

# York College Getting a New Home in Queens

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A master plan proposing a nine-building City University campus in South Jamaica that would, in the planners' words, "express the college's desired role as a link between communities hitherto divided" has been approved by the Board of Higher Education.

York College, the fifth senior college of the City University, was established in 1966. Since 1967, the school,

which now has an enrollment of 2100, has been operating in temporary quarters.

York's permanent 50-acre site will be bounded by 159th and 165th Sts., the Long Island Railroad tracks and South Road.

The master plan, prepared by architectural-planning firm of Snibbe, Tafel, Lindholm, calls for construction of the buildings as a "link" between the "highly commer-

cialized, urbanized, predominantly white and middle-class area north of the LIRR tracks and a mostly residential, less developed area to the south."

The proposed campus, nine structures of contemporary design, grouped around a unifying commons, is expected to be completed in late 1976, when enrollment is expected to exceed 6,000 students.

The plan stipulates that to

accomplish the "linking" of the two communities "the campus should present convenient faces both north and south, providing free access to and through the campus and avoiding barriers and fences."

The architects believe that in a community "seriously deficient" in recreational resources, the open spaces, walks and cultural facilities "should achieve invitingness and easy access" and pro-

vide "a source of refreshment to the eye and spirit" in an area otherwise marked by "neglect, ugliness, in places even squalor."

The master plan must still be approved by the Board of Regents and the Governor. The estimated \$62.5 million construction cost will be financed through the City University Construction Fund and the state's Dormitory Authority.