### 0 ntati ri е 0 **College orientation events** become a sink or swim affair, with licensed boat cruises

#### By DARCY MOLLOY

York boasts a multitude of extracurricular activities, but the most popular of these is pub hopping, limping, and crawling. While many pubs barred their doors during August (some for renovations and others for staff holidays), all eight are once again open. They are, in arbitrary order:

The Open End (Vanier College) The Cock and Bull (Founders College)

The Absinthe (Winters College) The Orange Snail (Stong College) Normans (Norman Bethune College)

The Crowe's Nest (Calumet) Le Cafe de la Terrasse (Glendon College)

The Grad Lounge (on 7th floor Ross)

The Faculty Club is also licensed, but not open to students.

Now is the best time to become familiarized with each pub, as they all have their own ambience and specialties. For the next week, while homework is nominal (if not nonexistent), York's pubs will be holding orientation events.

On Thursday, Sept. 4, both Founders College and McLaughlin College will be conducting a citywide scavenger hunt in downtown Toronto. Contestants will have to explore many different areas, looking for totally useless objects, all in the name of "fun." "It will help new students find their way around the city," said Jill Shibou, president of Stong College Council. Let's hope nobody ends up in Pickering . .

For those who make it back in time, The Open End will host a free performance by "Stranger," live in the quad Thursday night. For those

who may not make it back up to Downsview, Vanier College members will be meeting at the Brunswick House (at Brunswick and Bloor Streets).

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Friday, Sept. 5 marks Norman's opening night party, which will compete against Founders' CFNY dance in the dining hall. (Anyone who may doubt York's "spirit" has only to talk to pub patrons to find out about college rivalry.) Speaking of rivalry, Stong College is having a "Battle on the Plains of Stong" Friday afternoon (2-5 p.m.).

Saturday, Sept. 6 marks the opening football exhibition game-York versus Queen's at the North York Civic Stadium. Wear or paint yourself red (York's colour), and you get in for half price. Glendon College meanwhile is sponsoring a different type of athletic activity, a giant human scrabble game, to be followed by a corn roast and a concert.

Sunday and Monday appear to be days of "rest" and/or recuperation, but on Tuesday, Sept. 9 buses will leave from Founders, Vanier, and Winters Colleges for the Toronto Blue Jays versus the New York Yankees game.

For those with sea legs, Norman Bethune, Stong, Founders, and Glendon Colleges will all sponsor licensed boat cruises. Norman Bethune and Founders students will sail on the Mariposa Belle, docked at the foot of York Street, on alternating nights. Norman Bethune leaves Sept. 10, and Founders will follow on Sept. 12. Mariposa Belle is capable of carrying a load of up to 250 people.

This year, Norman Bethune has developed a new system whereby underaged students (under 19 years) can also attend the cruise. "Minors are allowed on our cruise, (because) you need a tag to drink," said Tony Black, chairman of the Norman Bethune College Council. The "tags" will be wristbands worn by students of drinking age.

Both the Founders and Norman Bethune cruises will consist of a three-hour tour around the Toronto Island and half way to Oakville, depending on the weather. The cost is \$15 per student.

The Stong College cruise, on Sept. 6, will take place aboard the Empire Sandy. Jill Shibou claims that the \$25 price tag is "worth it, because you get six drink tickets along with hot food."

Yet Glendon College receives top marks for booking the massive ship Trillium, capable of carrying 500 students and a disc jockey. Leaving Sept. 10, Glendon's offering is also the cheapest: \$13.95.

Remember, though, leave your car at home and bring plenty of cab fare. We don't want you dead before exam time.



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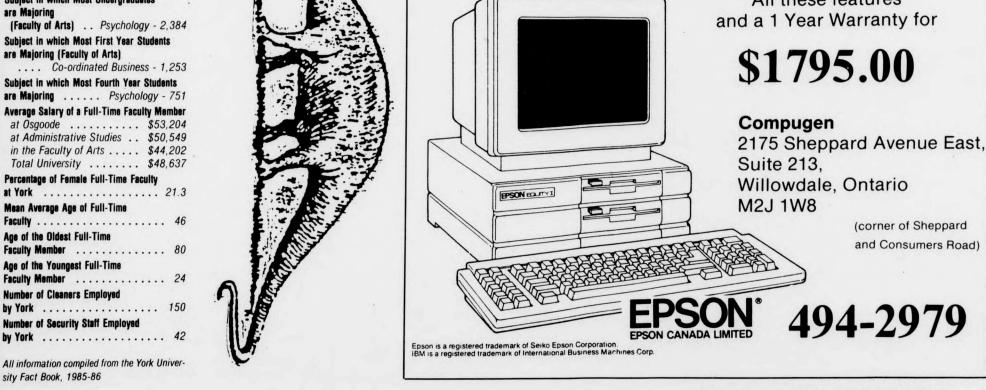
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