

Expected to be self supporting

Glendon gets squash club

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An exclusive squash club offering yearly memberships over \$275 is nearing completion at York's Glendon campus. Called the Glendon Squash Club it is the York Board of Governors latest money-making venture and has met varied response on campus.

Glendon College Student Union President, Dorothy Watson, said she felt not many students will probably be able to afford the relatively high membership fee. However officials with BOG say although not specifically stated in the budget, students will have access to the club and will be required to pay only half of the regular \$4 guest fee when booking court time.

"I don't like the idea of building the squash courts," said student BOG representative Peter Brickwood, "but I voted for it because it can assist York's finances." He stated that Glendon's location in a high-income area may help to bring in potential dollars.

In an interview with *Excalibur* on Tuesday, Vice-president of University Services, W. Small cited three reasons for the club's construction. Beside generating income, Small said the presence of

an exclusive club will improve York's image in the local area and will fill a need in the York community. He also emphasized that the club would be open to students and would not function as a discriminatory, elitist institution. Students will be allowed access to the club all day and in the evening when scheduling permits.

Preliminary surveys of the BOG had indicated that there would be "a very high interest" in the project and that the planned registration of 300 members should be readily achievable. The main source of income for the club will be its yearly membership fees, \$275 for faculty and staff, \$320 for alumni, and \$350 for "others". These income sources will be supplemented by guest fees and proceeds from the bar and pro shop.

Profits for the first full operating year are expected to exceed \$11,000 and will steadily increase as debts are paid off.

An estimated budget for constructions costs outlined that a loan over \$400,000 will be repaid over a 15-year period.

The facility, an extension of the Proctor Field House, consists of four international-size squash courts, a bar and also a pro shop.



Proctor Field House, sight of the new Glendon Squash Club.

Resolution's wording a concern

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government. "Repatriation was not an issue during the Quebec referendum," he said.

McRoberts traced the discussions during the referendum campaign. "The issues discussed were Quebec's relationship with the rest of Canada and provincial rights."

"Unilateral rights do not constitute renewed federalism. The provinces should have the right to opt into the Charter of Rights."

The question period was dominated by questions about the exact wording of several sections of the resolution. Some students were concerned about how the courts would interpret the word "reasonable". Examples cited were: the right to be tried within a

reasonable time, and the right to reasonable bail.

Kaplan provided an explanation of the judicial discretion involved. MacGuigan stated that judges have discretion and would act according to what is fair and just.

Students leaving Moot Court were impressed with the quality of the questions and answers. The audience and the panelists resisted the urge to play to the CITY and GLOBAL television cameras.

NUS reorganizes, proposes fee hike

Paul Bellini

The National Union of Students is in a period of transition.

Plans are now being made to restructure the organization over the next five years, leading to an eventual merger of NUS, the Association of Student Councils and other groups.

Three weeks ago NUS held its semi-annual plenary meeting in Winnipeg. Barb Taylor of York attended the conference, which included members from NUS, the AOSC, the Ontario Federation of Students, the Federation of Alberta Students, and the British Columbia Student Federation. Representatives from other provinces were also in attendance.

Taylor reports that plans were put forth to form a nucleus organization which would mediate the activities of all these groups.

The nucleus group, as yet unnamed, may take up to five years to solidify as each of the smaller groups must hold a referendum beforehand.

When NUS meets again in May 1981 final plans and a time framework will be decided upon.

In order to meet the demands of the future nucleus group, NUS has proposed a fee hike, raising membership costs from \$1.00 to \$4.00. However, this will not be into effect until the new group is instituted, Taylor said.

In the meantime, NUS has begun a Student Aid Task Force to meet with the problems of student assistance. The task force, formed in February of this year, has met with Federal Finance Minister Francis Fox to urge the federal government to conduct an all-bursary program.

"Loans are a disincentive," said Taylor, "since most students are reluctant to mortgage their future." The all-bursary program would particularly benefit students in a lower income bracket, she said.

This weekend the OFS convenes on the University of Toronto campus to examine the results of the Winnipeg NUS conference.

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