

Psych students slumber through registration

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No one told me that the Psych Department was hosting a slumber party! This realization was made as I walked into the department at 7 o'clock, Monday morning, to find literally dozens of fellow students camping out by the Psych office since the night before. We were all there with the same ultimate goal - to get a good spot on the waiting list for some Psych class that was full and probably very crowded.

Geesh! If I had know that movies were being shown and coffee was being served through the night, I would have been there too. (Rumour has it that popcorn was also eaten.) No... Instead, I opted for the comfort of my own bed and the agony of getting up early enough to "get there before everyone else did". (So much for that! Aside from the slum-

ber party people, others arrived as early as 5 a.m.)

With over an hour before the waiting list officially opened, I found myself at the end of a line that jam-packed the lounge by the office, went out of the department, and already into the L.S.C. By 8:30 a.m., the line of students reached the main glass doors on the third floor opposite the A & A Building.

We got many an astonished look from students and faculty who passed on their way to classes and offices. The waiting list line became an instant attraction. Passers-by would say, "Look at all the people in line to get on the waiting list!" People were telling their friends, "You should have seen how huge the waiting list line was!" Someone even sent C.B.C. to catch the event on video for the evening's edition of the news. (Maybe someone will write a book about it, too...)

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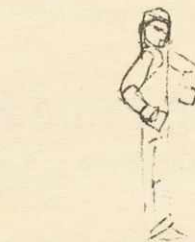
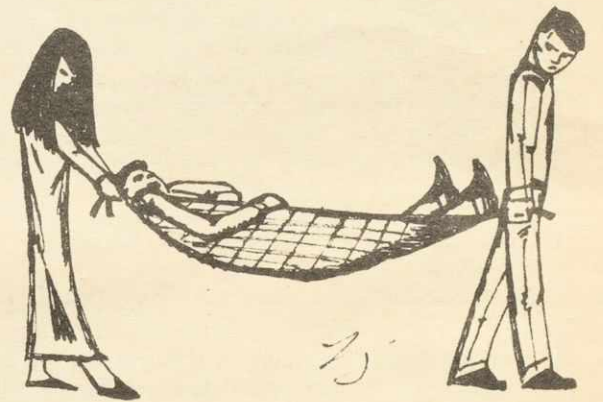
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For those of us who stood/slept in that line, it was no party at all. Just a lot of sitting, standing, shuffling, and of course, waiting. During my three hours in line, I got to get to know the people around me and hear their stories... or should I say "registration nightmares". Horror tales of not being able to get the classes required to graduate, signing up for courses that you have no interest in but taking them just because they "fit", Psych majors not getting into Psych classes... Yes, I know - they're the same old stories from years past, and the same old stories from other departments.

So what is being done? Complement reduction, rationalization, program reduction, increased enrolment... those are some of the solution buzzwords of the administration. But what do they mean? Who understands? What is important is that students voice their complaints, find out what is being done and what this means to us. Know what your Student Union is doing about it.

Remember, only students can demand accountability from all levels of this university. If we don't, decisions are made and acted upon on our behalf. As a result we get situations such as the Psych waiting line which

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