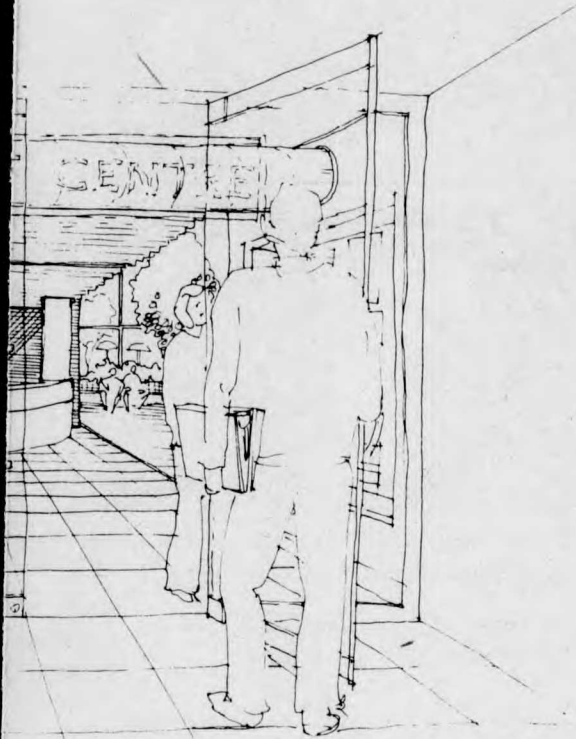


# Student Centre Proposal



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governments for this new initiative. Over the past few months the Steering Committee has kept close contact with various student governments, meeting with representatives of college councils and college masters for discussions about concerns affecting particular colleges. As well, reports have been made to the Constituent Colleges of York University (CCOY), a body which includes representatives from all student governments and meets on a regular basis.

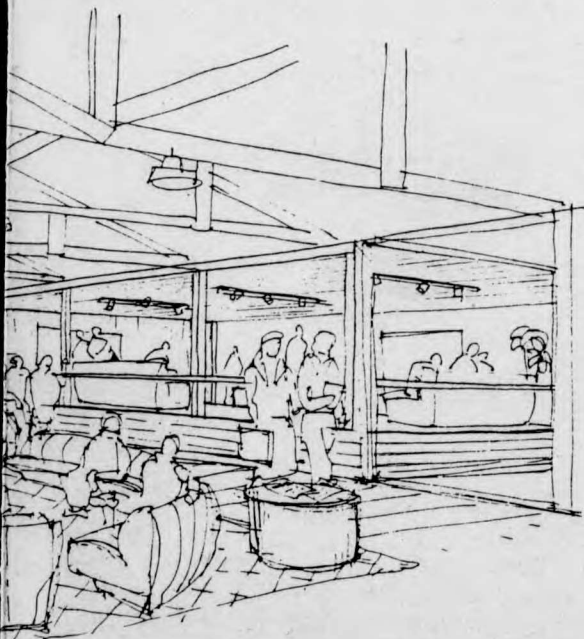
In addition, the university has undertaken to assure the Steering Committee that to the extent that College councils require adequate space for the provision of their student services and to carry out other functions, these will be maintained. It is expected that the Student Centre building will enhance the social and cultural life of the university in a significant fashion. New services will be provided and students who currently feel themselves to be underserved by various organizations on campus will have their needs more effectively met.

### WHERE SHOULD A STUDENT CENTRE BUILDING BE LOCATED?

It is generally felt that in order for this building to be used fully it has to be centrally located. Naturally, some parts of the campus experience more traffic than others. These include Complex 1, Complex 2, the Science buildings, the Ross Building and the Scott Library, and Atkinson College, Osgoode Hall and the Administrative Studies building. Four locations have been suggested that would tie together some of these areas. These locations are all centrally located.

The four locations under discussion are:

1. Between the Administrative Studies building and the Scott Library.
2. Between Norman Bethune College and the Petrie Science Building.
3. Between the Steacie Science Library and the Farquharson Life Sciences Building.
4. Between Founder's College and the Stedman Lecture Halls.



