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has someone finally found a way to lunch downtown and still be back for afternoon classes? Are York's extra acres the answer to the crowding at Toronto International? Actually, this Cessna 172 was just visiting Natural Science 179.6 (Science of Flight). Co-lecturer, Daphne Schiff, landed the plane rented from Maple Airport to demonstrate what Course Director, John Goodings, has been talking about in class.

Anti-semitism at York

Security Director Dunn slow to respond to JSF

John Schmied

In an October 5th interview with *Excalibur*, Director of Security George Dunn denied knowledge of any anti-semitic, violence-threatening incidents at York University.

This, despite having received a memo from the Jewish Student Federation, informing him of at least six such acts.

In a memo addressed to Dunn and dated September 29, the Executive Director of the Jewish Student Federation reported among other things:

- anti-semitic violence in the Grad Residence.
- Letter bomb threats to the J.S.F.
- hate literature in the mail of the J.S.F.
- obscene phone calls to the J.S.F.

The memo also requested "occasional security checks of the J.S.F. offices in the evenings for 'anything unusual'."

Robinson had telephoned Dunn after receiving the bomb threat on September 20th, but "she never got to him." She decided to send the memo when the J.S.F.

received anti-semitic literature on September 23rd. Robinson says the memo was sent by University mail on either the 29th or the 30th.

At an interview Tuesday morning, October 5th, Dunn was questioned by *Excalibur* about the bomb threat received by the J.S.F. He said, "At the moment I don't know anything at all." When asked about the incidents at the Grad Residences where halls and stairways were defaced with anti-Jewish slogans (the incident was reported in *Excalibur* on September 23rd) he had "never heard of the Assiniboine incident." The office of Campus' security stated Dunn, "had no previous knowledge before last night, of any mail

material sent to the J.S.F. Dunn said he had received phone calls on Monday evening, informing him of anti-semitic incidents. Dunn did not say who telephoned. The next day he sent his acting staff supervisor, Jeff McLeod, to the J.S.F. office to gather more information.

When contacted by *Excalibur* on Monday, Oct. 4, about the anti-semitic incidents, an officer at 31 Division of the Metropolitan Toronto Police said "We don't know of anything." He was both surprised and concerned, adding that the police would be very interested in seeing such material. The officer then inquired about a contact person at York with whom he could discuss the matters, and

himself added that George Dunn would probably be best.

When contacted on Tuesday afternoon, George Dunn again denied knowledge of any incidents on campus, and said, the bomb threat was never reported. When asked if he had seen the memo which was dated Sept. 29 and which specifically referred to the bomb threat, Mr. Dunn stated that it was the memo he had been reading that morning during the earlier interview.

The memo dated September 29th was the second that the J.S.F. had sent to Dunn. After a sign outside the J.S.F. office was ripped down on September 15th, Robinson requested extra security for the High Holiday Season. According to Robinson "this was done somewhat."



Teenage Head bassist, Steve Mahon: The band is returning to York October 14. See story page 5.

First meeting

Committee to shed light on security

Barb Bench

In response to the growing concern about campus security, a committee consisting of college representatives met on Thursday to discuss locations for new lighting. At the meeting, the committee decided on five locations which require upgraded lighting: the walkway between Tait and the Track and Field Centre, the north side of Petrie between Farquharson and Stedman, and parking lots B, C, and D.

In total, 100 blue globes with transparent coverings have been ordered to replace some of the existing yellow globes which have been criticized for their dimness. The globes, which were

purchased with the \$75,000 grant allotted to George Dunn, Department of Security, have been arriving in shipments of 12 to 15.

Some of the new globes have already been placed between graduate residences 2 and 4. Other priority locations include: bus stops, cross walks, parking lots, emergency phones, around the shrubbery, jogging paths, and between the portables outside of Ross.

One location in need of lights is the Quadrant area of Glendon College. Steve Phillips, in charge of student security at Glendon expressed his concern for students travelling in the Quadrant, an 'L'-shaped area formed by two residences and surrounded by

trees. He suggested a flood light system be installed as there are no lights whatsoever.

All colleges agreed that the lighting would improve significantly if the posts were taller; the lights would no longer shine in residence windows and would cover a larger area.

Although all colleges were contacted, only Glendon, Osgoode, McLaughlin, Stong and Winters sent representatives to Thursday's session. Maurizio Bevilacqua, CYSF President, Andrea Habas of Legal and Literary Society, and Johanna Stuckey, advisor to the President on status of women at York also attended.

Each college representative will return to next week's

meeting with the results of a survey and a letter to Mr. Dunn outlining areas in their colleges which would be benefitted most by the new globes. Also to be discussed at the meeting are suggestions for a possible van service for late night travellers on and near the campus and improvements in student security.

Susan Ursell, who organized the meeting said that she was "pleased with the turnout" considering York's usual lack of enthusiasm for meetings.

Habas commented on the goals of the committee, "What we want is to improve the environment for people travelling either to classes or walking to their cars."