# Students go to court over condo development

#### By GARRY MARR

Glendon College students have gone to court to prevent the construction of a proposed development adjacent to their campus.

The Bayview-Lawrence Environmental Protection Association (BLEPA), a coalition of students and ratepayers, objects to the development, which includes four buildings containing 69 \$1 million condominiums. BLEPA president John Sullivan says his group's main concern is the "visual impact" of the Cheddington development.

"The area has nothing of its kind

for kilometres," said Sullivan. "Ecologically the development is also bad for the area because of the destruction of trees.'

BLEPA has received funding from Glendon students who voted them a \$5 levy for the next three years; total funding from students is roughly \$10,000. Funding has also come from individual donations and from ratepayers and politicians. Sullivan says that if the case goes to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), legal costs could rise to \$30,000.

BLEPA has also commissioned a report from a U of T architectural professor. The report will include a videotape study on the visual impact of development. Last Wednesday BLEPA received an adjournment in the case until the study is complete.

Sullivan says the administration has done nothing to help students in their fight. The university sent its own lawyer to represent BLEPA but Sullivan said that action was "condescending and too late."

"We already had a lawyer," said Sullivan, "and he [York's lawyer] never showed anyway." Sullivan feels university support would have given his group credibility.

Sullivan said he is especially disappointed in the position of the Glendon administration. Dr. Roseann Runte, principal of Glendon, said she is non-committal on the issue.

"I'm concerned about the development," said Runte. She added that she was proud of the concern students are showing for the environment. But Runte said that Glendon adminstration does not have its own public position and supports the main campus position.

Peter Struk, Assistant Vice-

President of York, said the University is neither for nor against the development.

"We want it [the development] to be compatible with the neighbourhood," said Struk.

The university has also agreed to move the entrance at Glendon to accommodate the development's new entrance. The two pillars in front of Glendon will be moved east so that exiting cars will have a clear view of oncoming cars.

## Students to choose health plan

#### By SUSAN VANSTONE

York undergraduates may have a mandatory health insurance plan next September if they provide a majority vote in a referendum to be held in March.

The 12 month Blue Cross health insurance plan would involve an annual student levy of 34.80 - based on \$2.90 per month - and would cover all costs of prescription drugs.

During the March 15 referendum, students will also decide whether the plan will include coverage of oral contraceptives, bringing the insurance costs to \$48 - \$4 per month.

With a majority vote, the levy would automatically be added to student fees of both full and parttime undergraduates.

The CYSF is giving students a choice of availablility of oral contracep-



tives," said President Tammy Hasselfeldt. "We don't have the authority to say, 'take the plan or leave it,' or force the costs. But we have to be realistic about sex in universities, and responsible by including it in the plan," she continued.

If successful, the plan would take

effect September 1, 1989. Subscription identification cards would be issued to all undergraduates, and could be used at any Ontario drug store.

The plan would include supple-

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### **CYSF** elects new Finance VP

#### By DANIEL WOLGELERENTER The CYSF has chosen its new Vice-President of Finance.

Fourth year English and Psychology student Christy Vivian was elected at the CYSF's December 6 meeting, replacing David Gilinsky who unexpectedly resigned at a council meeting on November 15.

Vivian previously served as Mc-Laughlin College's Social Director during the 1986-87 and 1987-88 school years, and served as House President of McLaughlin College residence during the 1985-86 school year.

She was appointed under a provision which allows Council to replace executive members who resign during their terms through elections in council rather than by an optional by-election. She was chosen over two other candidates.

CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt said the job of VP of Finance is "probably 50 to 60 per cent," and that Vivian will continue much of the work that was started by Gilinsky. She will be required to revise Council's \$260,000 budget which Hasselfeldt says is "not going to be a huge budget procedure," and is due to be ready by January 24.

Vivian will also be responsible for a reallocation of leftover funds from Council projects that came in under budget. She will also allocate money to clubs in the second term and prepare a proposal regarding a CYSFrun used bookstore in the new Student Centre.

Vivian said that she was initially "overwhelmed about [her] responsibilities" and said that it is "good that we had the Christmas break to get me initiated.'

"I did a lot of reading to be prepared," she said, adding that she is "looking forward to working hard and seeing that student dollars are optimized."

"I think Christy was an excellent choice," said Hasselfeldt. "She has a good idea of how student government works and of how things work in a council."

New operating grants "bad news": Arthurs

#### By JACOB KATSMAN

York President Harry Arthurs was "bitterly disappointed" with this year's provincial operating grant to universities.

On December 12 Minister of Colleges and Universities Lynn McLeod announced that operating grants to Ontario universities would increase by \$116.2 million, or 7.5 per cent.

This increase brings total government funding up to nearly \$1.7 billion and, according to government statistics, represents a 25 per cent increase in operating grants since 1985-86.

But the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) feels that the government has once again fallen short of what has become an "ongoing problem of underfunding." Arthurs, who is also the President of the COU, stated in the York Gazette that the government "has apparently increased base operating budgets by only 3.95 per cent, in a year when it predicts that inflation will run at 5.1 per cent. This represents a cut in real dollars."

"The announcement is very bad news for all universities and especially for York, which was already funded well below the system average," Arthurs added.

Will Sayers, the COU's Director of Communications, said, "There is still a great disparity between the government's grant and the actual amount universities need to sustain a quality educational programme." He noted that the 7.5 increase is far below the 10.1 per cent increase that the Ontario government's own Commission of University Affairs projected that university institutions required."

Ontario Federation of Student (OFS) researcher Duncan Ivison echoed the COU's sentiment that the government increase is not nearly enough to cover the universities' growing needs.

"If you take into account that the \$88 million out of the \$116.2 million is appropriated to accessibility funding, then the 7.5 per cent increase is reduced to a mere 3.9 per cent," Ivison explained. "This is much below the currently estimated inflation rate."

Helena Moncrieff, Press Secretary to the Minister of Colleges and Universities, rejected the OFS and COU claims. "The universities are getting the 4 per cent increase plus the 3.5 per cent increase in additional grants," she explained. "This brings the total provincial grant increase to 7.5 per cent — which is above inflation."

Included in this 3.5 per cent above-base increase is the \$51.6 million which, according to Moncrieff, will go to honour the government's commitments to provide funding for growing enrolment in the current fiscal year; a \$3.5 million increase for the Ministry's French-language and bilingual programme, raising spending to \$24.1 million in 1989-90 and a \$4.3 million increase in funding for the Faculty Renewal Programme which will provide for the appointment of 500 new faculty over a fiveyear period.

Funding for the Renewal Programme now stands at \$20.7 million.

The government also announced that student tuition will be increased in direct proportion to the increase in government funding. On average, Ontario students will pay an extra \$107 in the 1989-90 student year.

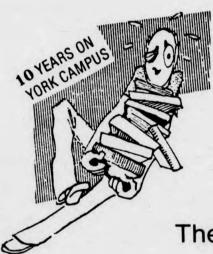
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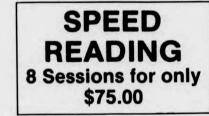
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