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The location that is strongly preferred is the first one (between the Administrative Studies building and the Scott Library). It would provide direct links to the Ross Building and Central Square. This would generate traffic, attention and optimal use of the building. The matter of site, it should be noted, has also to be determined with reference to the ongoing question of general campus design.

### HOW WOULD THE STUDENT CENTRE BE FINANCED?

It is expected that the bulk of funding for a new Student Centre Building would come from a levy on student fees. Such a levy would be phased in after the project is initiated. The exact size of the levy and its duration would, of course, depend on the following:

- (a) The size of the building
- (b) financing arrangements
- (c) revenue from university-leased space
- (d) availability of outside funding
- (e) maintenance and operating costs, etc.

On the basis of the most conservative projections the likely increase, once implemented, would be in the range of approximately \$10 a full course.

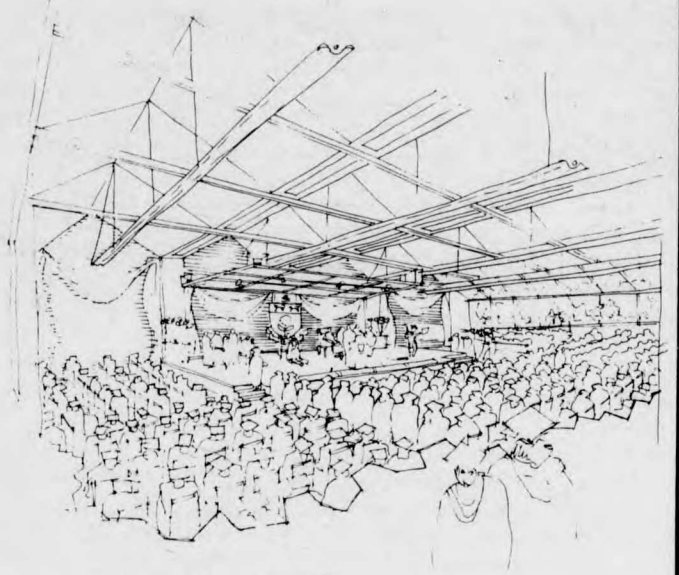
This range has been determined by means of the capital cost budget estimate later in this proposal and by making the following assumptions:

1. The building may be roughly 77,000 square feet in size, based on a preliminary functional program, although the precise range and number of desirable services and facilities has yet to be determined.
2. The figure for costing is based on \$104 per square foot. Hence, the student body would be asked to contribute—over a number of years—approximately \$8,000,000 in 1985 dollars from a special levy on their fees.
3. The university would contribute the land for the building, parking required, insurance during construction and legal and mortgage finder fees.
4. The university would assume some housekeeping costs, such as, caretaking services once the building is in operation.

It is also assumed that the university is the only body able to assume contingent liability for this structure. The Steering Committee envisages that the university would put up the original capital expenditure for the structure with the students paying back that original cost through the special levy on their fees. As a consequence, definitive decisions on the location, nature and financing of the building are naturally subject to negotiation between the student organizations, the university administration and the Board of Governors.

### HOW WOULD THE STUDENT CENTRE BUILDING BE MANAGED?

In the best interests of the students, the administration and the Board of Governors, the management should consist of a Management Board who would have formal responsibility to operate the building, formulate policies for the building, provide overall direction for the building and administer the funds derived from the special levy on student fees. The Management Board should have a majority of students so that student



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interests are maintained. Student representation on the Management Board would try to mirror as much as possible the various constituencies within the student body. It is expected that other elements of the university community would also be represented and be welcome.

