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Student On Board Committee.

A Break with Tradition At WLU

Waterloo Lutheran University, acting upon a Student Council request, will appoint a student to a special committee named to select a replacement for Dr. William J. Villaume, who resigned as president in June.

The student named will be the first ever appointed to participate in the business of a board committee of the university,

Dr. Henry Endress, acting president, said the decision to appoint a student representative was made by the executive committee of the board of governors, which realized that the action is a break with the past.

He added that the decision was taken on its merits and reflects the university's recognition of the special interest and concern of the students and faculty in the selection of a president.

However, a second student request, for membership on a committee dealing with development of a plan for proceeding with the report of a firm of consultants, was delayed for action at the Oct. 26 board meeting. The plan was produced after a five-month study of the campus by the firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton.

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Dr. Endress said referral of the second request was made by the executive because the manner of proceeding with implementation of the report has not yet been decided upon. Any appointments now would be premature.

In its request for representation on both committees, James Griffiths, student council president, wrote, "These resolutions are not merely the splintered rumblings of student radicals within the campus, but represent the sincere desire of the Students Council and the student body to take an active and responsible part in the decisions affecting the type of education, the mode of university government and the future physical plant envisioned by WLU." Dr. Endress said the executive felt the letter was responsible and rational, and its requests should be considered in relation to their merits, despite past practices.

"We are now in a new era," said Dr. Endress.