

## Dissatisfaction with CYSF spawns 'rival' York council

By ELLIOTT SHIFF

Born of a dissatisfaction with the political performance of York's largest student council, CYSF, a major new student assembly has risen within the last year and a half at York.

Yet, there is sharp disagreement about what the form and function of the new political body should be. Some fear it may become a CYSF rival, while others see the new assembly as simply a supplementary campus council, while still others believe it should become a political equal to CYSF.

The new council consists of the leaders of all university funded student councils, and is called the Constituent Councils of York (CCOY). CCOY's self defined purpose is to "find common ground on which to base student presentations to the University Administration, Senate and Board of Governors," the council's code of conduct reads.

"There is a need to restructure the university government system," said Pamela Fruitman, CCOY Chairperson and Board of Governors student representative. Fruitman stressed

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FULL SPEED AHEAD: With grim determination, future Olympic bobsledders check out one of the many challenging campus runs.

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## Solid majority gives student building the go-ahead, reveals poll

By LAURA LUSH

A recent survey released by the Student Center Steering Committee (SCSC) shows 70 percent of the 1,500 York students questioned favor the building of a student center.

The survey, prepared by the SCSC and the Institute for Social Research in Administrative Studies, also asked students what services and facilities they would like to see in a new center. SCSC Chairperson Chris Costello has been working for the past several months on a proposal for the center, in the hope that a student referendum, to be voted on later in the term, would give the center the green light.

College council representatives have asked the SCSC to ensure that the university would not take away existing college student space (common rooms and activity areas), reiterating past concerns that a new center would jeopardize these areas. Costello said when he asked George Bell, Vice President of External Relations, to guarantee college space, Bell told him that "as long as the colleges exist, they will continue to have their space."

"We are interested in seeing a new building," Jill Rabjohn, Bethune College's Program Chairperson said, "but we want to maintain the strength of the college system at York." Rabjohn also said the system allows each "college to have its own themes and flavors."

Costello, acknowledging the colleges' fears, said the new center would not threaten the

college system, but function as a center for added student services and facilities. Architectural drawings of the proposed building include a large meeting hall for musical events, a fireplace and lounge area, a restaurant, a cafeteria and food bars.

The proposed size of the building is 75,000 square feet (the size of the Environmental Science Building) and one of Costello's preferred locations is in the southwest area of the campus, between the Administrative Studies and Ross Buildings, linking up with the second floor of South Ross.

The cost of the center would be between 7.5 to eight million dollars, or \$100 per square foot, Costello said. This could cost students anywhere from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per six credit course, Costello added.

"We set a range, and it's a comfortable range," he said, adding that costs could change in the future. Also the university has discussed the possibility of guaranteeing SCSC's loan to construct the building.

The SCSC will present a proposal for the center in the form of a draft brochure at a Board of Governors (BOG) committee meeting today.

"We've taken our time and put together a legitimate package that takes account of the needs of the colleges," Costello said. Major issues include the building's financing, management and ownership.

"You have to have student representatives that would mirror the student population as

much as possible," Costello said, adding that this is the usual procedure that other universities have taken.

Costello hopes the center would not attempt to segregate faculty and students, saying "a natural segregation would occur" because of the range of prices in pubs and restaurants.

The possibility of faculty and other union groups sharing a portion of the proposed center has been considered by the University Center Committee (UCC) which consists of members from YUFA, YUSA, CUEW, and the Professional Management Group (PMG). Don Wallace, Research Officer for the Faculty of Arts, under the direction of Dean Traves, has sent out 4,700 surveys, asking members of the UCC if they would be willing to contribute \$10 monthly to a University Club which would provide members with a number of services,

including a restaurant and dining area, a bar, lounges, and a meeting hall.

Although the SCSC and the UCC have separate aims, Wallace said "it's natural for the two initiatives to get together," providing the student building gets the go ahead, and union members vote in favor of a University Club.

