York students take stand against apartheid in S. Africa

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"Opposition to Apartheid both inside and outside South Africa is growing."

Support for the African National Congress (ANC) has been gaining momentum in many countries, such as Britain, the United States and Germany and was recently sparked here at York by the African Student Association who arranged for an ANC member to address York students Tuesday.

The African Students Association organized a show of solidarity against the policy of racial segregation and oppression in South Africa through the use of a display in Central Square that depicted the conditions of living that blacks in South Africa are subjected to and by an address given to interested students by African National Congress member Yusuf Saloojee.

Saloojee spoke of the rising tide of resistance

from the people of South Africa against the white minority government which advocates apartheid. Saloojee said that the people of South Africa demonstrated and refused to vote on a new constitution in the face of brutal police opposition. Though South Africa has been involved in violent turmoil for many years, it is the hope of Saloojee and the ANC that peaceful change may be instituted through economic sanctions.

The United States government proposed long-term evolutionary change but "Reagan told the world he was racist when he declared the government of South Africa to be an ally," Saloojee said.

Saloojee stressed that he would like to see more Canadian involvement in the international struggle against apartheid and that the Canadian conscience should be made more aware of the injustice in South Africa.

Center may cost \$8 million

year. "We approach the BOG as donors. It would be a nice gesture on their part to provide this aid," he said. The university would also provide liability and initial capital for the center.

Because the student body would have a majority representation on the management board of the center, students have the power to change proposals during the extensive planning period that would folow a win on the referendum, Costello said. Students could change negotiations to suit their best interests, he said.

While Costello doesn't expect drastic changes to the original plans that were drawn up by architects according to estinated student needs, he lists the parties responsible for final decision-making. The referendum asks that students understand that "final decisions regarding the timing,

location, size and financing of the building will depend on detailed study and negotiations between the student body, the University Administration and the BOG," Costello said. Costello added that both Administration and the BOG are "very supportive of the project.'

Starting today through Tuesday, students can find out more about the Student Center at an information kiosk in the bear pit. Students can also receive information. and take a look at the proposal at the CYSF office, any college, or refer to the SCSC advertisement for the center on page 18 and 19 of this week's Excalibur.

