

# New party not so green

By CAROL BRUNT

A new party has risen on the Canadian political horizon.

Encouraging "more participation in politics and (promoting) sound environmental practices," the Green Party, as part of the environmental global movement, hopes to gain seats in both the provincial and federal legislatures.

Dieter Heinrich, an organizer of the Ontario Policy Weekend, sees the Greens as offering "a perspective approach that is more effective and promising in the long term of producing results."

The Green Party of Ontario began organizing provincially in April and a York/Downsview chapter was introduced late this summer by 12 students associated with the Faculty of Environmental Studies. Heinrich,

connected with the City of Toronto chapter, claims there is no direct connection with other parties but that they are "affiliated in spirit" with parties like the Ecology Party in Britain.

Among the issues concerning the Party are the nuclear arms race and militarism, "the non-sustainable exploitation of the earth's resources," and "the lack of meaningful participation in the democratic

Heinrich says these issues are inseparable. "They impinge on one another. The essential motivating force is the need to live within our ecological limits."

Heinrich admits though, that the Party is still in the process of defining itself—as yet there is no leader to represent them.

Allan Greenbaum, organizer of the York chapter, agrees that there is

a problem in telling people what the Green Party stands for. "The five principles of the Party are not open to variation but they are also very vague," he says.

A policy weekend for generating a first draft for further discussion is scheduled for October 1 and 2 in Toronto. "The hope is to reach a consensus from the grass roots membership," says Greenbaum, who sees this as a more representative method of formulating policy.

The Party is in the process of gathering the 10,000 signatures necessary to become a registered political party in Ontario, and Heinrich says that "there has been tremendous support for what the Greens stand for."

All Greenbaum can be reached at 661-4349 for those interested in party membership.



## Third world women

The first in a series of lectures presented by the Department of Women's Studies and Founders College featured Dr. Hilvi Sipilä.

In her lecture last week, the former United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, and also the Secretary-General of the International Women's Year Conference of 1975, briefly covered the successes and the continuing struggles of women whose ultimate goal is to work toward "a better life for everyone."

The central theme touched upon during her 40-minute talk was the involvement of women in social development planning on an international level, and the accomplishments by women in areas such as equal rights, political status, and gains made by women in third world economies.

The next in the series of seminars will be held on 12 October at 12 noon with professor Thelma McCommick.

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