Adoption of constitution will increase senate's power

People who oppose the adoption of the new Student Constitution say that it will give the Student Senate outside of the "system." They say the constitution defies the Senate independent from the University, because the procedure of adoption of the constitution does not mention the administration. They warn that the Senate will have its power if the administration does not recognize it.

These interpretations meet a great deal into the constitution. What it does set up a democratic government which will have provisions for the non-academic body of students. There is no declaration of independence as such. There is not any position of uniting the Senate outside the "system." As a matter of fact, the constitution actually protects the "system" by saying, "The Senate must conduct of a student body without the university in order to enforce the Senate's will or expunge or withhold the expressed will of others, is doubly their property."

If there is widespread student support of the constitution in Wednesday's election, its adoption will serve to increase the senate's power instead of decrease it. Currently, the senate is seeking more than a good press group which makes recommendations to the administration, but because the administration feels that the senators does not represent the majority of the students, it, in fact, has little power. Its recommendations are usually held.

Under the new constitution, a proposed act is presented to the Senate. If it is presented to the Senate, the Senate may debate the act, and then vote on it. The Senate will have the power to make recommendations to the administration, but its recommendations are upheld if the administration so desires.

"I think we're a little naive," said one student. "I don't think we want a separate government."

"Even if we were to separate the Senate from the university, we'd have problems with surrounding communities."

"I think the Senate is a good thing."

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