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Student attacked by masked assailant

by Kirsten Burgess

On Tuesday, September 10, between 8:30-9:00 pm, a female student was assaulted on campus by an armed man wearing a ski mask.

The attack occurred near the corner of Pacey and Dineen Streets near the bus stop across from the law building.

The victim, a freshman at St. Thomas University, was on her way back to her residence when she was grabbed from behind and a knife held against her throat. A struggle ensued and she was able to kick her attacker first in the groin and then in the face before she ran to a nearby residence building.

The attack was reported two days later to the Dean of Women at STU and to the Fredericton police department.

The suspect is reported to be a large man, about 6'4" tall and 200 pounds, with long, curly blond hair. At the time of the attack he was wearing black high-cut "torsion" sneakers, jeans, a black or navy sweater, and a ski mask.

The proctors of the STU residences held meetings to inform students of the assault. A second student then reported having seen a man dressed in dark clothes, skulking in the bushes near the STU residences. She had been returning to the campus at about 10:00pm on the same night as the attack occurred, when she saw a movement in the bushes and ran quickly from the area.

She reported that the man fit the general description of the attacker, and was wearing what she then thought to be a tuque on his head.

Another student reported having seen a man at a party at Jones' house the weekend before the assault, who she believes fit the description of the attacker.

The Dean of Residences at UNB, Dr. M L Stirling, says that while there has not been discussion in the residences of the current assault, there are programs already in place to advise students of potential risks on campus, and of proce-

dures to follow in case of assault.

She also emphasizes that there is a Campus Escort Service available again this year for students who do not wish to walk alone after dark. This service is available every night, all night, and if you are in need

of an escort call UNB Security at 453-4830.

The Fredericton police say that this incident on campus is not related to the recent sexual assault of a ten-year-old girl on Oxford Street for which they do have a suspect in custody.

Campus Security and the Fredericton police department are emphasizing the need for students to immediately report any assault, or information pertaining to an assault, in order to help prevent further incidents.



Fredericton South Candidates: (from L-R) Jamie Henderson, Russ King, Pauline Mackenzie, and Meryl Sarty.

Election candidates discuss education

by Karen Burgess

The lounge of the Lady Beaverbrook Residence resounded with campaign promises and platforms as the five candidates of the Fredericton South riding gathered to speak to the students of UNB.

Speakers at the event were Liberal incumbent Russ King, Pauline MacKenzie of the New Democratic Party, Jamie Henderson of the Progressive Conservative Party, Meryl Sarty of the Confederation of Regions Party, and Harry Marshall, the riding's only independant candidate.

The round table discussion, which took place Thursday September 12, was by UNB psychology professor Anne Cameron. The intent of the discussion was that candidates and students be given a forum in which to interact on educational issues, and other areas of student concern.

The speakers were each given equal amounts of time to realise issues they felt important. Following these speeches, each candidate was allowed to respond to questions fielded by the audience. Candidates addressed the gathering in alphabetical order.

Jamie Henderson of the PC's spoke mostly of education, saying that although schooling cannot be effective if students are not treated properly at home, no success at all can be achieved if there is insufficient funding for schools in the education system.

He continued "The university like the high schools, are running right at the top end as far as class size and that does take away from the educational experience that these people are undergoing. They can't quite get the attention they need."

"These are some of the con-

straints that I've heard about -- class size, underfunding -- but they are not things easily addressed in an environment where cash is not readily available".

He said, however, that he intended to speak with those directly involved in the education system, using them as one of his resources in his agenda to combat the system's present problems.

The second speaker in the forum was Liberal candidate Russ King. King stressed the experience he had gained in the past 4 years as Fredericton South's MLA. King, who was

responsible for the higher education portfolio in the area said "I have been part of, I feel, a government that has leadership by example, which has had education as a priority, but which realized very quickly that you can't just deal with everything. Rather, we had to look at the continuum of education. We realized we could not address everything in 4 years or 3 years".

He continued to say that he is impressed by New Brunswick's increased sense of community, and that only through this feeling of unity

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