

Student ill, she was treated as drug user

BY JOHN STEWART
A Gordon Graydon Secondary School student claims school staff and Mississauga police officers over-reacted to her illness on Nov. 13 and rudely interrogated and searched her for signs of drug use.

Nancy Harrington said she became sick during a driver education class and went to the washroom where she was severely ill. She was later found by classmates and assisted by a teacher to the office.

There, the girl says, a vice-principal and a group of teachers "decided I must have been on drugs. I guess they thought I was OD'ing (dying of a drug overdose) or something."

The student claims her arms were checked for needle marks, her breath and hair were checked for telltale odours of drugs, and the pupils of her eyes were examined.

"I was lying there really, really sick and I didn't even have the energy to hit back," Nancy says. Teachers called the police who in turn called an ambulance and the girl was removed to the hospital.

Miss Harrington says she overheard as she was leaving that her locker and personal possessions would be searched in her absence.

At the hospital the girl, who says she has never been involved in any drug trouble at the school, was told by a doctor who examined her that she could tell school officials she was not on drugs. "He checked my eyes and said drugs weren't involved," Nancy relates.

The student points out that teachers called the ambulance but she says there was no excuse for the action of the police and ambulance drivers whom she claimed were "rotten and mean" to her.

"The ambulance men did everything to make me feel uncomfortable," according to Miss Harrington. "They kept calling me things like a 'stupid little freak!'"

The girl says she is concerned that parents of Graydon students are not aware of what is going on in the school. "The foremost things on the teachers' minds seems to be drugs, not education," she says. "They don't seem to care about teaching. Sure there are a few dealers in our school like in all of the others but their (the teachers) tactics to catch them leave a lot to be desired."

City council-elect's tragic-comedy runs for 6½ hours



BUD GREGORY
"... We've been snowed"

BY FRANK TOUBY
Opinions were varied as to whether Mississauga's new city council-elect staged a comedy or a tragedy Thursday night, but then varied opinions are an earmark of the new council.

Which ever dramatic masks the players thought they were wearing, they unquestionably put on scenery-chewing political theatre for the better part of 6½ hours.

The main protagonists were councillors Ron Searle and Bud Gregory, two of the new council's three opposition members. The third, Harold Kennedy, was absent.

The curtain opened on the nine players arguing about whether Mayor-elect Martin Dobkin should have an executive assistant at \$20,000 salary per year.

Dobkin's job description of the post — a rider to conditional approval of the assistant introduced at an earlier meeting by Searle and Gregory — included having the assistant sit in for the mayor on committees.

"It's reprehensible that any civil servant should have the right to sit in committee in place of the mayor," charged Searle, adding that Dobkin had promised to be a full-time mayor who lays aside all other duties.

Dobkin had picked for his executive assistant a long-time friend, 31-year-old Dr. Gord Watt, a physician and lawyer.

Searle called that patronage. "A cheap shot," Dobkin retorted, explaining that his assistant would not be in a civil service position.

Searle was playing clown and gadfly. He posted a cardboard sign in front of his name plate. "Nils illegitimus non carborundum," it said. Searle translated it as: "Don't let the bastards grind you down."

Collapsed 5 days after puck hit him, youth recovering

A 14-year-old hockey player had brain surgery this week for a blood clot he suffered after being struck with a puck.

Boris Habus of 760 Runningbrook Dr. was struck with the flat side of the puck above the left eyebrow near the edge of his hockey helmet in a Mississauga Hockey League game at Melton Arena Saturday Nov. 24.

The injury didn't appear to bother him noticeably and he played again Tuesday at Cawthra Arena. He practices with his team at 5 a.m. Wednesday but collapsed later that morning at St. Paul's Separate School.

He was taken to Mississauga Hospital, transferred almost immediately to Toronto Western and was operated on shortly after.

Boris is walking again although his speech has been affected along with the vision in his left eye. He is still being held in hospital.

The boy's father, Ivan Habus, secretary of the Ontario National Soccer League says his son seems to be well known everywhere he plays hockey. Boris had scored five goals in six games when he was hurt.

Habus said he didn't blame the sport for the accident and said he was "real thankful" for the compulsory helmet rule in minor hockey.

He was told by doctors that were it not for the helmet his son would probably have died from the blow he suffered.

He grinned a lot, but it was hard to detect. Searle had suffered a hemorrhage in his nose and it was covered on one side with adhesive tape which ran across his upper lip and stiffened it.

Searle suggested Dobkin advertise nationally for candidates to fill the executive assistant job.

