

Every student will have a vote

CYSF to hold democratic mass meetings

By ROSS HOWARD

The Council of the York Student Federation is going to try out the idea of democracy — the real thing — at least on a once-a-month basis.

The university-wide council made the big move almost unnoticed Tuesday night when they approved the idea of mass meetings — every student has a vote — once each month.

Andy Stoddart, of Winters Col-

lege, made a motion for the mass democracy idea "because we've got to stimulate student interest and make the council more relevant to the students." Stoddart, who brought up his motion at the end of the four-hour meeting, said, "we've got to start going back to the students, and get out of the council room."

The mass democracy idea means that any time over 700 people show up at a mass meeting they can vote anything they want into policy from impeachment of the president to a university-wide strike. The present council constitution requires that at least 10 percent of the student body attend a general meeting for it to be binding, and 10 percent right now means about 700 students.

Only full-time day students who belong to a council which is a full constituent member of CYSF are eligible to vote. Atkinson, Osgoode and graduate students do not be-

long to such a council.

Any resolutions at a mass meeting of less than 10 percent will not be binding before it has been ratified by a regular CYSF meeting.

Council president Paul Koster and some other councillors objected to the mass democracy idea on the grounds of too much inconvenience to handle such large meetings.

Another councillor pointed out: "It may be unwieldy, but isn't it worth it to get some involvement and even a little democracy?"

The council decided to study and consider the necessary constitutional amendments necessary to change the 10 percent and non-

Atkinson restrictions.

In other business budget commissioner Bill Brennan announced "We don't have any money. In fact we have a pretty healthy overdraft."

The CYSF is facing mounting bills and requests for funds while it waits for the administration to turn over the fees collected for the CYSF at registration.

Brennan warned that clubs and societies appealing for funds will receive little more or possibly less than they did last year, when budget problems forced CYSF to drastically cut back on club support.

"We'll just have to cut every-

thing. There is a precedent — we did it last year," Brennan said.

The council agreed to back the projected Homecoming Festival for any losses above the first \$1,000, which has been covered by a similar promise from the Green Bush Inn.

Brennan assured the council there was very little chance of Festival losing even as much as \$1,000.

A request for financial support for Glendon's Year of the Barricade was put off until the budget meeting next week.

Tuesday's meeting was the first successful attempt in three tries to get enough members to attend to form a required quorum.

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York might get research center to study the pollution problem

By MIKE SAVAGE

Most people living in Toronto are aware of the "pollution problem".

You know the problem exists because you read about it in newspapers and magazines.

You need only go downtown during the week to see the deathly pall hanging over the city, or see and smell the filth of the Don River or Toronto harbor. You can hear the noise polluting your mind as you wander through the Yonge Street "strip".

If you're unfortunate enough to be wearing a clean white shirt on a summer's night, take a look at the accumulated garbage it picked up while you were busy trying to navigate your way through the mass of people on the sidewalks.

Now, York is thinking of starting a pollution research center. The idea was proposed at a senate meeting last week.

"The need for establishment of a university center in Canada dealing with multi-disciplinary problems

of environmental pollution is already acute," the proposal read. There is no such center in Canada now.

The proposed center would concentrate on air, soil, noise and water pollution.

Population growth would also be studied because, "it is sufficient to note that more people means more pollution, even if they were only to maintain their standard of living at the present level."

The content of a number of courses already offered relates to aspects of the multi-disciplinary problems to be examined in the center. Disciplines represented in the center will be: biology, chemistry, physics, natural science, psychology, mathematics and geography.

Officials of the air pollution services of the Ontario department of health, the department of transport and the water resources commission have already shown interest in the prospects of the proposed center.

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