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### Thugs lurking in corridors

## Student drug pusher ejected from Bethune

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A former Bethune college student was the principle figure in a police drama involving drugs and alleged threats of violence last Saturday evening on the York campus.

The student, Tom Grant, had become disenchanted with the university two years ago, according to college master Ioan Davies, and left to "write novels and think". However, he reappeared last term and took up residence in the common rooms, apparently because he missed the student life.

Upon his return Grant started pushing speed to some of the students in residence and was also the instigator of many loud parties.

"Everyone had accepted him as a sort of guru" said Davies, "and a least six to 10 people were heavily into speed, that he was trafficking."

A companion named Ralph who was known as Grant's drug contact also made frequent stopovers at the residence during the last couple of weeks, alternating between Stong and Bethune colleges. DROPPING OUT

Several students who had bought drugs from Grant left school because of drug-related problems. After hearing of this, Davies asked Grant to leave the campus.

Repeatedly ignoring the request, Grant continued to camp out in the common rooms and Davies received a raft of complaints from students who objected to his disruptive influence.

Early on Saturday evening, Davies as well as college don Brian McDermott, told Grant he will have one hour to leave the campus.

Shortly before the hour was up Grant and his companion came to Davies's door asking that the police come and arrest them so that they could gain protection from members of a downtown drug ring who, they feared were waiting outside ready to "murder" them.

LYING IN WAIT Although the threat was not substantiated, Davies gave them \$20 for a taxi. At the same time Mc-Dermott phoned the Metro police and asked that they investigate the report of thugs lying in wait for Grant and his friend.

At approximately the same moment as the taxi arrived, said Davies, five police cars each with about four constables arrived and proceeded to search the college grounds.

The search turned up no suspects, however, and the police left shortly thereafter.

Tom Grant and his companion eventually left the college for their homes.

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# Women are not so lucky to be back in the USSR, says Chomiak

Discrimination against women is as rampant in the USSR as in most capitalist countries said Chrystia Chomiak of the Action for Women's Rights in the USSR at a meeting on women political prisoners in the USSR, Thursday.

However, women had initially made important gains in the com-

munist country following the 1917 revolution, she said.

Among those advances, she included an increased role in production, advances in legal status, equal access to education and liberalized abortion and divorce laws. These gains were lost when Joseph Stalin came to power, she said. Figures in the country are often tampered to suggest economic and social advancements for women that do not exist, she charged.

#### **DOMESTIC BURDENS**

"While figures show that women make up 50 per cent or more of the work force, there is over 13 million women of employable age who are not in the work force," claimed Chomiak. "Most of these women would be willing to work but the burden of domestic duties prevent them from doing so."

This showed that women in the USSR continue to be under the chore of domestic labour, she alledged. She also stated that the mass of women in the country tend to concentrate in low paying jobs, as is the case in capitalist countries.

"Women are often employed in heavy duty work such as agriculture and forestry and are not employed in a host of jobs such as transport, construction (plumbers, electricians) and engineering where physical capacity beyond that of the average woman is required," she stated.

#### WOMEN'S LABOUR

"Housework and the raising of children is still primarily the woman's responsibility," said Chomiak. "Although daycare is provided for over 89 per cent of the population, after working hours, the woman is responsible for the family and its upkeep."

The USSR's education system, much like that of western countries, streams males and females



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