

\$1,200 in stolen goods

Parking thefts double in January



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About \$1,200 worth of radio and stereo equipment has been stolen in January alone said safety and security director George Dunn on Tuesday.

January's 24 thefts compares with December's 13.

This compares with \$3,000 worth stolen from September to December. Dunn said most of the thefts occurred in the day now that night-time patrols had been increased.

He said that in a recent check, six out of seven cars checked were left unlocked by their owners. This, he said, only increases the chance of theft.

He felt students should warn the campus cops whenever they saw suspicious activity in the parking areas.

Student faces a marijuana charge

Police raided the York campus on Friday night and arrested McLaughlin student Martin Koretsky on the charge of possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

Safety and security director George Dunn said he was forewarned of the raid, and that the police had a search warrant for the arrest. York security aided the police to find the McLaughlin residence.

He said the campus cops had a specific responsibility to aid police when they had a warrant and to inform the master or senior tutor of the college before police entered.

McLaughlin master George Tatham refused to say whether he was told of the raid but said that police have a perfect right to come on campus. He said the police knew exactly what they were doing and that he would not step in the way unless civil rights were being broken.

Senior tutor Barry Argyle said he was away last week and was not informed of the raid or arrest until Monday. Koretsky was unavailable for comment.

In a later interview, Dunn said the police obviously knew what they were doing with facts from informers. "The police had information which we didn't give. Anything we do would be quite overt."

He said that the security men have to go one step beyond obstructing police and that's to help them find the room they want.

He pointed out that the police were not RCMP officers and did not have a writ of assistance which empowers them to enter any place under suspicion.

Tsk! Riviera French

Montreal is the second-largest French-speaking city in the world. And so naturally when the Montreal Protestant School Board wanted 900 English-speaking students to take an "immersion course" in French, it arranged to fly them to the French Riviera.

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And that's not all. . . There's every chance the owner's tape deck (if he had one), has also been ripped off. A recent rash of vandalism has hit York's parking lots. Locking the cars doesn't phase the crooks. Several of the thefts have been forced entries. One insurance company has refused to insure a York student for tape decks after thieves took two units in six weeks.

Commission on Post Secondary Education

Wright feels report acceptable

The chairman of Ontario's Commission on Post Secondary Education Doug Wright said last Friday that the report is more reasonable and therefore more acceptable to the public than the recommendations of the Hall-Dennis report, Living and Learning.

Another commission member, D.O. Davis, on the council of regents for community colleges, told the press conference that politics hadn't affected the recommendations which include government control of all universities, higher costs in student fees, and

greater emphasis on part-time education.

Arts and science fees could jump to \$625 next year, roughly one half of university educational costs if the recommendations are accepted. All monies given to the universities go through one government agency. Universities will open to the public.

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York psychology professor Reva Gerstein described the report as "anti-intellectual",

although she was glad to see the stress taken from elitism.

The report calls for a massive overhaul in the administration of higher education but one commission member points out that "we could still have a second rate educational system."

The commission is soliciting public opinion on the recommendations but expects few major changes to the report. Members said they expect the report to be tabled in the Ontario legislature by June.

Reactions to the report vary. Many university administrators are wary of the increased role the government will play in decision making. York president David Slater said Monday that the government control might be less than supposed, "because the university board would be made up of our people," as opposed to the current Committee on University Affairs made up of government representatives.

Wright said he didn't know the cost for implementing the recommendations. He said some recommendations "may inhibit some kinds of demands, or make people pay more for them."

Not on education, says Black

Ontario's Commission on Post Secondary Education isn't really about education at all says David Black, one of two students on the 13 member team.

In a two hour interview on Thursday, he said that his opposition centers around what he feels the report fails to consider rather than any specific disagreement over what it recommends.

"It could be a discussion about how to pump water or to remove garbage," he said.

Although he signed the draft report, he said that it ignores the crucial question of quality of post-secondary education in Ontario.

"How many poets, authors, philosophers and Nobel prize winners has our society turned out?" he asked.

"Universities haven't worried about the question of quality. When the president of a university asks the government for more money, it is always for expansion. Big means good."

He described the commissioners as individuals who had personally experienced upward social mobility. But he said, "They see education as a vehicle for social mobility. It is a grease which oils the system. Otherwise, capitalism would come to a halt."

He said that student-faculty parity was never the issue with the commission but rather, "is there any role for students in university government?"

Six of the commissioners came from the community colleges he said, where student

representation is usually non-existent and not an issue.

Despite the report's shortcomings, he said it's more equitable financing scheme is "the best proposal for such a system in North America."



David Black

Atkinson backs Crowe

Both Atkinson's faculty council and student council have voted not to accept last week's resignation of Harry Crowe who has served only three years of a five year term.

The 200 member faculty council will meet again tomorrow to discuss the resignation's effects although a nominating committee was set up Friday to find a new dean.

The student council unanimously voted to support Crowe. President Syd Kimel sent a letter to Crowe which asked Crowe to reconsider and said that "if you (Crowe) withdraw your resignation, we (the council) will support you in every way." Five faculty members, one ad-

ministrators and one student will sit on the faculty council's committee and will be selected by the council's nominating committee.

Although the faculty council vote was not recorded, Balloon editor Israel Aharoni said it was passed by a "substantial majority." The 200 member council has 14 students.

Crowe said that he hadn't read the letters or even thought about their ramifications. He said it was "an interesting concept that I do not only resign to the board of governors but to the faculty council and the student council." And, he hadn't given much thought to it.