

Barren campus needs "infill"

Besides his desire to establish a new source of funding for York, Lapp has been behind the physical development idea because of his concern for York's "inhuman" physical environment.

"The place is a rather difficult campus to walk around in a heavy windstorm in the middle of winter," Lapp said. "I felt for some time that a very high item on our agenda should be doing something about this environment on campus. And then when Harry (Arthurs) came into the Presidency he also had this on his agenda."

Since Lapp considers the campus to be barren and inhospitable he recommends that further physical development "infill" the campus core with new buildings.

History of Land Use Planning at York University

- 1962-York granted 474 acres of farmland at Keele Street site by the government.
- 1963-York's Master Plan created—has guided the physical development of the Keele Street campus ever since. Created to accommodate 15,000 students.
- late '60s-York purchases an additional 100 acres at the southern edge of the campus.
- 1969-Master Plan revised to accommodate 25,000 students.
- 1972-Moratorium imposed by government on further construction. York's Master Plan left half complete.
- 1981-82-First major initiative taken to develop York property undertaken by Sentinel Housing Cooperative Inc. Co-op housing project planned for south of grad residences turned down by Board.
- 1982-York University Lands Study done. Investigated the marketability of York lands.
- 1983-Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Governors formed to link academic, financial and physical planning.
- 1984-Farquarson extension approved, jointly funded by government and York Fund.
- 1985-Lapp's Physical Planning study completed.

Although Lapp considers the Master Plan "obsolete," he doesn't see its two fundamental principles—that York should be a pedestrian campus and that the academic and residential facilities of the campus should be kept together—as being in conflict with his new planning principles.

In general, however, Lapp saw the Master Plan as not "flexible" enough to adapt to land marketing. The Master Plan won't work for York's land marketing, Lapp said, "because we can't pre-ordain what buildings are going to be put up where, for the simple reason that we're looking now for non-university users, and under those circumstances, you know, one guy may want a round building, another want a square one or something—you have to be flexible."

Lapp's "flexible" planning principles are carefully designed to protect and advance the interests of the major "stakeholders" in the university—the students, faculty and administration.

"Land use should be driven by academic interests and planning, not the reverse," his report reads.

Summary of Planning Principles

1. All land-use development should serve University purposes.
2. While grants and contributions for physical facilities should always be pursued vigorously, future physical development of the York campus shall be principally self-financing.
3. Non-University land and facility use must be acceptable to the administration and Board of Governors, and consistent with the mediated interests of the academic stakeholders (teaching staff and students).
4. Emphasis and priority will be placed on infilling the present campus building complex.
5. Building design and property use should be such that interference with campus activities is minimized.
6. While maintaining the principles behind the original Master Plan, plans for the future physical development of the University shall be adaptable to changing opportunities, taking into account present academic planning.
7. Lands and facilities should be made available on terms that contemplate possible re-acquisition by the University to serve its future development.

other campuses

Army barred from campus

By ADAM BRYANT

The City of Philadelphia recently issued an order barring the military from recruiting at a local university because the armed services reject homosexuals. In response to the order last week, the US Justice Department issued a lawsuit against the City.

The Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations issued the city-wide order a month ago when it found out the Temple University Law School had committed what it called an unlawful employment practice by aiding the military in choosing only heterosexuals.

The lawsuit, however, said the Department of Defense had determined that homosexuality "is incompatible with the military" and Congress had authorized the military to set limits on those recruited.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Richard Willard said the suit asked a federal district court to stop enforcement of the commission's order because the government believed it conflicted with federal law and violated the Constitution.

Failure to overturn the order barring the military interviews would hamper recruiting of students at the city's 20 colleges and universities. It would also discourage local corporations and groups from cooperating with the recruitment efforts of the army, navy and marines, the lawsuit said.

—Reuters

When one of the emergency phones is picked up, it immediately lights up a switchboard panel, and the receptionist is supposed to tell security which phone the caller is using.

But the security office has apparently not yet figured out which number corresponds to which locatin. Don Duggan, campus security



supervisor, said, "Don't ask me where phone number three is right now. I'd have to look at my map."

Another member of Mt. Saint Vince security, who refused to give his name, said it would be too confusing to memorize all five numbers and their corresponding locations. "If we were getting a dozen calls on them a week, it might be worthwhile," he said.

The phones have yet to be used by someone in distress.

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Phone system a distress

If you're ever in distress at Mt. Saint Vincent University in Halifax don't bother using their new hi-tech emergency telephone system.

There are five phones, strategically located around campus, which are designed to provide immediate three-way communication between the caller, a university receptionist and Halifax police. But there are complications.

Measle-y turnout at game

When the Boston University hockey team recently hosted the team from Lowell University, their cheering section was at an all-time low. It was, in fact, non-existent.

Due to an epidemic of measles that broke out on the Boston University campus, all students, parents and spectators were forbidden from attending sporting events at the college to prevent spread of the disease.

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