

1,200 on waiting list

New grad. residence could be ready by '76

By OAKLAND ROSS

York president H. Ian Macdonald has not yet responded officially to a recommendation that the university build a fifth graduate residence west of Murray Ross Drive on the south side of the campus.

The recommendation was presented to Macdonald two weeks ago by York's physical resources committee. It will be discussed at the next meeting of the president's council, December 18.

BASIC NEEDS

"I'll have some questions to ask," Macdonald told Excalibur on Tuesday. "I'll want to know if there is a basic need for the building, the implications for existing residences, how it will be financed — there are a lot of practical questions."

D.A. Nesbitt of York housing services said last week that approximately 1,200 graduate students have applied for admission to graduate residence next September. Although as many as one-third of these students may withdraw their applications before September, even if the new residence were built, there would still not be sufficient accommodation.

Macdonald was uncertain how the residence would be financed if the university decided to go ahead with it.

ADDITIONAL CAPITAL

"We'll have to test the water with the government on that," he said. "They might allow it as an additional capital expenditure or they might say that the money would have to be pulled from other projects."

Macdonald could not say what projects would most likely be affected if the provincial government disallowed the building as an additional expenditure.

According to Macdonald, universities which emphasize graduate studies are in a relatively favourable position in terms of government funding. However, he would neither confirm nor deny that the contemplated fifth graduate residence is an indication that York will increase its emphasis on graduate programmes.

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FAVOURABLE POSITION

"That is something which the newly-formed commission on the goals and objectives of York will have to decide," he said. "I don't want to get ahead of myself and say that we should build the residence simply because it may put us in a more favourable funding position."

Macdonald said that it was possible, though unlikely, that if the university decides to go ahead with construction of the new graduate residence, it could be ready for the 1976-77 academic year.


"In any case," he said, "we'll have to consider the proposal very carefully. There is not much building going on these days, and you certainly don't want to make a mistake in what you do build."



York student leaves Central Square on way to graduate residences (background). York may soon build a fifth residence.

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Clubs in search of a room

By DAVE FULLER

CYSF president Dale Ritch, representatives of York's ethnic clubs, and an Excalibur representative met with members of the Third World Students' Union, last Wednesday, in an attempt to find a meeting room for the club.

The TWSU has been looking for a meeting place in the Central Square location ever since they moved out of Bethune's room 319, a room they had shared with the Italian club.

PIZZA PIT

The discussion centered on the desirability of obtaining more space for ethnic organizations on campus. Presently, most ethnic groups are nestled in the "Pizza Pit" or in the colleges.

The meeting determined that current space arrangements were not suitable for the needs of the clubs, and in view of the fact that clubs represent a considerable number of students at York, additional space should be allotted for the groups.

Although the meeting made no specific decisions on the course of action the groups would take, the representatives agreed to try and persuade club members to join in a unified front in an attempt to secure additional space from the York administration.