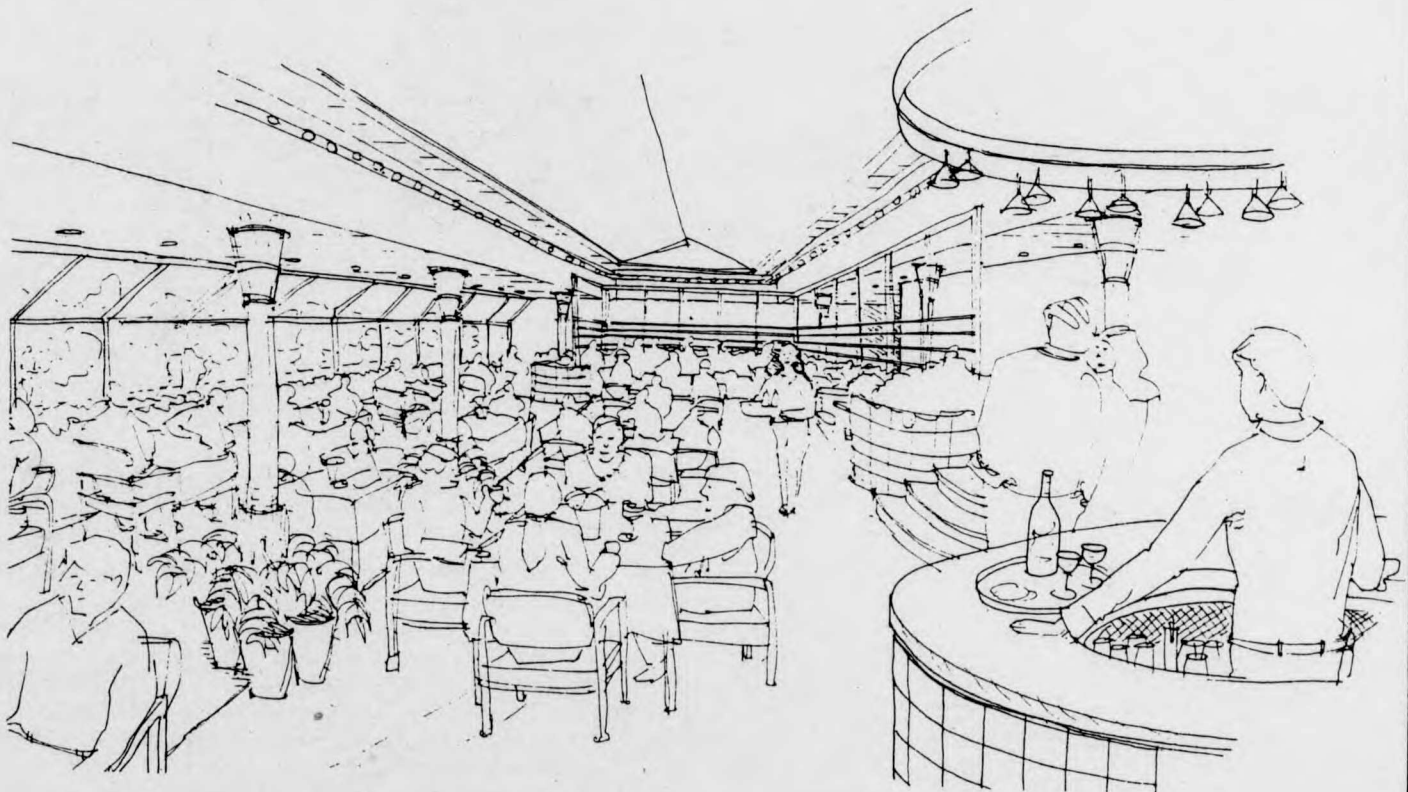
At the level of the day-to-day management, the Management Board would naturally engage a professional manager to undertake the direct control, operation and staffing of the Student Centre Building. In the opinion of the Steering Committee, this manager should be a member of the outside community and who would be an employee reporting directly to the Management Board.

### WHERE DOES THE STUDENT CENTRE PROJECT STAND NOW?

The goal of the Steering Committee has been to develop its proposal in a sufficient level of detail such that it could be put to the student body in a referendum. The Steering Committee now believes that their proposal is at that point and should be placed before the student body in March.

### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE STUDENT REFERENDUM?

The referendum has two central purposes. The first is to gain approval in principle for the Student Centre project from the student body. The Board of Governors will thereby be advised that an increase in student fees enjoys community support. Second, the referendum will authorize the creation of a Board of Trustees made up of students and administrators who would be responsible for the design and construction of the Student Centre Building. In essence the referendum is asking the student body to approve in principle the construction of the Student Centre Building and to authorize the next phase in the development of this project.



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