

Public demonstrations planned

York battles TTC in fight for campus subway station

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ing Dick Soberman to prepare their own technical data, which should be completed by the end of this year, according to Robert Richardson, director of public affairs for York University.

"This way we're not dependant on what the TTC and McCormick Rankin say," Richardson explained. "We want to make sure we have technical data for when we are lobbying and we can say, 'Yeah, we have technical data, and it's backed up by an expert.'"

Sepulis said the TTC will make the findings public in January, and hopefully reduce the choice to one or two routes. Routes are considered based on up to eighty factors, including cost, social impact, and the findings of public meetings, Sepulis added.

Richardson said he is optimistic about the Steeles route being chosen.

"It's the one that commands the most community support."

The Steeles Loop is also a better long-term investment for the government, according to Richardson.

"The big issue of course is cost, and our route, being the longest, would be more expensive and some people would see that as a negative. But we don't. We see that as an investment and doing it properly the first time."

"We don't believe that the small route is as cheap as they are saying. There are a number of complications to it. If the route doesn't have community support, it could end up being tied up in environmental assessment and the courts and at the Ontario

Municipal Board for years. Even though it's the shorter route, it could take longer just because of the lack of community support."

Centa said a subway station would improve the quality of life for all York students.

"When we talk about accessibility to post-secondary education, and students have to try and get to school through sub-standard transportation, it really makes it hard for the students who have to commute. The students

living in residence have up to three or more hours a day for studying than the ones who commute."

But even if the Loop Group succeeds in winning York a subway station, the subway link is still a long way into the future, Richardson noted.

"If you're a frosh this year at York, I don't think you can expect to jump on the subway in two years and come up to the university. This is a long term plan that will take five to ten years."

Correction:

Yvonne Vera Jose did not sculpt *Diagnosis* as was implied in the Arts section of the August 28 issue of *Excalibur*. She did however take the photo.

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Frosh shirts shock U of T

by Naomi Klein (CUP)

Students and women's rights advocates are angry that orientation leaders at a University of Toronto college painted phrases like "I give stray dogs head" and "Blow me where I piss" on first-year students' T-shirts.

John Metcalf, a new student with "Where there's a hole there's my pole" painted on the back of his orientation T-shirt, said he was worried some people might take the offence to the phrase.

"I don't want people to take me the wrong way," he said.

James Carleson painted Metcalf's shirt, along with those of several other first-year students. He said no one took offence to phrases such as "I've got a big hole" on a woman's shirt and "I'm innocent, I'm a virgin" on a man's shirt.

"It was just a joke," Carleson said. The first-years were good sports, he added.

But Metcalf said many students complied because they were trying to gain acceptance.

"You are nervous when you are a frosh and you're not going to sit there and argue," he said. "You want people to like you."

The Erindale College Student's Council has received several complaints about the shirts but president Lloyd Aning said it is too late to take action.

"I am appalled," said Aning, "but you can't go around ripping T-shirts off people."

Some women on campus are worried the shirts send the wrong message during orientation—the time of year with the highest incidence of date rape.

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