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Students protest handling of flu epidemic

By GARRY MARR

Close to 50 students gathered in the Stong foyer last Thursday to protest the Administration's handling of the flu epidemic last week.

Protest leader Michael Stokes, a don on Stong's 12th floor, organized the event because of what he described as a lack of concern on the part of the Administration towards students.

"Nobody is telling us anything," said Stokes. "We haven't received any information."

Norman Crandles, Director of Food Services, and Jim Fougere, Marriott representative on campus, appeared at the protest to speak to students, but were asked to leave by Stokes.

The University distributed a flyer throughout the campus the morning after students' complaints of vomiting and diarrhea. The flyer stated that "a number of students in Stong and Bethune college had experienced flu-like or possibly food poisoning symptoms."

The University quarantined the food in question and sent 30 food samples out for testing, all of which tested negative for food poisoning. Students were also advised to report to Health Services if they experienced any flu-like symptoms.

Stokes said the University should have closed the cafeterias until food poisoning was ruled out. He said that commuter students should have been properly warned, which he suggested could have been done through a media announcement. Students were also upset that the stool sample kits distributed by the North York Board of Health were not received until two days after the flu outbreak.

Crandles said that he quarantined all the food and that shutting the cafeteria down would have served no purpose. He added that the Administration also distributed its flyer throughout the University and that it would have been logistically impossible to contact close to 50,000 people to see if they had suffered any flu-like symptoms.

In regard to the delay in distribut-

ing the stool sample kits, Crandles said that none of the kits had been returned to him by Monday, over one week after the incident.

"The [protest] gives off the impression that we don't care about the students," said Crandles, "and nothing could be further from the truth."

"I can't do one more thing to get to the bottom of this," added Crandles, who has yet to be contacted by any of the students involved with the protest.

But Stokes said it was Crandles' duty to contact students and update them on the situation.

Stokes is organizing another rally

for this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Stong cafeteria. "The issue is not food poisoning," said Stokes, "it's the lack of information from the university." His group is planning a boycott of Marriott for Thursday's rally and plans to order in pizza for the event. Stokes said Crandles will be invited to speak this time.

Tim Horton Donuts may come to York

By DANIEL WOLGELERENTER

Tim Horton Donuts could be operating on campus by late March, according to Director of Housing and Food Services Norman Crandles.

Crandles said that Marriot, one of York's food contractors, is currently finalizing a contract with Tim Horton Donuts Ltd. The contract would give Marriott exclusive rights to market Tim Horton donuts on every North American campus where Marriott has a food contract. Crandles said that York has been chosen to test market the idea.

"We're very excited about it," Crandles said, "York University will be the first in North America to enjoy the fruits of the new relationship between Marriott and Tim Horton."

Morag Fitzgerald, Director of Business Support for Marriott, said that details of the deal cannot be released until negotiations are finished. She would not confirm that Tim Horton will be on campus by late March, and would not give any details as to why York was chosen as the test market site.

"It (Tim Horton) is going to come to York, there's no doubt about it,

but we don't know exactly when it's going to happen," she said.

Crandles said that two Tim Horton stands will replace the Marriott-owned muffin stands in Curtis Lecture Halls and Central Square, and will be slightly larger than the existing stands. The donuts themselves will be made in Stong Kitchen using purchased equipment that would meet Tim Horton's corporate specifications.

Crandles said that the decision was made through the Office of Vice-President of Financial Affairs Bill Farr on his recommendation, after consultation with the colleges. Crandles said that if the two new carts are successful, the service may be expanded to other places on campus.

Student Centre Corporation (SCC) Chairperson Rob Castle said that if Tim Horton were to expand into every building on campus "then the natural attraction of the early morning commuter student to the Student Centre will be lessened." He added that the Student Centre, which will house a food court, is "banking heavily" on that early morning traffic.

Castle said that the SCC was not consulted on the idea. The Student Centre and the University have a management agreement which stipulates that they keep each other informed about new developments in food services on campus and in the Student Centre.

"I wonder if the bringing of Tim Horton's onto campus is not a contravention of management agreement," Castle said.

"I think we should have been consulted under the terms, if not the spirit of the management agreement," he said.

Castle also said the SCC is currently negotiating a deal for a lease with a major national muffin chain and the Tim Horton deal could hurt the Centre's bargaining position.

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A Student Centre beginning



BIG MACK: Construction on the \$15 million Student Centre began on Monday. The Student Centre Corporation hopes that excavation of the site will be completed by sometime late next week.

Residents lost out on election

By JACOB KATSMAN

More than half of York's undergraduate residents were not enumerated in last November's federal election, according to an Elections Canada official.

Dianne Glazer, York Centre's returning officer, said that over 900 of York's 1,964 residents could not vote. At York's main campus, close to 795 of the 1,564 residents were not enumerated.

"I was very disappointed that I was unable to cast my vote," said Carrie Matthews, a Stong resident. "No notice was left at my door; and out of the whole college only 12 people got their names on the list."

Glendon Returning Officer Marcia Zalev said there were no complaints at Glendon, although Elections Canada and York Housing statistics show that over 115 of the 400 resident students at the college were not on the official voters list.

Glazer said that Elections Canada

estimated York's fall residence occupancy rate using data gathered from the 1984 summer election, even though only 350 people were then in residence.

"Failing to account for the increased-term occupancy, only a marginal number of enumerators were sent to register a substantially larger electorate," said Glazer.

Since the election, CYSF Commissioner of External Affairs Dwight Daigneault has been working with Elections Canada and York provost Tom Meininger to expedite the next enumeration process.

In Daigneault's proposed programme, York's Housing Office would be used to supply a list of all Canadian citizens above the age of 18 living in residence. In compliance with this plan, Resident Secretaries would 'officially verify' the list and pass it over to the York Centre Returning Official.

Daigneault believes that this pro-

cess will ensure enumeration for all eligible voters and will avoid the hassle of students running around before the election trying to get their names on the voters' list.

Glazer said, however, that despite the estimation error there was no reason for students not being enumerated.

"Students have a choice either to call the revising agent, come to a returning office, or visit a Court of Revision [set up during the November election in C.W. Jefferies High School]," she said.

The Masters' Residence Council welcomed Daigneault's proposal. McLaughlin master C.M. Lanphier said that he hopes to have a lot of luck with the proposal.

"We still don't know who should be placed responsible for monitoring residence enumeration. But we are only taking first steps; and I am grateful to Daigneault for making these steps," said Lanphier.

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