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## ISU supporters, opponents clash

by Maggie Borch, Stella Li and Excalibur Staff

Ontario's students will lose if York lands the International Space University bid, opponents heard last week as supporters of the university waved flags and banners nearby.

"If ISU comes to this campus we may as well start flying the American flag," Ken Craft, Ontario Federation of Students chair said at Thursday's rally in front of Vari Hall.

"We will become a private system just as the Americans have."

Speakers from national groups and community members also said they are outraged at the money spent on the York-based bid and fear the project's ties to United States military contractors.

The Institute for Space and Terrestrial Science at York's Downsview campus is now competing against sites in Japan and France for a permanent space university campus. York's senate may decide to approve the bid this fall.



Photo by Rose-Ann Bailey

Space University supporters look on as protesters rally against the bid. Science dean Kim Innanen and Institute for Space and Terrestrial Science consultant Peter Mueller were among supporters at the rally.

Since ISU is a private institution which would be affiliated to York, part of Ontario's university subsidies would be redirected there, Craft said. He argued this means students would likely face tuition hikes, and cuts to campus services as a result.

"At a time when 11,000 more

students apply for Ontario Student Assistance Plan, does the government put more money in to fund it? No, they cut \$10 million and [commit] \$11 million to ISU," said Craft. "We don't want it on York

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## Student Centre boots angry cleaning staff

by Joe Sant'Arcangelo

Student Centre manager Rob Castle says he has no choice but to let the place get a little bit dirtier.

Financial conflict between the student centre and the cleaning staff has resulted in the termination of their contract next month, and Castle said the next cleaning company will have to do the job for less.

The original one year contract, budgeted at \$225,000 seemed low for the Toronto-based Johnston Brothers. "We took the contract because we thought it would lead to bigger and better things," said operations manager, Dave McAllister. "Now I feel like we've been left out to dry."

The student centre corporation has opened bids asking for \$175,000. There is also an added

agreement to strip and wax the flooring three times a year. The student center has talked to eight companies, including Johnston Brothers, about submitting bids.

"There's no way you can clean this building for \$175,000. They'll have to hire a fly-by-night operation and in the long run it affects the building."

Castle gave Johnston Brothers a 30 day notice to vacate by Oct. 15. "There is a level of service that I contracted which I haven't been receiving," said Castle.

Johnston Brothers cut their staff from seven to five this summer for the same \$225,000 as last year, according to Castle.

The food court concessions, who pay 60 per cent of the cleaning bill expressed their outrage by refusing to pay the high maintenance

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