

Frustration forms new council

by DAVID MACDONALD
A frustrating problem facing Adult Training students - - not being able to participate in College activities at student rates - - is being rectified by their own efforts.

With the help of teacher Brad Yourth, as well as three other staff advisors, representatives from the 15 classes have formed the Simcoe Students Activities Council.
A meeting October 27 con-

firmed enthusiasm from Adult Training students for their own council. A constitution - - though not yet written - - is in the growth stage.

The council will be financed on a "pay as you play" basis

by students, said Mr. Yourth. This price will not be outlandish.

Adult Training students are restricted from participating in SAA or SAC activities because they are not required to pay

the \$35 registration fee that all other students pay. They do not have to pay the fee because they are only a part of the College for varied lengths of time.

The basic reason they can-

not participate at normal student rates is that they would be getting privileges at the expense of fee-paying fulltime students, according to John McCoy, SAC Internal Vice-President. He said there was the possibility that students from Adult Training could become involved in college functions at normal rates. This would have to be passed by SAC with a two-thirds majority vote. The final say, though, would be left up to college administration.

To date, there are no provisions for associate membership in the SAC constitution.

Dave Stewart, Parliamentarian and Advisor to the SAA, and Bob Wild, SAA president, said in their constitution provisions do exist for associate membership.

Article three of the SAA constitution under "Associate Membership" states:

"The SAA may allow a special restricted membership to any person or group not eligible (under the terms of "Full Membership"). A two-third majority vote of the SAA is required to approve such Associate Membership, the fee to be charged and the degree of restriction in each case."

Emphasizing that he and Mr. Wild were "not trying to ostracize anyone," Mr. Stewart said he is quite willing to speak with the Adult Training students who wish to participate in athletics at any time. He added, "We're not a selective group."

For example, Mr. Stewart said, last year a student from Adult Training, David Smith, was allowed to play on the varsity soccer team. Unfortunately, he only played for "a small percentage of time" as he dropped out of school before term's end.

Mr. Smith had approached Mr. Stewart about his wish to play with the soccer team.

Two years ago the same problem arose for Adult Training students when they had to pay guest prices for SAC functions and were unable to participate in intramural athletic activities, according to a November 1 issue of the Chronicle at that time. Basically the situation remains the same.

Another article from the same issue announced that changes to the SAC constitution were being discussed. It says: "If the proposed change is passed, there will be two types of membership...first is full membership which would apply to fulltime day students who have paid their student activity fee and whose course is at least 20 hours a week. The second would be associate membership which would apply to Adult Training students...who don't technically fit into the present constitution."

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Orienteering: A bush course in map, compass and survival

by JODIE CAIRNS

Last Saturday morning, I took it upon myself to accompany 15 students who were travelling to the Ganaraska Conservation Area.

The trip was initiated by their instructor, Lars Carlson, as practical experience for their course, How to Survive in the Bush with a Map and Compass.

We were each given a map, on which our route was marked by checkpoints, and a compass. Mr. Carlson told us we had an hour to find as many checkpoints as possible by navigating with our compass. I chose two knowledgeable hikers to tag along with and we began our trek.

Throughout the morning, it was not uncommon to see Mr. Carlson popping up out of nowhere to help distressed students who weren't sure of their bearings.

I thought the difficult part was over when we all completed the route. But Mr. Carlson decided to take us on a small excursion. You may find this hard to believe but we got lost and crossed one stream too many. By this time my feet were wet and my spirit was dampened. Luckily, Mr. Carlson navigated us safely back to the parking lot.

I interviewed a few of the

students as to why they had enrolled in this challenging course.

Peter Wilson, a Chrysler employee, is hoping to get back into the airlines as a steward. "I'm taking this course so if the plane does go down in the bush, I want to know how to get out."

Florence Polak, an elementary school teacher, said that the course is a new interest. "I've never really done anything like this before."

Dawn Adair, a Durham College librarian, has enrolled in the class just for fun.

Dawn's mother, Lavina, has also enrolled. "My husband and I plan on travelling out West in the future and we would like to do some hiking.

We realize it's pretty easy to get lost in the woods."

Mr. Carlson has been involved in the instruction of orienteering since 1967 and he has taught people from all over Canada. Lately, he has been teaching local classes so he can spend more time at home.

He is hoping to have a continuation of the course next year so students will appreciate the beauty of the forest instead of concentrating totally on survival.

Mr. Carlson is also interested in forming an orienteering club within Durham College.



S. Stanton, Lillian Lavender, R.N.'s, taking fitness test. Both passed.

Fitness Week is successful

Health Sciences Division remained true to their school last week when more than half of the division turned out to see how fit they are.

Approximately 400 people representing all the divisions turned out for Fitness Week last week. Few participants failed to reach the minimum fitness category which helped make the week a rousing success.

The nutrition table also was a success, according to Mrs. Delores Hopps. Mrs. Hopps said that the table was set up to give people pamphlets on the nutritional value they require when choosing their food.

Health Sciences ran 158 or 64 per cent of their division and 24 out of 25 teachers through the fitness test. The runner up was the Business Division who ran 23 per cent of their students and 87 per cent of their faculty through the test.

Mrs. Charlene Quinn, instructor for the certified Dental Assistance Program said the general turnout was good but not as well as the fitness program. Mrs. Quinn said the main reason for this is the demonstrational type of system that the dental program had compared to the participation involved in the fitness program.

The main idea behind this display was to show the public how to care for their teeth properly. This display showed people the proper way to brush their teeth and also how to apply floss to their teeth.

This display was a basis for supplying the public with proper personal hygiene.

The following is the final attendance results of the Fitness Week:

Health Sciences Division led the way with 64 per cent student turn-out and 96 per cent teacher attendance.

Business Division was the runner-up when 23 per cent of the students showed up and 87 per cent teachers.

Adult Training ended up with 6 per cent students and 44 per cent teachers.

Applied Arts finished with a 40 per cent student turn-out and 31 per cent of its' teachers completing the test.

The Technology Division results were completed with student participation reaching 24 per cent and the teachers responded with a 67 per cent turn-out.

Forty eight per cent of the administration and supporting staff completed the test.

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Peter Wilson studies his map.



Dave Beatty takes a compass reading.