

Students want to choose president, too

By BOB ROTH

A move is underway to have the student body participate in the selection of York's new president.

Student senator John Bosley and York Student Federation president Paul Koster have expressed a desire to have the presidential search committee report to students so they can express their preference for president.

At a meeting two weeks ago the university senate voted to have the search committee, comprised of three students, four faculty and three members of the board of governors, "prepare a preliminary 'short list' of candidates for presentation to the board and to senate."

"If senate wishes to indicate a preference amongst candidates, this will be done by means of a secret preferential ballot," the motion said.

The motion can still be overruled by the board of governors, Bosley said Tuesday he would

like to see each college council plus the Council of the York Student Federation set up a method by which the student body could also make its preferences known.

Koster, a member of the search committee, said a mass meeting of students could possibly be held and a vote taken. He intends to bring the matter up at the next council meeting.

The search committee was established last term through a joint effort of the board and senate. When students demanded representation it was granted.

Koster is representing the CYSF, David Coombs whose name was picked out of a hat is representing the colleges, and Mike Woolnough is representing business administration and graduate students.

Coombs president of McLaughlin college council is not anxious to have students discuss who they want for president. In fact he says he is not pleased that

it may be discussed at an open meeting of senate.

He said, however he is "not completely closed to the idea" and "might be willing to change."

Vanier college council president Rod Macdonald said, "I'm for bringing it back to everyone in the university community," but added that he did not feel a full-scale election was needed.

He said the board's choice for president should be brought to the

university community for "ratification" where people could "voice their approval or disapproval."

If people were unhappy with the board's choice, the board should pick someone else, he said.

Winters college council president Marshall Green said allowing students to vote on their preference for president is "a great idea. Maybe it will wake up some of the students."

Some people in the senate have expressed fears that public debate over candidates would be too embarrassing for the presidential nominees. For this reason they prefer that decisions regarding the selection of a new president be made at closed meetings.

Their opponents argue that potential presidents must learn to accept criticism and public pressure.



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into the Non-Medical
use of Drugs**

10 a.m. October 16, 17 and 18, 1969

**St. Lawrence Hall
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- (c) the social, economic, educational and philosophical aspects of the phenomenon — particularly how widely these drugs and substances are used, social causes, age groups and communication difficulties.

The Commission will recommend measures that the Federal Government — alone or with other governments — can employ to attack problems raised by the non-medical use of these drugs and substances.

The subject of the inquiry is a complex one. The Commission therefore invites the opinions of any individual or group that will broaden understanding of all aspects of the subject.

The public is encouraged to attend these hearings and offer their views.

Those who have submitted briefs to the Commission will have opportunities to review them verbally during the hearings.

The Commission has the authority to hear testimony in private and anonymously. These arrangements should be made with Mr. James J. Moore, Executive Secretary of the Commission, during the public hearings.

**The Commission will hold an
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Poli-sci students change members' roles; student committee people won't vote

The political science students' union voted Monday to reduce the role of student members on departmental committees to observer status.

At a general meeting students decided that token membership gave students no real power and they decided to devote their ef-

forts to building a mass base for the union.

Paul Axelrod, a union member and councillor for the York Student Federation, told the group, "We have to realize we're students . . . and have different interests than faculty."

The union should not become "assimilated" into faculty structures and lose "student-based support," he warned.

The members elected a four man interim executive who intend to call another general meeting soon.

Mike Blumenthal, a new executive member, emphasized the union's getting involved in solving the problems of students who are dissatisfied with the content of some of their courses.

Commenting on the fact that students are not becoming involved enough with the political science union, he said, "If we do something then other kids will come."

Another member said the union must make students aware of "an alternative content. If we get together we can make changes," he said.

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