

Board report urges York development

By DAVID BYRNES

York University may become largely self-financing through the strategic use of its lands if the Board of Governors (BOG) decides to act on the recommendations of a study presented to them at a meeting on Monday.

The report (Physical Planning Requirements at York University) has been several months in the making by Board member Philip Lapp, and recommends that York establish an independent "Development Corporation" which would work closely with academic and administrative bodies to define a "mission and role statement" for the university, then a "campus concept plan."

"This university is not going to develop much further (relying on) donor funds and government funds," Lapp told the Board.

The ideas for land leasing that Lapp investigated included the possibility of developing a research park here, like the one at Stanford University, and also the possibility of building hotels, residential and institutional buildings on the campus, among other proposals.

Lapp stressed that further building at York should be "infilling" the proposed campus areas. "The tragedy of York," his report reads, "is that it has been left with a partially completed campus characterized by long, unprotected walkways, inadequate protective landscaping and buildings which . . . tend to be isolated from each other."

York President Harry Arthurs praised Dr. Lapp's proposal to the Board, saying that, "in my judgement, in its fundamentals, the report points the way forward for York and enables it to dream practical dreams not only of its physical development, but also of the enhancement of social and intellectual life on the campus."



THAT 'FIRST TIME' EXHILIRATION! Five-year Yeomen veteran John Campbell holds aloft the 80-year-old Queen's cup captured by York's hockey squad in the OUAA championship last weekend. This is the first time the York pucksters brought home the silver chalice since the league's inception in 1971. That's a pretty nice ash-tray.

\$60 an hour election bus investigated by CRO

By GARY SYMONS

The first ever double-decker bus tour of the York campus was cancelled on Monday after only two hours in operation.

The bus, a classic example of the double-deckers that have served the City of London and other English cities for decades, was brought to York by CYSF Director of Internal Affairs candidate Janet Bobechko as part of her election campaign.

A mix-up over the actual rental cost, however, resulted in Bobechko sending the bus

back to the agency she rented it from. Bobechko originally agreed to rent the bus for \$75 a day for two days, but Marshall Golden, CYSF Speaker and a member of the council's Election By-Law Revision Committee, said the driver of the bus, resplendent in the uniform of an English 'bobby,' told him the cost of the bus was \$60 an hour.

Even though the real cost of the bus totaled only \$150 for the two-day period, Article XVI, Section 3.3 (i) of the Election By-law stipulates that "a benefit direct or indirect that has been

received by a candidate shall be costed by the candidate as if such benefit was purchased . . . at the fair market price." Since the by-laws also limit each candidate's campaign expenditures to \$300, the bus rental would have used up all of Bobechko's campaign funds in only five hours, not counting funds she had already spent.

After being informed of Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Jim Crossland's decision to assess the cost of the bus at \$60 an hour, Bobechko immediately sent the bus and driver back. "The only confusion," she said, "was that I understood the fair market value (of the bus rental) was \$75 a day, and as soon as I found out that the fair market was more than that I sent it back."

Bobechko said a friend who works as a mechanic for the owner of the bus approached her with the idea of using the bus in her campaign, and told her the price would be lower than usual because it is generally not used in the winter. After speaking to the owner, whose name she did not wish to disclose publicly, Bobechko agreed to a price of \$75 a day, but, she said, she did not understand at the time that it could be assessed at a higher value by the CRO.

CYSF Secretary Paula Todd explained that "If anyone else could get that bus for the same rate, then there would be no problem, but as far as we know, this (the \$75 charge) is discount rate and would count as a (campaign) benefit."

"She (Bobechko) was assessed at \$120 and she's agreed to that price," Todd said, but added that she, Golden or Crossland would call the owners to ensure Bobechko has been properly assessed. "She's being prudent and we'll be prudent too," Todd said.

Bobechko said she rented the vintage bus "to increase (my) visibility, but also to show that while you may be serious about a campaign, you can have fun with it too."

Resounding NO in referendum stalls building

By LAURA LUSH
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Of the 2,158 students who cast ballots this week, 1,328 decided that York does not need a student center in the form proposed by the Student Center Steering Committee (SCSC).

When all the ballots had been counted on Tuesday night a resounding 62 percent of the voters had rejected the proposal, while only 37 percent, or 807, were in favor of it. The rest of the ballots were either spoiled or declined, Chief Returning Officer (CRO) James Crossland reported.

"I think it is a sad day for York University," SCSC Chairman Chris Costello said shortly after the results were announced. The Graduate Students Association (GSA), which led a 'No' campaign against the proposal, had legitimate complaints, Costello said, but, he added, had they read the proposal more carefully, would have come out in favor of it.

If students attempt to revive the proposal "they'll have to go through the same process all over again," Costello said. "They really can't complain about Central Square any more."

"If other colleges want to pick it up I'm here to help. I'm no quitter," Costello said.

Terry Conlin of the Graduate Students Association (GSA) and Sol Lerner of the Norman Bethune College Council said the 'No' campaign was not opposed to the idea of a new center, but both thought the referendum was too early.

"The referendum came right out of the blue," Lerner said, adding that greater consultation with the student body was needed. The anti-center campaigners also felt the estimated \$50 levy fee was not justifiable in light of cut-backs in education and the Bovey Commission recommendation to raise tuition fees. During

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BOBECHKOMOBILE: Not a competitor for the York 106A Express bus, but a campaign publicity stunt staged by Janet Bobechko, candidate for CYSF Director of Internal Affairs. Unfortunately, this double-decker meant double-trouble for the aforementioned politico.