

Barbarism in the 80s

TORONTO (CUP) — The University of Toronto engineering society was issued a warning by the city police's anti-pornography unit after a group of engineers used an anatomically correct female doll in an orientation prank.

Witnesses reported seeing the antics around 9 a.m. the second day of orientation.

"All the engineers were gathered around Convocation Hall in their hard hats," said Catherine Aird, an administrative assistant in the Health Care Research Unit.

Aird said the engineers dragged the doll around and then threw the doll on the ground and simulated group rape. They also used a beer bottle simulate various sexual acts, she said.

"If you are a female and see it going on, you can't help but find it offensive," said one witness who asked not to be named. The witness said she saw women in the group, but did not see them handling the doll.

After receiving complaints about the activity, Metro Poli-

ce's anti-pornography unit, Project P, warned the society about laws against "displaying a disgusting object".

Karen Morehead, the society's activity vice-president, said that although inflatable dolls have been used in several recent orientations, it would not happen again. She said that with 200 people on the orientation committee, it was hard to monitor every event.

Michael Charles, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science

and Engineering, said he informed the orientation organizers that their actions were unacceptable, and that the society's executive would be called in "to review what happened and to reiterate that it was totally unacceptable".

Aird said that instead of disciplinary action, she would like to see "an attempt by the university or the society itself to come to grips with what the incident means".

Revel rouses residents

KINGSTON (CUP) — The raucous street parties and drunken football fans of Queens University's fabled "Homecoming Weekend" may be a thing of the past now that the university senate has approved recommendations prohibiting open-air events and alcohol at football games.

The changes come in the wake of more than 100 arrests, mainly public intoxication and vandal-

ism, last October when police were called to an unsanctioned street party on the first night of Homecoming Weekend. Another party broke out the next night, causing nearby residents to demand that action be taken to prevent similar occurrences this year.

"A great many students weren't aware that there is a problem," said Jackson. He said students think any bad reputation Queen's has is a result of "hysterical news coverage".

He said several smaller outdoor events have been planned for Alumni Weekend, this year October 16 and 17, rather than one large outdoor event like a street party.

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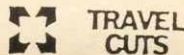
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