

# TYP program scrapped

TORONTO (CUP) -- The governing council of the University of Toronto suspended a program for disadvantaged students this summer after the appearance of a report labeling it "Marxist" and "racist."

In doing so, the council rejected both a decision by the university's academic affairs committee that the program be continued, and an evaluation committee's report which found the program to be highly successful.

The council's June 17 decision to suspend for a year the preparatory Transitional Year Program for disadvantaged students partially fol-

lows the university administration's recommendation that the program be scrapped.

In its 61-page report, the administration's three-person committee headed by former Atkinson College dean Harry Crowe, described the program as "out of control" and claimed the 50 predominantly West Indian students were subjected to "acute racial tension" and "Marxist indoctrination" throughout the program.

The Crowe report says the 6-year old, \$140,000 a year program designed to help economically and culturally deprived students reach

university entrance level, has been taken over by a "new power group."

Administrators and academics did not oppose the alleged power group because they were "unequal to a power struggle embellished with racist accusations," the report claimed. It called for the program's termination and recommended the teaching staff be fired.

The governing council's decision means the course is suspended for the 1976-77 academic year.

The program's evaluation committee, however, found that out of the 85 percent who passed the one-year course, 78 percent were recommended for university.

The scrapping of the program was done with little discussion of the program's academic merits, according to a professor who assessed it. Professor F.J. Asals pointed out that the report "devotes only eight of its 52 pages to the program's academic worth."

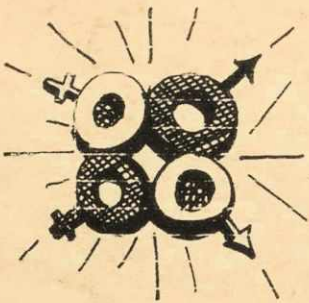
Otherwise the report worries about three Communist Party members on the program's advisory committee and a "new power bloc" of Black persons on the 23-member policy committee.

The Crowe report states that this committee was "a body dominated by a bloc of Black community representatives, tutors and students."

However, people connected with the program deny such a bloc existed. "I never saw it as a bloc on the committee. I saw a group of

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## Toronto gay march



Conference on September 4, 5, and 6. On the more serious side, demonstrators focused their concerns around job security and the need to have sexual orientation included in the Ontario Human Rights Code. The marchers rallied to hear a number of speeches emphasizing the need to change the laws and attitudes that discriminate against homosexuals in this country.

The gay liberation movement is in its fifth year in Canada and increasing numbers of lesbians and gay men are motivated to educate a public that fears and ridicules homosexuals. Gay alliance centres have sprung up across the country offering moral support on an individual basis to people who accept their sexual orientation but have difficulty in facing a hostile world.

TORONTO (CUP) --- "One - three - six - nine - lesbians are mighty fine!"

"Two - four - six - eight - We don't overpopulate!"

These were some of the chants echoing through the street of downtown Toronto as 400 marchers gave an enthusiastic show of support of pride among lesbians and gay men.

The march was held the opening day of the Fourth Annual Gay

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