

Registration roundup

# They shout at first year students, don't they?

By PAUL BOURQUE

The bureaucratic juggernaut known as first year registration has proven once again to be the most powerful force on campus.

Over 100 Calumet College and College G students camped on the steps of the Tait McKenzie Gym Thursday night to be first in the line when the doors opened at 9 a.m. Friday.

Braving 50 degree temperatures and intermittent rain, this intrepid and soggy group managed to keep spirits up by playing cards and holding trivia matches. A small fire was lit and a collection taken up for wine and pizza.

While the university machine warmed up inside the campers had a mini bureaucracy of their own going outside. As students arrived they were given numbers written on scraps of paper. This number indicated their place in line. Also, a shift system was set so that students could attend activities without losing their place.

The students themselves viewed the matter stoically. Although none were overjoyed at the prospect of camping out no one complained either. Other universities have their ways of degrading freshmen. This was merely York's peculiar method of initiation.

The scene resembled a hobo jungle during the depression. Empty wine and beer bottles, watermelon rind and pizza boxes littered the area. A few people huddled in blankets stood around a small fire while others wrapped in sleeping bags were squashed in under the

porch to keep out of the rain.

Don Coleson, student co-ordinator for college G showed up periodically throughout the night and declared the student organized number system to be invalid. Coleson said "the numbers don't mean a thing," and that the system would be unfair to those who did not know about it or the camp-out.

Sandy Vale and Cheryl Gardiner, student organizers for Calumet College and College G countered that not to use a number system would be unfair to those who had borne the brunt of the elements to get their first choices. The situation remained fairly calm throughout the night.

The cold grey light of dawn brought increased tension as students began to arrive in greater numbers. Coleson continued to insist that the numbers did not mean anything. Tempers flared briefly as the organizers insisted that numbers were the only way to preserve order in the line and make sure that those who arrived first got in first. A proposal was made that the College G numbers would become invalid at 6.30 a.m. and the Calumet's numbers at 10 a.m.

Finally Coleson said he did not care how they organized themselves as long as they were in a double line when the doors opened. This along with a breakfast of pancakes and coffee diffused an ugly scene.

Those who camped out did so of their own initiative. Arrangements were made for students to sleep over in the College G common room and movies were shown.

With stories of registration



Photo by TIM CLARK

First year students at registration last Thursday morning. Some 100 students braved the rain and cold in an all night camp-out on the steps of Tait-McKenzie.

terrors, they were still willing to sacrifice a night of sleep on the altar of Temple McKenzie.

First year student Linda Kahn

voiced the pressures real or imaginary, felt by the newcomers to the York degree factory, when she said, "some kids get really hyper the

night before registration about not getting the courses they wanted. Some can't sleep anyway so they may as well be here."

## The new revolution is all about demystifying the professionals

By YVONNE HELWIG

According to Dr. David Collins of the Toronto Free Youth Clinic, "Society is composed of two classes — the professionals and the non-professionals and the new revolution is all about demystifying the professionals."

Citing the medical profession, he told Vanier students last week that "The quality of care you receive is not determined by what you need. Even non-clinical decisions are made by councils and panels of professionals who are in effect saying 'we are the professionals. We know what we are talking about. You just do what we say and don't ask stupid questions'."

With the \$43 million extension to Mount Sinai Hospital, resources are taken from such programs as Vitamins for Children and numerous free service clinics.

Despite allegations that Toronto hospitals are 40 percent vacant, he

said the professionals on the boards of hospital and medical schools make the decisions and proceed to decide the public mind. This he felt was not only undemocratic but a waste of financial resources.

Collins suggested several non-professional public service programs. An orthodontist, for example, with non professional helpers could serve 15 times the number of children he now serves. An experiment already conducted in non-professional programs was the use of nurses given extra six month training sessions. They then went to the land of the midnight sun where doctors with twice their education refused to go. Their diagnoses were definitive in 98 percent of the cases.

Collins spoke as a part of the orientation program of the York Student Clinic. The clinic, situated in Rm. 214 of Vanier residence (phone 635-3509) seeks to help students with problems in drugs and sexuality. It

handles abortion referrals and has contact with the psychological services and health clinic.

The present staff has been working together since January. During the summer, they were working on an Opportunities for Youth grant and since have reverted to the CYSF.

Besides the proffered practical services, this year's staff intends to initiate, as one volunteer put it, a programmatic approach as well. Throughout the year the clinic will use speakers, discussion groups and the media to inform the public.

Unwilling to fall into bureaucratic power trap of dictating what is required for the public welfare, the group has otherwise remained structureless with all volunteers equal. However, with more volunteers anticipated, a single coordinating authority seems necessary.

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