

## Students will choose between faculty and college governments

By JAMES FLAGAL

Recommendations which threaten to permanently change the structure of student government at York have been submitted to the President's office for his approval.

The Student Relations Committee (SRC) of the Board of Governors (BOG) recently completed a paper on student government based on recommendations contained in the Gilmor Report. The report, prepared by Paul Gilmor, Provost of the University of Guelph, was commissioned by the SRC in February of 1986 to study the goals of funding and organization of student government at York.

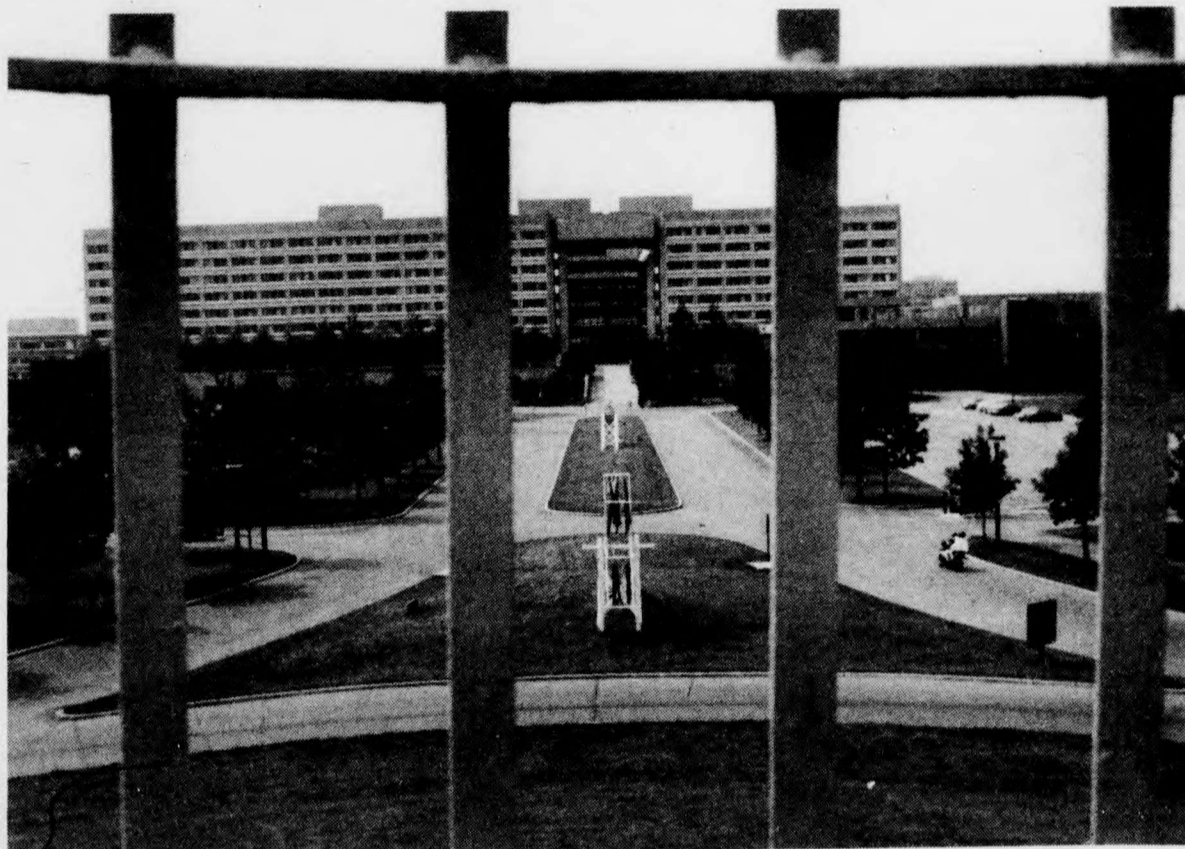
Highlights of the SRC policy paper include:

- Strengthening of the Council of York Student Federation (CYSF). At the undergraduate level, the CYSF will be recognized as the representative body of all undergraduate students. At present, only 46 percent of the student population is represented by CYSF (Atkinson, Calumet, and Bethune are not members at present). All undergraduates will pay a mandatory fee for CYSF membership.
- The Graduate Student Association (GSA) will be recognized as the representative body for all graduate students of the university. All graduate students will pay a mandatory fee for membership in the GSA. Last year, the GSA formally withdrew from the CYSF.

- Faculty governments—such as the Faculty of Education Students Association (FESA) or the Creative Arts Board will be officially recognized by the university if they gain the support of at least 25 percent of the current students in that constituency during a referendum.
- All first-year undergraduates shall be affiliated with a college-based student government and a faculty-based student government (where one exists) and shall pay both student government fees.
- All remaining undergraduate students not in a college residence shall have a choice of joining either a college or a faculty, or both. Their decision will be binding for two years.
- Undergraduate residence students shall be affiliated with their respective college student governments and they may join a faculty student government if one exists.

A contentious recommendation in the paper is the policy concerning voluntary affiliation. According to David Lumsden, Master of Bethune College, and Drew McCreadie, CYSF President, a system of mandatory co-affiliation—making student membership in both college and faculty governments mandatory—should be implemented.

