

Line-ups

At York, they're a fact of life with registration. How does York compare with other universities?

By CAROL BRUNT

Registration and enrollment now means excessive line-ups to most York students. This, however, is not the scenario at other universities, like Western in London, and the University of Toronto, St. George Campus.

Last April, in the weeks prior to finals, students faced long line-ups for summer courses at Atkinson College and classes for the fall/winter term. This is also the first year York introduced the priority enrollment system for required courses and General Education (Humanities and Social Science).

For early enrollment, students were instructed to get the necessary materials from the Advising Centre and supplement calendars from the department. Students were required to attend an advising appointment with their chosen major/minor department, or group advising, after having made course selections. Students then submitted priority envelopes containing their requests to the appropriate department/divisions from March 18-23rd. This was supposed to ease the strain of general enrollment.

Unlike York, U of T uses its seven

colleges to break down the number of students enrolling. Through the College Registrar, students register in courses and make changes in their program.

Sally Walker, Acting Registrar at New College, explains that the use of colleges for the registration process is the pattern that has "evolved as the University has grown." Students are required to pay their fees before registering for courses in the Fall. This avoids any conflict with final exams.

At Western, course registration for the Winter Session is from March 7-25. According to Deputy Registrar Rob Tiffin, line-ups are not a big problem during March registration when students must attend academic counseling, because of the "big departments. There is more than one person they can see."

At Western, students must number in order of preference both principal (necessary) courses (which require departmental authorization), and options. Students choose their courses in March but don't find out if they've received their choice picks until September. But according to Dave Farnes, a second-year economics major, there's no "stress"



A typical scene at York's annual registration.

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during the summer because of the waiting. "Economics is a large enough department to ensure my courses," he says.

The deadline for completed forms from all students is March 25. Tiffin says that "it is fairly busy but we are staffed accordingly." The process doesn't conflict with final exams, which run April 16 to May 4.

York's Office of Student Programs could not be reached to comment on why our colleges aren't

used more extensively during registration or why there are so few days for registration, and scheduled so close to exams during study week.

Fall fee payments

York students can pay their fees during the summer but judging from line-ups at Central Registration in Bethune College, many left it to the last minute. According to Milt Bider, Registrar at York, more than 2,000

students a day pass through Bethune.

"It's surprising the constant pressure to get through the lines," he said. "Courses are filling and the publicity about the 1,400 students [who were qualified, but turned away from York because of lack of funds] are all serving as pressure. Students are reacting by registering as soon as they can," he said.

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Clark to teach at York

By JONATHAN GOODMAN

As Tory leader, Joe Clark had to be adept at fielding questions from fellow members of parliament. As of next month though, Clark will face a slightly different lineup as students in the Faculty of Administrative Studies will get a chance to take their best shots at the former Prime Minister of Canada.

Wallace B. Crowston, Dean of the Faculty of Administrative Studies, announced last week that Clark had been appointed a Fellow of the Faculty and will teach one week per semester, primarily in the Faculty's Public Management area.

"The idea," according to Professor James Gillies, Director of the Faculty's Public Management area and The Max Bell Business-Government Studies Programme, "is for the students in Public Policy to have the opportunity to interchange ideas with somebody who is right there. And it provides Clark with an opportunity to test some ideas while discussing such topics as the decision-making process, the Prime Minister's office, and the Privy Council."

Gillies also explained that there was a general misconception among many students that Clark would be teaching a specific course. In fact, Clark will be available as a resource to all FAS students and will lecture at the invitation of professors, teaching in a variety of classes that are offered.

The idea of having an ex-Prime Minister speak at a University is nothing new for Gillies who remembered that Lester B. Pearson taught

at Carleton University some 15 years ago, shortly after his term as Prime Minister. With that in mind, Gillies approached Clark with the proposal early in June, and by Labor Day, they reached a firm agreement. The exact dates Clark will teach, however, are still to be determined.

Clark will follow in the footsteps of other public policy-orientated Fellows who have in the past been invited to teach at the University—Trudeau's former right-hand man Jim Coultts was one. But, as Gillies

noted, "Clark is our most distinguished guest."

Although Clark was unavailable for comment, his Executive Assistant Bill Parsons said that, from his own observations, "teaching has always been an interest of Clark's as well as the development of young people and their pursuit of education."

"There is only one other person alive with his experience (as Prime Minister) and he wants to share that experience," said Parsons.



Former Prime Minister Joe Clark will be teaching courses at York this year.

Girl molested

By PAULETTE PEIROL

A young girl was molested on York grounds during the summer while her father, a member of the York Community, was minutes away in his Ross Building office.

According to W. Farr, Vice President of Student Relations and acting President at the time of the incident, this is the first case of child molesting ever at York. The girl merely stepped out of her father's office to get a drink of water in the hallway when she was accosted.

Colleen Heffernan, Administrative Assistant of York Daycare, said "a child can walk out of a room anywhere—even we allow children to go to the bathroom unaccompanied." York Daycare however, is only in operation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the summer, and only on weekdays. "Week-ends are quieter, and therefore, more dangerous," admits Heffernan. George Dunn of York Security adds, "The oddity is that there are lots of kids in the summer."

The case has been closed to public knowledge in an effort to protect the father and child. The police requested that York maintain a "no comment" position, for they feared that the incident would become a "campus guessing game." In addition, it would be detrimental to the investigation if the witnesses spoke from "common knowledge" rather than eye-witness reports.

The lack of detailed information by those involved in the case is justified and would amount to no more than sensationalism if revealed. Farr adds "it wasn't a role for the university as far as immediate

action was concerned. The Metro police were brought in instantly and have pursued the case with vigor."

York Security took measures to inform the community of the crime by issuing a statement in the York Bulletin. Posters were placed on "appropriate places on campus" requesting witnesses to contact the Metro Police.

Heffernan advocates taking extra care on campus and to "keep the child at home, unless it is absolutely necessary that they accompany you." She suggests forming a playgroup for children on weekends. "But we would have to find out if it would be beneficial . . . we would need money and staff," she said.

Student Security provides escort services for members of the York Community and acts as a liaison with (and in addition to) York Security. Last year, Student Security escorted 1,029 students on campus. Rob Jandl, head of Student Security, is proposing a Saturday afternoon service, which would run from approximately 1-5 p.m. The problem is a lack of funding—Jandl estimates that an additional \$1,000 would have to be raised, hopefully from student colleges.

Twenty-two students have been hired this year by Student Security. They will escort people anywhere on campus, even down the hallway for a drink of water if necessary.

Dunn said "People take York and its security for granted. Statistically, there will always be the odd dangerous person around."

Although the case is not open to public investigation, action to prevent further incidents of child molesting is.