

# Man shot three times at Vanier College hall

By GARRY MARR

Gunshots wounded one and sent participants at a York dance scurrying for the exits early last Monday.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. on Monday, August 29, Barrington Gayle, 32, was shot in the right upper arm, the left side of the chest, and right side of the abdomen. He was transported by ambulance to York-Finch Hospital, where his condition was stabilized. The assailant remains unknown to police, who have no witnesses from the 150-200 people present.

Two York Security guards had arrived at the Vanier College Dining Hall to request that the music be turned down when they heard shots.

Director of Security Michael O'Neil said the guards were unable to see the suspect, although they spotted the victim on the second floor of the college several minutes later.

"One window was broken, but the place was not in shambles," said O'Neil. Although beer bottles were all over the floor, he attributed it to the stampeding crowd.

The dance was held by a Caribbean Cultural Performance (not to be confused with York's Caribbean Student Association). O'Neil said the dance was the first held by the group at York and doubted whether they would be allowed to hold similar events again.

# Church investigated

By NANCY PHILLIPS

Student Affairs has been investigating allegations that Students for Christ, a recognized York club, has been harassing members of the university community.

To facilitate their investigation, Student Affairs ran an advertisement in *Excalibur* on July 14 asking people to "register their concerns" about the group. Director of Student Affairs, Cora Dusk, said the advertisement was an attempt to "get the community to confirm that this is really going on."

Dusk said some students have experienced "very annoying persist-

plained that when they tried to leave the Church, a great deal of pressure was put on them, causing significant emotional distress. She also said "so much of the literature that I have seen says 'informal Bible study' and it does not specify what the sponsoring group is." Section 2.4 of the Club Handbook states that all clubs "shall consistently use their recognized name."

"Those kind of complaints were reported to the Inter-Faith Council (IFC) as well," said Dusk. After a review, Students for Christ was dismissed from the IFC in March 1988.

Kamla Itwar has been a member of Students for Christ for nine months. Denying that the group harasses people, she said, "We go to Bible talks and invite people along." She feels her group is like any other group on campus that asks people to attend activities. She added that there is no pressure to stay with the Church, and that the group does not distribute material without club identification.

The executive of Students for Christ could not be reached for comment.

To deal with the allegations, Student Affairs held a meeting with the group's advisors and student members in July. Dusk said, "They started to understand the concern. They said that if people clearly let them know that they weren't interested that they would leave them alone."

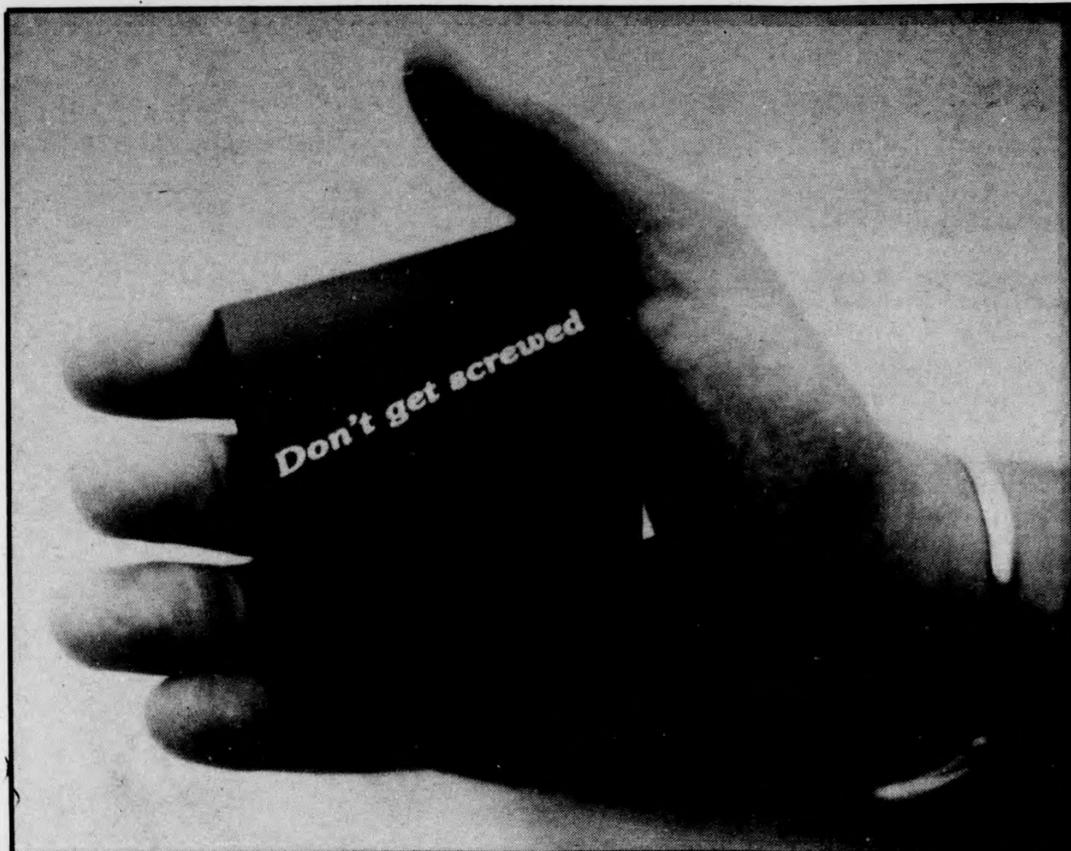
Student Affairs is waiting to see how Students for Christ conducts itself during the school year.