School sports survey

A \$12,300 study of the quality and cost of sports activities in Peel's elementary and high schools is finally underway.

Ward 5 trustee Terry Lewis had earlier proposed the study in an effort to determine the merits of various sports programs in local schools. He was eager to promote individualized sports that would encourage life long involvements.

The board of education approved the study after determining its cost. The study will outline the type of sports available in schools, the relative involvement of students, the relative cost of each sport and the cost per pupil involvement hour.

The results of the study are expected to be available sometime early in the new year.

Inquest ordered

An inquest will be held Jan. 9 into the death of 17-year-old Daniel Martin Price of Mississauga who fell 11 storeys at Rochdale College Friday morning.

Price lived at 1847 Stonepath Cres. in Mississauga. His death is the 10th at Rochdale since the college opened in 1969. There have been four suicides, two drug overdoses and one murder.

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White truck not involved in Erindale co-ed's death

After investigating a white van truck suspected of being involved in the September murder of Erindale College co-ed Constance Dickey, Mississauga police have concluded it is "disconnected with the case."

A picture of the truck was published in the Erindale College student newspaper The Erindalian Nov. 21 with additional information prepared in conjunction with the police department.

The newspaper asked that anyone, who recalled being picked up in the truck Sept. 10 or 11 of this year by a man claiming he wanted to cut wood in the area, contact the police. The man was described as having "strange and unusual mannerisms."

Superintendent William Teggart who is supervising the murder investigation says police have contacted the owner of the white van and concluded he could be of no help in their case. "We've gone past that point in our investigation," Teggart says.

The 19-year-old co-ed was reported missing Sept. 11 and her body was found Sept. 16. An autopsy showed she had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

Her body was found 300 yards south of the Erindale campus and 150 feet east of Mississauga Road.

A \$3,000 reward has been offered by the town police commission for information leading to an arrest.

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Summer Meeting May Have Been Wasted

Port Credit compromise shot

BY SID RODAWAY
PORT CREDIT — Bureaucratic delays and uninformed residents may have scuttled a compromise development proposal here that would have replaced high-rise apartments with lower density semi-detached homes and stacked townhouses.

Carlton Holdings has told town council's general committee and planning board the company must reject a lower density compromise reached after a series of summer meetings with residents and planning officials and revert to a 18 storey high-rise plan for its 25 acre west end site.

Alan Blott, the firm's lawyer, revealed the decision was made after objections were filed. George Clayton, of Crozier Court in Mississauga, Carlton officials are not willing to accept the inevitable six month delay in an Ontario Municipal Board fight for the

required rezoning — the compromise proposal was to be accepted only if it was unopposed.

Blott had warned Crozier Court residents that if the compromise solution was opposed, Carlton would revert to a high-rise rental scheme. "There is no doubt about it that they felt they could get further concessions from the company — they did not take us seriously," Blott told The Times.

"There is no doubt that if those Crozier Court people had agreed to the compromise we would have carried through with it," he said. Blott had met with Crozier Court residents in August and October to explain the compromise.

Originally slated to accommodate some 3,000 residents in an apartment development by Humberbank Developments Ltd. in 1968, the land was bought from the courts last January by Carlton Holdings.



An official of Ontario fire marshal's office moves in to inspect remains of a Ninth Street home in Lakeview which was rocked by explosion Thursday. No cause has been determined in blast which blew out two walls and seriously injured one man. (Times photo by Ray Saiz)

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Police plan to interview victim

Mississauga police are waiting to interview John Thomas Peer in their investigation of the explosion which demolished Peer's Ninth Street home in Lakeview last Thursday.

The 23-year-old man was blown out of the house in the explosion which knocked down two walls of the structure and left it leaning against a neighbour's home.

Peer is in fair condition in the intensive care unit at Mississauga Hospital. He is in isolation with second degree burns to 30 per cent of his body.

The explosion at 911 Ninth St. occurred about 3:35 p.m. A gas explosion was originally suspected in the incident but an investigation by Consumer's Gas officials supervised by the Ontario fire marshal's office failed to determine a cause. No leaks were found in gas operated appliances and piping.

Man Left Holding Envelope MP raps post office over Cup tickets caper

Roche Court resident Douglas Robb hadn't seen a Grey Cup game live in six years so he was justifiably excited when his mother-in-law told him she was sending four tickets to the Nov. 25 game.

She sent them by special delivery express from Regina through Canada Post — usually a guarantee of delivery within 24 hours.

That was on Nov. 21. They arrived Nov. 26. "You're damn right I'm burning," Robb said Monday, a week after the tickets, worth between \$50 and \$70 arrived.

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