Council Faces Major Overhaul

by Margaret Diggs

The student body will vote on the new constitution immediately following vacation after an assembly at which the new constitution will be explained to the student body.

The new constitution was written by a committee consisting of Stu Welch, Ellie Schmidt, Aaron Kuperman, Gail Goodman, Jackie Itzkow, David Aronson, Jay Bindell and Jon Soffer. The committee met before school for over two weeks to prepare the document.

Highlights of the new basis for student government include the reorganization of the current system. Instead of the current council in which the president presides, a two-branch system will be introduced. A sort of "de facto" two-branch system exists in that the officers do all the administrative work of the council.

Under the new system, the president will be able to issue executive orders, appoint executive assistants to help him administer student affairs, and act on most matters without the consent of the council.

The council will be renamed the Legislature. Its primary job will be to represent student opinion and check the executive branch. The vice-president will preside over the legislature, while the president is a member of the legislature.

The secretary's duties are being split among several officers. Some of the duties, such as the career day series, will be handled by an executive officer. The job of taking minutes will be combined with a job of helping students with grievances in the legislative clerk's job. In addition, the president will have an executive secretary to assist him in official correspondence.

One new office is that of the controller. The controller is needed, since last year and this year the C&W and B&I wasted between $50 and $100.

When regulation of NHS selection was proposed, the convention except for Aaron Kuperman, was opposed to the inclusion of the proposal. After a copy of the NHS national charter was found to have contradicted many statements made by NHS officers and advisor a compromise proposal was agreed upon.

A Bill of Rights guaranteeing freedom of expression and fighting unfair practices in picking editors and NHS members is included. The legal validity of the amendments to the constitution is negligible, but the moral statement for freedom of expression modeled after the State and Federal laws will be great.

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Student Council cancelled the computer dance. In its place two dances, one for junior high and one for senior high, were chosen. The first, a "May Day" dance, was scheduled for May 1st. Both dances will have bands but details haven't been decided yet.

Preparation for a career series is continuing under secretary Ellie Schmidt.

COUNCIL STILL BUSY

Joe Hanley has retired as treasurer of the Student Council. He is a member of several teams and a Regents Scholarship winner. Junior David Morse was elected to replace him.

The senior class will sponsor a card party on April 25. Kathy Siebert will be chairman of the event. Proceeds will go to the senior class. The event is a traditional fund raising event for seniors.

The Alumni Ball is scheduled for April 26. Juniors, seniors, and recent alumni are invited. Usually the event is in December during Christmas vacation so most alumni can come, but this year it was postponed.
New Constitution Modern

Student government's new constitution is a big step forward in efficient student government. It provides for a more powerful and representative student government. It gives students the official voice we need in community affairs. It helps protect students who wish to say what they think.

The executive concept will allow for the trivial day-to-day business that now is dragged before Student Council to be disposed of by the president. The legislature is transformed into a body capable of making our views known. It will no longer be half executive, committee, half legislature, and completely useless.

Though the new Bill of Rights protects students only from abuses by student government, it extends moral protection against any future abuses by faculty or administration if they ever occur.

Hopefully the new modernized Student Government will work to provide better community relations. It will be clear to any future reporters covering Milne students.

The new channels of complaint will create enough ways for students to fight the more than occasional errors of the Milne bureaucracy. Even if one way breaks down, there will be another way. It was time to close.

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Their deaths whose dignity resounds forever, I look at all and the gaze must hold. For each was a life, and a hope, and a dream, Never will it be again.

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