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Five student senators promised for York

President Murray G. Ross confirmed Wednesday that five York students will be appointed to the university senate.

The senate accepted the principle of student membership last June and decided last week to limit the number to five representatives.

The senate is the supreme academic decision-making body at the university.

President Ross said the students would probably take office for the 1968-9 session.

York now joins the ranks of at least eight other Canadian universities where the principle of student senators has been accepted and six universities where student senators are currently holding office.

Three of the four student senators at the University of British Columbia have recently indicated they wish to resign their newly won posts. They said student wishes were being ignored by their senate. (see story, p. 2)

President Ross said he felt the five York students would have an effective influence on the 84-member senate. W.D. Farr, assistant secretary of the senate, told Excalibur, membership will increase to 104 next year.

The UBC student senators also complained about the closed nature of senate meetings.

President Ross said the York senate is now open to all faculty members. He said the future student senators at York should be free to report back to the student body as long as they respected the occasional confidential matter.

Glen Williams, Glendon council member, said the senate was only making a token effort to meet student demands.

He said five students on a senate of 104 would give the students no real voice in academic decisions. 'In any case,' he added, 'the real work of the senate is done in committees.'



See what you see when you go out at night? It snowed . . . - by Dave Cooper

Snow carnival flaked out, says planner

A leading organizer of the York Winter Carnival has termed the week-long program 'an unfortunate flop.'

Bill Webster (F II), Founders College Social Committee member who has been responsible for organizing most of the carnival, blamed lack of cooperation by Winters and Vanier Colleges for part of the failure.

He said Vanier members of the carnival committee had not contributed enough organizing assistance and advertising to ensure strong interest by the college members.

Webster termed the Friday night dance a qualified success, since it realized almost \$750 dollars profit, a large proportion of high school students had to be admitted, to ensure this success. He said there would be no further dances open to the high school crowd.

The profit from the Friday night dance was used to equalize the debt incurred by the Saturday folk concert with the Travellers.

The chug contest scheduled for Tuesday night was cancelled after the university refused to sanction the contest as part of the carnival. An impromptu contest held in secret produced an unannounced winner.

Webster said the planned athletic night, a sleigh ride, movies, and skidoo races had all been cancelled or simply never finalized due to lack of organization and support by members of the college social committees.

Although the carnival was supposed to have been a considerable improvement over the unsuccessful one last year, Webster said this year's carnival was no better.

with no YSC, where will CUS send the bill?

York students are still members of the Canadian Union of Students, said CUS president Hugh Armstrong in a telegram sent Saturday to John Adams (V II).

Since last fall, Adams has been chairing a series of general-council meetings, aimed at creating a university-wide government at York.

Adams read the telegram at Wednesday's general-council meeting.

It said York students are entitled to all the services and benefits CUS membership provides.

CUS acts as a political rallying point for Canadian university students and lobbies on their behalf against various government and

commercial agencies.

Questions regarding York's status in CUS arose after Ken Johnston, former SRC president, wrote to Armstrong, saying the prospects of establishing a university-wide government at York were dim this year.

Johnston recommended that since CUS would not be

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Pick up your loan cheques, or they'll think you're rich

by Valerie Grant

Are you rich? Not likely. But if you don't pick up your student grant soon, the government might think you are.

The POSAP student award cheques have been available at the Accounts Office in the Library since January 11.

D. Carson, Director of Student Awards, said most of the cheques are in and the remainder will be arriving daily within the next few weeks.

He urged students to pick up

their cheques as soon as possible.

The Ontario government has made over \$6 million in grants available to more than 38,000 Ontario students. There are 1600 York students receiving the POSAP awards.

Carson said there is no real limit to the amount of money issued through the POSAP program this year.

He pointed out that the government has promised no one shall lack an education because of financial need.

He added, 'Once a government has made a philosophical statement of that type, it must live up to it.'

However, Carson foresaw the possibility of a reappraisal of POSAP for next year.

Carson said few applications for POSAP awards have been rejected.

Any unfairness in the program is the fault of students who exaggerate their need, and not the program's administrators, he continued.

The original assessment for the POSAP award is made at the university. The Department of University Affairs must then approve this assessment.

The loan portion of the award is issued in the first term and the grant portion in the second term.

In extreme cases of need some of the grant may be issued in the first term, Carson said.

The award is 60 percent loan and 40 percent grant. There is a \$600 ceiling on the loan portion of the award.