

**Attackers say**

# Bethune is a "communist-Jewish conspiracy"

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whom was a "dark, Italian-looking man", was Davies' claim that Mussolini was not Aryan.

The attack followed the college's receipt, Thursday, of anti-semitic literature entitled Buy Aryan, a

cartoon put out by the NSU.

Davies does not think the two were students because they were unfamiliar with the layout of the campus and the structure of the university. Police have since checked employees of the Open End

who were working that night in an attempt to locate the men.

The series of incidents at Bethune last month were the first time the Nationalist Socialist Underground has surfaced. Police believe them to be a splinter group of the Western

Guard.

Davies will check a lineup of possible suspects as soon as his eyesight recovers from the medical treatment he received Tuesday.

The college master seemed especially concerned about the

Spanish Conference to be held at Bethune College March 10 to 14, and has requested special police protection for the duration of the conference, which he fears could be a target for extreme right-wing groups.

— OPEN LETTER —

## Condemnation of violence

Two weeks ago, Ioan Davies wrote a sensitive post-mortem to a Bethune student who had dropped out of York and taken his life. He ended his poignant farewell with a note of sadness. He apologized to the late student because the University perhaps had not been humane enough to offer the warmth, the understanding, the friendship and the security that might have kept the young man alive.

The note reflected Davies' character. He is an excellent academic and a superb human being whose feelings were hurt because of the loss of a fellow human being. I did not know the man but I also felt like Davies, that all of us had lost something.

Little did Ioan Davies know that his eulogy would almost become his own epitaph. A few days later he was the victim of a brutal and cowardly attack by unknown jackals as he left a campus pub. Davies will require plastic surgery and the attack almost cost him an eye. This is not the first such incident on campus this year.

**CAMPUS VIOLENCE**

However, this is no time for tears, and sorrow will not bring back the late student or heal Davies' moral or physical wounds or those of the other victims of campus violence.

Mr. C.G. Dunn, in charge of Safety and Security at York, almost dismissed the magnitude of the violence at York University when he was quoted by Excalibur as saying that the incidents on campus were "normal for a community of 25,000 people."

I would like to suggest to Mr. Dunn that not a single incident in any community can or should be considered normal, whether the incidents have been officially

reported or not. Would Mr. Dunn wake up to this fact if and when a member of this community ends up in Toronto's death-by-violence statistics? It is his job and his duty to prevent the occurrence of such vicious attacks.

It was indeed a sad day when Professor Davies, as a result of the racist slogans painted on Bethune College and the attack on his person, had to resort to the RCMP to protect the upcoming Conference on the Spanish Civil War. It sets the precedent that this University may have to call on the RCMP every time a controversial subject is discussed at the academic level.

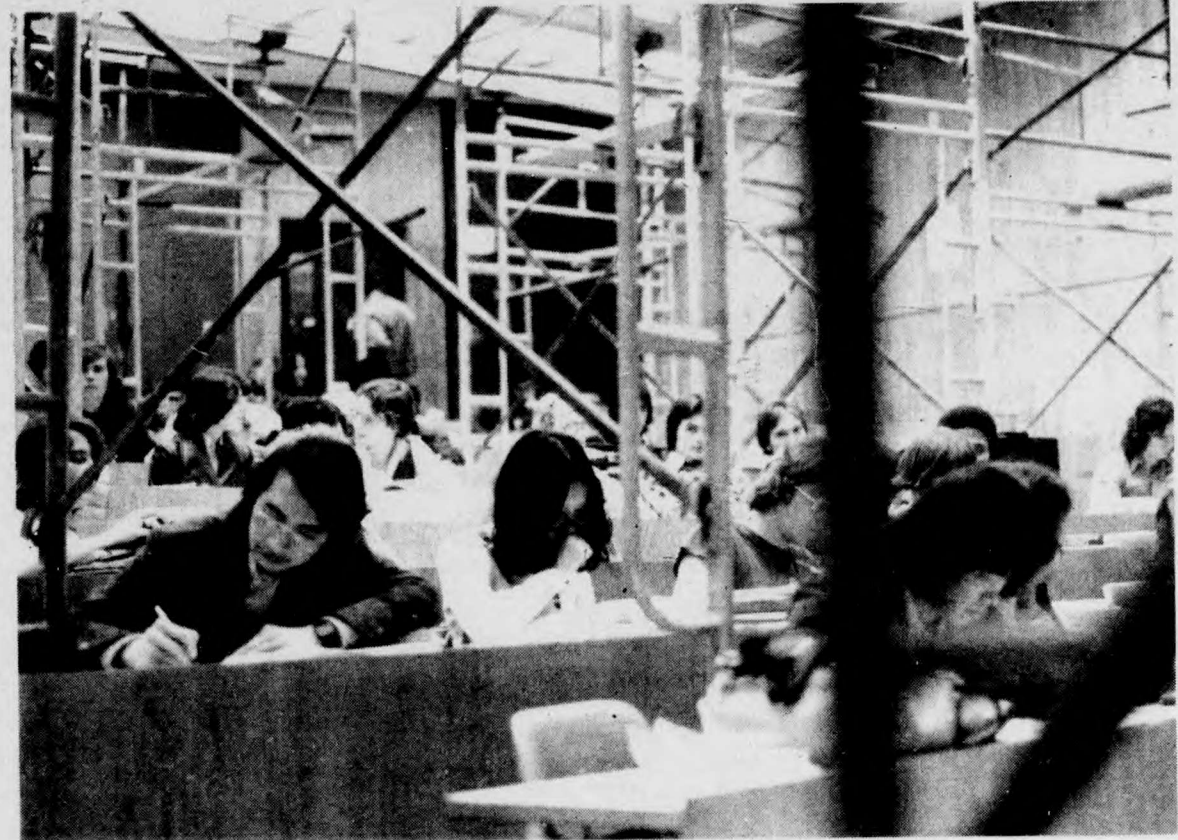
**ONE QUESTION**

It poses one further question: does the university wish to become a campus run by the R.C.M.P.? I personally do not particularly care to be escorted to classes by uniformed or undercover police agents.