Wallace cited two possibilities for UCC's involvement in the center: The University Club could rent space from students, or it could share the cost of the center with students. So far, 25 percent of the UCC's surveys have been returned, with an equal number of positive and negative responses for the club.

When YUFA chairperson Bob Drummond was asked whether he foresaw the possibility of faculty sharing the proposed center with students, he said he sees this as a consideration, but would be "surprised if students would want union people in their building."

## Administrative growth will aid York development says Arthurs

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

York President Harry Arthur's administrative reorganization will see the hiring of more administrators to help the University generate more funding sources thereby weaning York from its financial dependence on the provincial government.

"To focus our entrepreneurial activities," Arthurs said on Monday, "much more closely—to really crank them up—does require some expansion of the administrative capacity at the centre."

Such entrepreneurial activity include "things like fundraising, contracting with scientific organizations and the possible development of University lands," Arthurs said.

"Over the years," Arthurs said, "the central administration has really shrunk down to the bone—into the bone. And so without calling in plane loads of troops there has to be some modest expansion of the central administration's capacity to engage in these types of activities which are, ultimately, our only way out of our utter dependence on government funds."

The second half of Arthurs' administrative reorganization involves shifting some responsibilities of Vice President of External Affairs and University Development George Bell to Vice President of Financial and Employee Relations Bill Farr.

"By shifting those operational aspects over to Bill Farr's side," Arthurs said, "and trying

to focus the other vice presidency much more on genuine developmental activities, I hope to get more mileage on the developmental front."

Arthurs said the University is considering various proposals in which the administration could employ unused campus land to make money for York.

We have "to pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps by using the University lands as a way of generating what we need. But that's at a very conceptual level. I can't be more detailed than that. There are a whole range of possibilities, and even to talk about them in an illustrative way requires very careful study."

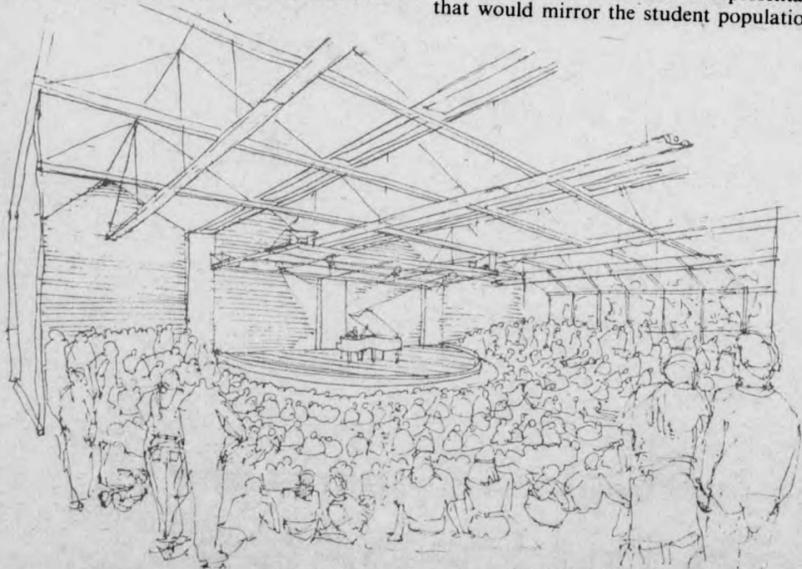
About the Bovey Commission's report on the future development of Ontario's universities, released in early January, Arthurs said "there are some real technical problems which are beginning to emerge."

"As we read the document more and more," Arthurs said, "certain technical flaws, which I attribute to rushed work, are beginning to appear in the detailed analysis."

Yet, Arthurs does not place any blame on the authors of the report.

"The responsibility," Arthurs said, "should not be reflected from government onto Bovey but right back where it belongs."

"They (the provincial government) made it a ground rule that they (the Bovey Commission) couldn't do the one thing that was required to be done, which is to generate additional funds to put into the system."



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