During a July 15 presentation to the SRC, both Lumsden and McCreadie presented their cases for



**YORK BEHIND BARS:** This view of the Ross Building comes from the cab of that odd-looking green Volkswagon thing you've noticed on campus (below). It and all of the additional paraphernalia is part of the Alex de Cosson's sculpture, "Siting The Super Nova (KP33)." Art critic Ed Nossoc calls it "astonishing."

mandatory co-affiliation. Lumsden wonders how students will make informed choices between faculty and colleges and fears that voluntary membership will produce "deleterious rivalry between colleges and faculty organizations in a competition for declared membership."

Tammy Hasselfelt, Director of External Affairs for CYSF, shares Lumsden's concern. She says that if faculty governments charge a lower price for student membership, colleges will lose funding. Hasselfelt proposed a system where faculty and college membership fees be pegged at the same level in order to avoid

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## CYSF and university strike tentative deal on Student Centre

By JEFF SHINDER

The basis for the final Student Centre contract has been tentatively established in negotiations between the CYSF and the administration. The agreement, however, is still administration approval.

The accord establishes the future Student Centre corporation's independence from the administration. According to Student Centre executive assistant Rob Castle, "(We have) come up with an agreement that ensures that operational control rests in a body composed mainly of students."

University Provost Tom Meininger agreed with the direction negotiations were taking. "Obviously a central part of the negotiations has been the recognition of the operating independence of the Student Centre management and progress has, I believe, been achieved on that issue."

The Student Centre management board will have a majority of students representatives. The eleven representatives will break down as follows:

- 4 undergraduates appointed by CYSF
- 1 graduate student appointed

by the Graduate Students Association

- 1 registered Atkinson student appointed by the Atkinson Students Association
- 2 undergraduates appointed by the Chairman of presidents of recognized undergraduate student government
- 3 students at large (undergraduate or graduate)
- 2 administration representatives

The administration has agreed to provide the centre with three million dollars for construction costs, but after this initial grant the centre will have complete financial independence from the university. Consequently the centre will be free to lease its space to whoever it pleases. In addition, the building will be exempt from administration taxes on income from pub and food concessions.

Meininger stressed the tentative nature of the agreement. "The President and the board will obviously be very attentive to the terms of this agreement." The Student Centre initiative received the overwhelming support of the student body in a referendum held in March of 1987.

## York sells 20 acres

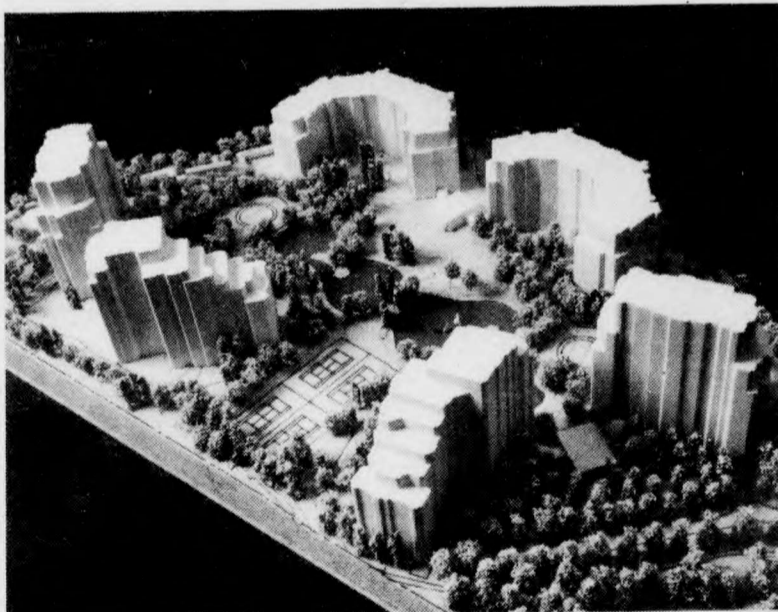
By STEVE SOMER

In response to serious space shortages and chronic underfunding York University has sold 20 acres of its land to the development company Bramalea Ltd., a deal which will provide the University with at least \$33 million for financing future expansion on campus.

The deal, negotiated by York University Development Corporation (YUDC), allows Bramalea Ltd. to develop a residential community on the south-west corner of the campus. YUDC was set up by the University in the summer of 1985 to capitalize on York's vast land resources through contracts with the private sector.

According to Dr. Philip Lapp, President and Chief Executive of YUDC, the university will receive a downpayment of \$8 million as well as a percentage of the company's revenue from the sale of residences and leases to retail outlets. In the end, York is guaranteed a minimum of \$30 million and that figure could go as high as \$50 million if Bramalea Ltd is able to gain desired zoning changes.

According to Lapp, Bramalea Ltd. offered the most attractive design, and the soundest financial arrangement of the three companies who bid for the land, and had a reputation as a responsible company. Under the terms of the agreement, York University will maintain com-



**OUR HOUSE?** A flick of the all-powerful YUDC pen and *voila*—20 acres of York tundra transformed into a Yuppie Shangri-la. Above are Bramalea Ltd.'s plans for redevelopment of the site, acquired from York for \$33-million.

plete control of the complex's design through supervision of YUDC.

A white paper to be published by the university in the near future will outline priorities in allocating the newly acquired funds. Projects under consideration include: the Student Centre, the Fine Arts "3" Building, and new office facilities.

"There is also an infrastructure to be put in place to support the Brama-

lea development, Lapp said. Student housing, a matter of great concern to the York community, will also be given high priority by YUDC.

Lapp said that the sale to Bramalea Ltd. represents the only occasion when the university will sell its land. Long-term leases, like the 70 year lease finalized with North York's Computer Methods for \$3 million will be given priority in the future.

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