My next question to the community is this: must we allow the understaffed York security to maintain its current practice of looking after the community's wellbeing or are not we entitled to demand better safety practices? Or are we going to pretend that this whole issue is being sensationalized that it really does not happen here and that the problem will go away if we just ignore it? Should we allow this, we may be wrong, dead wrong.

None of the above will suffice. This university is not so many concrete buildings, fancy swimming pools and grandiose programmes. This university is people, it is us... you and I. We must not only condemn these acts, we must keep ourselves on the alert and take whatever action is necessary to stop them. No one can or will look after this place better than those who live and work here.

Paster Valle-Goray



The collapse of Curtis lecture hall 110 made more than a few people wonder about York's stability. Steel supports now prop up a majority of lecture

halls although, aesthetically, scaffolding leaves much to be desired.

## OFS endorses day of protest

By ABIE WEISFELD

The Ontario Federation of Students has decided to move ahead with a province-wide day of study on March 24. The decision was reached at the general plenary meeting at Fanshawe College, Monday.

The plenary called for a series of protests across Ontario against the McKeogh-Henderson report and against cutbacks in post-secondary education and social services.

The protests are to take different forms on various campuses, ranging from a day of class cancellations replaced by workshops to mass meetings by students. York is

expected to set aside Wednesday March 24 as a moratorium day against the cutbacks.

CYSF, as well as the Faculty Association and the Graduate Assistants' Association have already endorsed the concept.

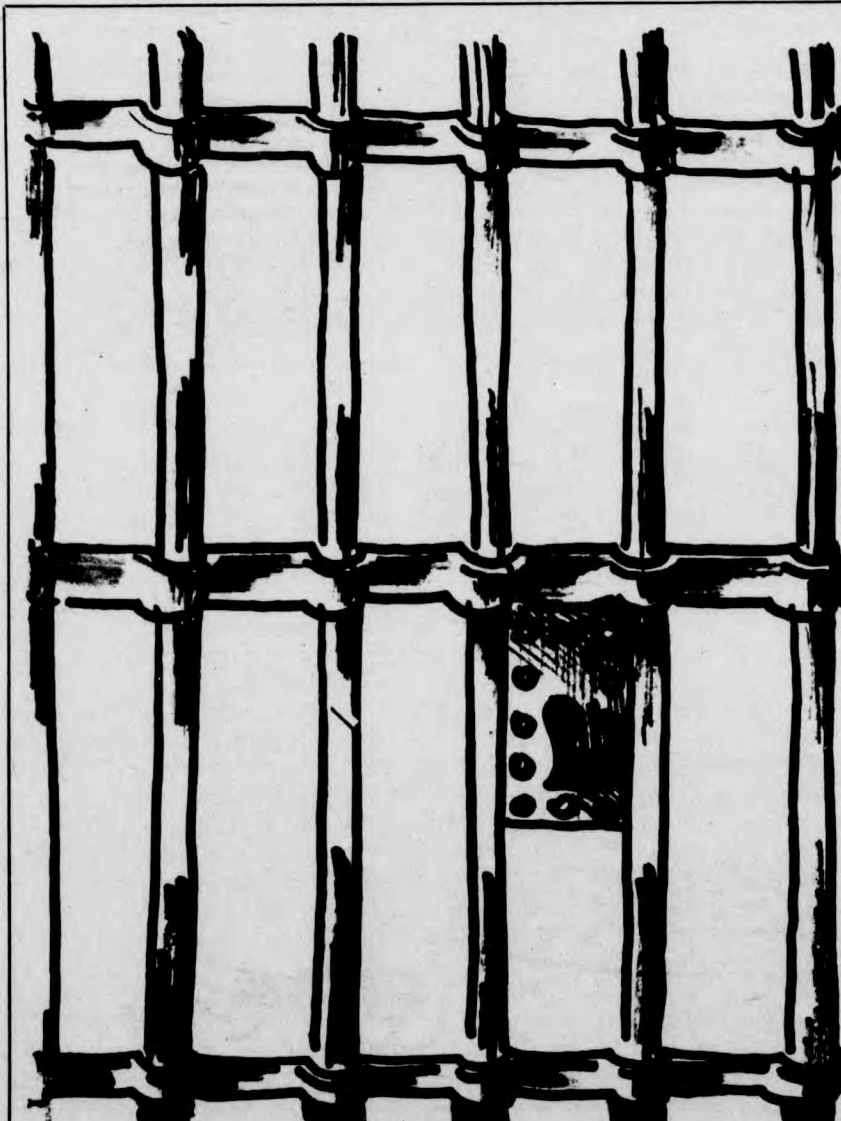
Some of the topics of discussion suggested by OFS are tuition fee increases, student aid, student summer unemployment, transit fare increases, housing and the status of women.

The plenary also endorsed the upcoming meetings of the Toronto Coalition Against Cutbacks, the organisation responsible for the recent protest against TTC fare

increases. The meetings will take place March 11 and April 3.

### Blood for dollars

A volunteer is needed to give a few milliliters of blood once or twice a month over the next year. This blood is needed as a control in cancer research. The donor must be available at the campus during the coming summer months. A fee of \$5.00 per sample will be paid. All samples will be taken at the Health Service or at a local doctor's office. Please call 667-3492 if you are willing.



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