

The expansion of CKSR into a cable is causing problems for the student radio. The first, and major problem, is equipment. Dick McLeish, the director of CKSR, says "it means putting an awful lot of work into our equipment to bring it up to specs." Another problem CKSR has, is the question of getting the various companies that have copyright to records to allow CKSR to broadcast without having to pay royalties. The copyright to the music CKSR plays is held by BMI and ASCAP. For CKSR to be able to afford to go cable they must arrange with these companies to

waive the royalty fees.

McLeish says that he expects the radio station to begin broadcasting by cable sometime in the middle of CKSR to summer, that is if the board of broadcast governors grant Capitol Cable and FM licence for CKSR to use and if the copyright problems can be solved.

In order to broadcast by cable, CKSR has to feed the cable company in Sherwood Park through a telephone line. The rental on the line costs about eighty dollars a month. Although the CKSR budget cannot be increased by students' council, McLeish has arranged for the necessary funds to be provided by taking them from another part of the radio station's budget.

McLeish approached the Students' Union treasurer, Frans Slatter, with regard to increasing the station's budget next year to allow the station to operate in a more flexible manner. But apparently there is little chance of increasing the budget because of the Union's plans.

Future plans for the radio station call for expansion into FM stereo broadcasting in the Edmonton area. To do this the

station would require sixty to seventy thousand from the Students' Union for equipment and reorganization. According to Frans Slatter there is absolutely no chance of council providing the necessary funds, even though the direct benefits to the university are considerable, not only from the viewpoint of publicizing the university but providing a voice for student organisations and giving the university student who lives off campus a radio station that is attuned to his needs.

Dick McLeish said to Slatter that "any person who has a reasonable amount of intelligence can see the advantages of it." The cryptic remark that came back was that "we don't want another Gateway on the air, you know."

CKSR broadcasts at 1580 on the radio dial to the university residences and is heard throughout the day in the Students' Union Building. The staff of CKSR is provided by students in their spare time and is entirely voluntary.

The Station is noncommercial and will remain that way in the future according to McLeish because the board of broadcast

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### Bangla Desh

Tariq Ali, Pakistani, author, and revolutionary, will speak in the SUB theatre lobby Thursday at 12:30. Ali, author of *Pakistan: Military Rule or People's Power*, is described by

his publishers as "one of the most dynamic and controversial figures to emerge from the international revolutionary movement." He will also speak at 8 p.m. in TLB-2.