



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT: Downtown Toronto was the scene last Friday for a march in protest of violence against women and children. A contingent from York's Women's Centre was present at the demonstration. See story on page 9.

Poor supervision at Maccabi Games blamed for damage to York residences

By JAMES FLAGAL

Lack of supervision at the Maccabi Games in late August resulted in thousands of dollars worth of damage to residences on campus according to a Maccabi game co-ordinator.

Harold Cipin, the Toronto co-ordinator for the Maccabi games (Olympics for Jewish youth up to age 16) said that 65 percent of the 2000 visiting athletes stayed on campus but the adult personnel available was not enough to control the number of athletes in residence.

Cipin said that the desired ratio was seven to 10 athletes for every adult, but "most teams didn't even come close to matching this level of supervision." The most extensive vandalism occurred during the first couple of days when the athletes arrived, said Jackie Stroud, a Don in Vanier Residence and a summer employee for the Conference Centre. "I know it wasn't malicious in nature, but the mischief which did take place often became dangerous."

Stroud said she saw one child kneeling on a window ledge in Vanier while hanging his head and upper body out of the window. "I was just afraid someone might get hurt with this lack of supervision," she said.

Stroud said the measures taken to ensure security were never implemented during the course of the games. "Even though designated staff were given security badges prior to the games to control the flow of people in and out of residence," Stroud recalled, "people still entered the residence buildings freely during the games regardless of the badges."

Items damaged included bulletin boards (ripped off the wall), light-bulbs, cushions and some residence common room furniture. As well debris thrown out of the windows endangered people walking into the residences. And on a couple of occa-

sions some residence floors were partially flooded with fire hoses.

According to Jack Moore, director of the Conference Centre, the only athletes who were sent home for misconduct were from the Montreal team because they were tampering with fire extinguishers.

Moore said that the Maccabi Organization will be billed for all the damages that were caused by the athletes during the games. Cipin told *Excalibur* that York would be compensated for all damages which occurred.

According to Stan Taman, the resident tutor of Vanier College, "several visiting parties who utilize the facilities during the summer months mistreat residence, it's not just the Maccabi team." Taman said the damage was so extensive due to the large number of youths involved. "However, I also think it's time York started investigating ways to avoid these repeated acts of vandalism created by visiting parties," Taman said.

Taman said he was concerned over who will actually pay for the damages in residence. "I think the student body should be kept up-to-date on the receiptment of payment from Maccabi to ensure that the cost of damages is not withdrawn from the student purse," Taman said.

"It was wrong in the first place for the university to book such a large group less than two weeks before the start of residence orientation," Taman said.

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Pension Fund trustees urged to divest S. Africa-linked investments

By KEVIN BRAY

The York Divestment Committee (YDC) is calling upon the trustees of the University Pension Fund to disregard a prominent law firm's legal advice and divest the plan of South Africa-linked investments.

At Tuesday's forum on "York and Apartheid" held at Atkinson College, the YDC, represented by Michael Stevenson, a political science professor, asked the trustees to reconsider their earlier resolution and divest the approximately \$18 million now held in firms with South African connections.

On May 5 (see box on page 5 for a chronology of developments) the trustees decided against divestment after receiving legal advice from McCarthy and McCarthy informing them that such action could conflict with their duty to maximize returns for the beneficiaries. Drawing upon legal precedents in Great Britain, the firm indicated that trustees might be held personally liable for any loss to the plan incurred from divestment.

Stevenson termed this advice "ambiguous" and argued that "ethical divestment" must seriously be considered. Using cases previously argued against conflict of interest allegations the YDC presented a number of points to reinforce their contention that the trustees could divest the fund without facing adverse legal consequences. These include: benefit is not limited to financial gain; risk assessment must be taken into account by the fund's trustees and; the intention of the trustee in making an investment decision is crucial in finding a breach of trust.

"Academics, students and university administrators need not invest in South Africa if they have ethical arguments against it," Stevenson said.

"There are two points on which the divestment roadblock hinges," Stevenson explained. "One is legal and the other is economic." Stevenson indicated that the trustees must consider the risks of investing in South Africa and that moving

investments out of the country may be in the interests of "maximizing returns to the beneficiaries."

"I believe it is clear and now universally accepted that the risks of investment in South Africa are unacceptable," Stevenson said. "Business itself is running out of the country."

Stevenson also argued that US evidence from a number of studies shows South Africa-free portfolios have outperformed South African related ones. As well, the Ethical Growth Fund, run by Vancouver City Savings, produced a portfolio that outperformed one with South African investment by 10 percent.

"Divesting the York Pension Fund under existing law must be done on economic grounds," Stevenson said. By incorporating ethical considerations into benefits for plan

members, and emphasizing the large risks associated with investments in South Africa, the YDC hopes the trustees "supported by independent investment advice" will soon divest. "It would be prudent, wise and in the interests of beneficiaries for trustees to divest," Stevenson said.

Participants at the forum also included John Saul, Social Science Professor at Atkinson, Yola Grant a YDC representative, and York President Harry Arthurs. Arthurs, speaking on behalf of York, said the "University is committed to the values of enlightenment, humanity... which are the negation of apartheid." Arthurs continued by stating he was "personally, before and since the Divestment Committee formed, supportive of its goals and tactics."

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York psychologist's study finds stress is higher among Hong Kong students

By DAVID DOLLARD

Visa students from Hong Kong are suffering from higher than normal stress which could result in "psychological impairment," says a national study released September 19.

The \$12,000 study conducted by York psychologist Dr. Kathryn Mickle was based on an open-ended stress-scale developed in the United States. The study involved 27 universities and 364 students from across Canada.

Although the scale is open-ended, in that there is no limit to the highest score obtainable, Mickle said, there are specific numerical values which indicate the degree of stress on the individual. The Canadian student mean score was around 3 while the Hong Kong visa student mean score was 4.43. A score of higher than 4 indicates possible "psychological impairment," according to Mickle. Her study a follow-up to her Ph.D. thesis, indicated an average 5.35 score for Hong Kong visa students at both York and U of T.

Mickle shifted her initial psychological focus from day care to the study of stress when she noticed an increasing number of Hong Kong visa students dropping into the Atkinson College counselling service where she worked as a counsellor.

"They had severe doubts about their sense of personal worth," Mickle said. Hong Kong visa students are the largest foreign student population in Canada.

According to Mickle, Hong Kong visa students are susceptible to stress because of their difficulty in learning the English language and assimilating into the Canadian society. Pressure exerted by their families in Hong Kong to do well in Canada also contributes to added stress, Mickle said. The Hong Kong visa student often feels alienated from both the Canadian culture and his family. "Sometimes you are very alone, without parents, during this growing period," says Apple Luk, a 24 year-old Hong Kong visa student

and member of the Chinese Christian Fellowship.

Mickle conducted her study because she was concerned about the Hong Kong visa graduate student's ability to function productively within Canadian society if "psychological impairment," has occurred.

Mickle said that one of the ways Hong Kong visa students could adapt better to Canadian society is they increase their interaction with Canadians. She also said that Canadian universities could follow the American universities' examples of starting peer counselling centres on campuses.

Brenda Hanning, York's foreign student advisor, has edited *Survival Guide for Foreign Students* to help all foreign students assimilate better into York and the Canadian society. This booklet, written by Joan Adetuyi, should be available from Student Affairs within the next two weeks. For further information or assistance, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 736-5144.