



**LANDING STRIP OF THE GODS?** Although thought by the average ground-dwelling student to be a practical maze of roads and parking lots, this aerial photo proves once and for all that York's Downsview Campus provides a landing facility for extraterrestrial spacecraft who are searching the galaxy for a good game of pinball.

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## CYSF 'housekeeping' gives CRO new power

By GARY SYMONS

The Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) voted yesterday to approve an amendment to the constitution granting greater authority to Chief Returning Officer (CRO) James Crossland in the upcoming CYSF elections.

The amendment, Article XXIII of Bylaw 2, gives the By-law Revision Committee, appointed by CYSF immediately after the last election in March, "the power to make regulations from time to time concerning the running of student elections," in accordance with guidelines set down in Bylaw 2.

Section 1.1 of the amendment, however, stipulates that Article XXIII will be repealed as of April 31, 1985. CYSF President Chris Summerhayes said the amendment would be used on "a trial basis for this election only."

CRO James Crossland, a member of the Bylaw Revision Committee that also includes Council Secretary Paula Todd and Speaker Marshall Golden, said, "Our purpose is to review the bylaw, and possibly to make additions or subtractions."

Crossland and Todd said problems with Bylaw 2 have surfaced in previous elections, and they have been appointed to smooth out these problems by examining the way the current regulations work, or don't work, during this year's election. Article XXIII, they said, is a temporary measure designed to facilitate solutions to any difficulties that arise this year. "Housekeeping is really what it is," Todd said.

Crossland said one example of the problems that could arise under the present bylaw would be last year's controversy over Radio York's referendum.

The referendum, intended to gauge support for a \$1.00 per student levy for the station, was disallowed by Crossland because he had not been informed of the radio station's intentions before the deadline as stipulated in the bylaw.

"This year," Crossland said, "we will name an individual who is responsible for informing me. Last year my hands were tied, (but) this amendment will give me some flexibility to deal with these problems."

The committee members said they don't yet know precisely what changes need to be made in the bylaw, but Todd said, "we will be looking through the bylaw. We want to make it an understandable document that's workable and fair."

Todd said the temporary amendment "will also give us the opportunity to try these things out and see how they work in an actual election."

## GI Joe gearing up to show off US strength, charges Valle-Garay

By ALEX PATTERSON

The issue of social justice in Nicaragua and the Philippines was the focus of the York NDP-organized Conference on Third World Democracy held last Thursday in the Curtis lecture halls.

Nicaraguan Consul General Pastor Valle-Garay discussed the possibility of an invasion of Nicaragua by the United States.

Valle-Garay said the Nicaraguan government recently took its complaints of American aggression (specifically the bombing of their airport and the mining of Managua's harbor) to the International Court in the Hague. Fifteen of the 16 judges supported Nicaragua and condemned the US. The only dissenting vote was cast by an American, Valle-Garay said.

Valle-Garay said that, having been unsuccessful through political channels and through covert aggression, US President Ronald Reagan may resort to open warfare. During Reagan's presidency, eight military airports have been built and joint military manoeuvres held, in neighboring Honduras, he said, which leaves the Sandinistas wondering "what next?"

With trenchant wit, Valle-Garay said that everything from the strutting vulgarity of their Olympic Games to the reappearance of the GI Joe war toy this past Christmas indicates that

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## U.S. agency offering Florida trip leaves students unprotected

By LYNNE FORD

A reading week in Florida trip for students sponsored by Illinois-based Campus Marketing Inc. will be taking place despite the fact that the agency is not registered with the provincial government.

Provincial legislation does not require travel agencies to be registered in order to operate in Ontario, but most are. Registration involves, among other things, contributing to a compensation fund designed to protect consumers in case of trip cancellations.

Purchasers of tickets for the Florida trip will be required to sign a waiver acknowledging that they will not be able to lay claim on the compensation fund if there is a cancellation.

When contacted in Chicago, Bradley Nelson, Vice President of Campus Marketing Inc., said there is very little risk involved because all of the expenses are prepaid by the agency. Nelson said the agency "has nothing to hide" and that he was not aware of the provincial regulations, and that his attorney "is looking into the matter."

Due to bad publicity, sales have been affected quite a bit," Nelson said. He thinks students should be offered low-cost vacations and said he keeps the price low with the "off-

season bookings, high volume and low overhead."

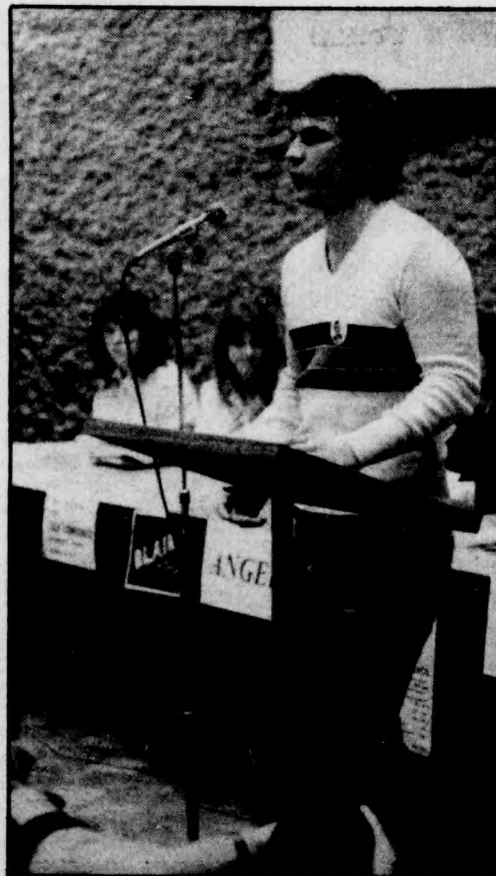
When asked if he would register with the Ontario government Nelson said that it was too late for this year's trips but "next year I'll be up there and be legal or not be there at all," adding that the regulations imposed by the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations are "a tough act to follow."

York University representative for Campus Marketing Michael Strapko said sales were good and that four busloads of students will be going to Ft. Lauderdale and two to Dayton.

York Provost Tom Meininger said "there are a couple of things about it I don't like." Meininger stressed that "travel agencies wanting to go on campus should conform to Ontario law. If the thing falls through the students will lose out."

Personally, Meininger did not like the emphasis on partying, which is mentioned four times in the advertisement, because of the implied heavy consumption of alcohol by students. The ad says free refreshments will be available on the bus on the way to Florida.

The advertisement has run in *Excalibur* for two weeks and is contracted to run for two more said Advertising Manager Merle Menzies.



Ex-CYSF presidential candidate Michael Strapko represents Campus Marketing.

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