



The Student Centre's covered colonade

**S**tudent Centre architect A.J. Diamond is internationally renowned. Born in South Africa and educated at Oxford and the University of Pennsylvania, Diamond has succeeded not only as an architect but as a teacher, editor, urbanist, and developer.

Diamond has designed many projects in Toronto, including U of T's Innis College, York Square (his first Canadian building), and the Ontario Medical Association Building.

Perhaps Diamond's greatest accomplishment was his firm's design of the Metro YMCA. The building, which according to some critics represents "the mythical grail of architecture: a building not only liked by its users, but admired by fellow architects as well," includes "post-modern palette, historical references and dramatic interiors."

The Student Centre Committee and Diamond are ironing out the final details before construction begins this winter. The plans were "much better than expected," said Student Centre Committee Chairperson Rob Castle.

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Student Centre space will be distributed among administration, student clubs and activities, recreational facilities, commerce, and a variety of community services. The administrative area will include student government offices and the Student Centre Corporation office. There will also be space allocated to 50 of the 80 campus clubs so that club leaders can attend to the needs of their organizations.

A large pub with a stage, a food court, and small lounge areas will also be located in the Centre. Food Court tenants are not yet known, but the committee is "looking at a good variety, ranging from chicken, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, and Deli," said Castle. He added that there will be a combination of "well known (food) places, lesser known ones and one or two unknowns."

Finally, the Centre will have services such as an art gallery, a woman's centre, and a legal aid clinic. A specific list of facilities includes:

- CYSF offices
- Student Centre Committee
- Graduate Students' Association
- Games room
- Club offices
- Common rooms
- Food Court
- Restaurant/Pub
- Student lounge space
- Jewish Student Federation
- York Catholic Community
- Information and ticket counter
- Croation Students' Association
- Council chambers
- *Excalibur*
- CHRY
- Lockers
- Volunteer Centre
- Student Peer Centre
- Child care centre
- Used bookstore
- Atkinson College Students' Association
- Music and Listening room
- Storage space

#### Construction Schedule

- Sept. 22, 1988 *Official ground-breaking ceremony.*
- Oct. 12, 1988 *Preliminary design and implementation plan to be approved by project committee.*
- Feb. 2, 1989 *Construction begins.*
- Feb. 22, 1990 *Completion of construction.*

#### Cost of Project

Construction	10,927,300
Professional fees	1,093,000
Furnishings, equipment, artwork, etc.	1,156,000
Interim financing	671,000
Other project costs	260,000
Owner's reserve	388,647
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,495,947</b>

#### Source of Funds

York University	3,000,000
Revenue from Student Levy (to Feb. 1, 1990)	980,000
Capital funds raised by participating groups	486,000
Mortgage	10,029,947
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,495,947</b>