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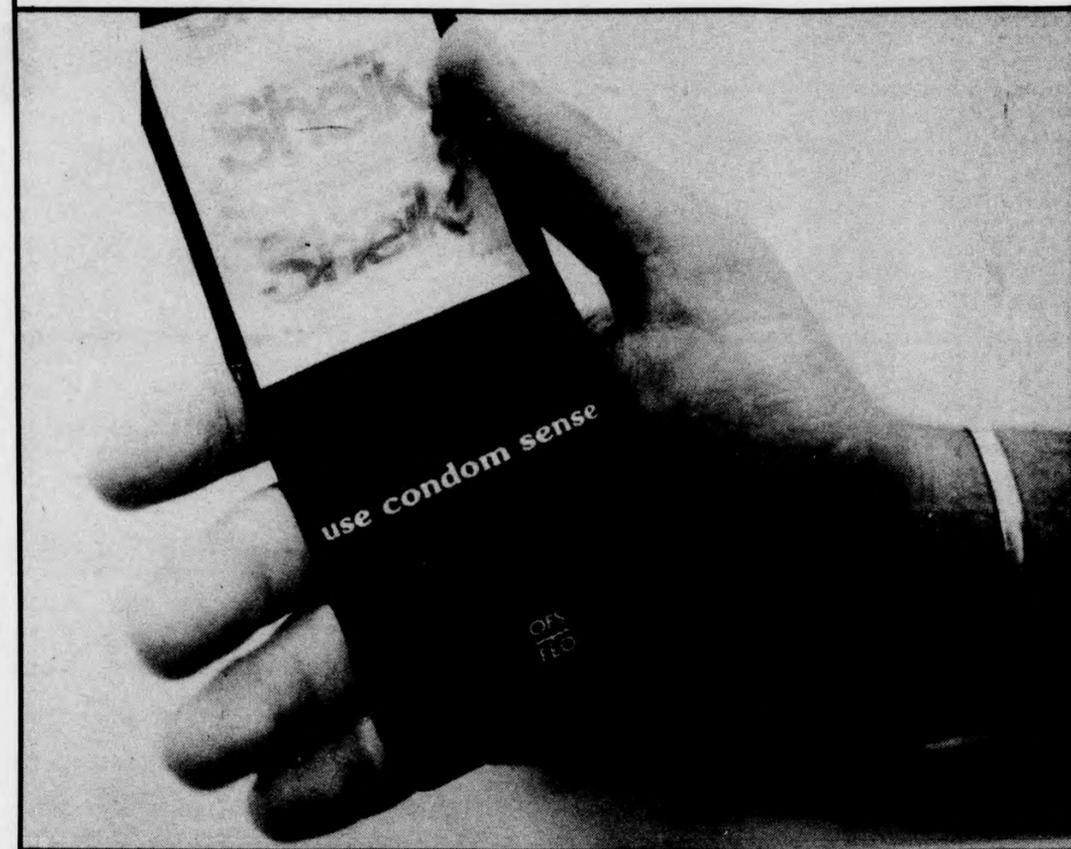
ent recruitment from the group." One complainant told *Excalibur* he was persistently asked to attend Bible study classes, despite his continual refusal. He said a Church member told him not to be a "wimp" and to "prove you're a man" by going to these classes. "You're made to feel like a jerk if you don't agree with everything they say," he said.

Allegations were also made that people were standing in Central Square and the cafeteria handing out brochures, said Dusk. According to Student Affairs regulations this is not normally allowed, as it hampers traffic flow and creates a fire hazard.

Dusk said other people com-



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