

Correspondence

Gillis on campus crime

It is with some amusement and some concern that I read your Editorial (You can cut campus crime, December 4, 1980). Student involvement in policing the University grounds and residences conjures up images of roaming Doberman Pinchers trained only to tear away the jugular vein, along with complimentary steel capped storm trooper boots as part of a mandatory dress code for all who venture forth to attend a lecture.

Revision of York's admissions policy would be in order such that all new entrants would be required to demonstrate their proficiency in one of the martial arts. In addition our student population could be skilfully trained in fascist interrogation techniques similar to the ones currently in practice at the pub entranceways. Any individual who has attempted to gain entrance during a lecture break during the evening will attest to that especially if their manner of dress is unbecoming of a typical York student (ie: use of shoes, bra, comb, etc...)

I do not wish to undermine the seriousness of the problem only to suggest to you that there is a viable alternative which may effectively limit these isolated incidences of violent behaviour. Firstly remove the Pinball machines as they are of little consequence to the university population at large save for the local pinball wizards. Secondly identify the community source of the intruders one cannot help but thank that the Jane/Finch wastelands with its obvious lack of recreational facilities, as a primary breeding ground. Thirdly expand the Public Relations Group responsible for promoting a community university link. It may come as a surprise that the vast number of citizens in this city have not set foot on a university capus much less understand its purpose

and function.

Turning the campus into a gothic fortress patrolled by student vigilantes will serve little purpose save for fostering the notion that our priveleged playground is reserved for the chosen few.

Ronald Joseph Gillis

Saville on Gillis

It is with some amusement and concern that I read Mr. R.J. Gillis's response to last issues editorial, "You can cut campus crime". I share many of his sympathies that "there is a viable alternative which may effectively limit these isolated incidences of violent behaviour", and I commend some of Mr. Gillis's constructive suggestions. However, I wonder about the viability of them. Firstly, I agree that the removal of campus pinball machines is a direct attack on the problem. But surely much criticism would abound from college councils who reap profits from these rooms. And though Mr. Gillis feels "they are of little consequence to the university population at large", I wonder if campus residence councils representing over 1,500 students on-campus, would agree?

Secondly, I think it's obvious that Mr. Gillis has correctly identified the source of off-campus intruders as those from the Jane-Finch area. True, there are obviously a lack of recreational facilities there, but I see problems with this university trying to convince local officialdom to invest funds to create a plethora of social service facilities because of York's campus crime problems, (especially since those same local officials have done little in the past).

Thirdly, the expanded Public Relations Group promoting a stronger community-university link is probably the best

suggestion. But will this university invest extra dollars into public relations in the name of campus crime? Consider, for instance, this administrations record in these times of budgetary belt-tightening—the resignation of Dean Green last year, the drastic effect of cutbacks in the Dance Department, the Trichy Sankarhan saga, and many other incidents relating to the cutbacks era that illustrate a reduction, not expansion, of this university. I think it's obvious, and unfortunate, that campus crime will have to get much more serious before any expansion, either in security or public relations, occurs.

Mr. Gillis's imaginative and entertaining fantasy prefacing his suggestions was, I respectfully

submit, entirely his own. Readers who read *Excalibur's* last editorial would agree that at no time did the editorial suggest we should "turn the campus into a gothic fortress patrolled by student vigilantes." If Mr. Gillis had observed that the "student involvement" referred to in the editorial was preceded by three easy-to-understand examples, he would not have missed the editorials very simple point.

These easy-to-understand examples stated that by reporting campus vandalism when one sees it, (the operative word is "reporting" and not "directly stopping" as would a vigilante) by asking the motives of strangers in campus residences, and by

informing campus security that you or someone else are being hassled, "student involvement can be the first step in the answer". All three examples are devoid of "student involvement in policing the university grounds" as Mr. Gillis mystical fantasy seems to suggest. I also respectfully submit that if *Excalibur's* last editorial "conjures up images of roaming Doberman Pinchers trained only to tear away the jugular vein," then those images are the result of Mr. Gillis's vivid imagination and not of the editorials suggestions. I think a careful reading of the editorial illustrates this clearly.

Gregory John Saville

On parking your car

Face south young man.

During the course of a normal day this will maximize the exposure of your car's interior to the warming rays of the sun. It will also keep you windshield free of ice and save you lots of scraping problems.

Wind direction if irrelevant.

Normally your car is not constantly exuding moisture which can be evaporated away with subsequent loss of latent heat. Therefore the direction or strength of the wind has no relevant effect on your car. Only wet mushy living things need to worry about wind chill factors.

As a more general guide to parking:

- if you leave before noon, face southeast;
- if you leave around noon, face south;
- if you leave after noon, face southwest;
- if you leave after sundown, south or southwest will at least keep your windshield free of ice on a really cold day.

C.E. Holloway & colleagues over coffee



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To qualify students must meet faculty requirements for study abroad, receive approval of their course of study in Israel from their faculty and major department, and be accepted by the Israeli university.

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Under the York University-Hebrew University Exchange Programme, York University would like to establish a York student group at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem for next year. Such a group might be able to assist students in planning their programmes of study and with other arrangements for and during their year abroad. Should the number of students warrant, there will be a resident advisor in Jerusalem.

When and Where to Apply

Enquiries for the Year Abroad Programme, the Leonard Wolinsky Scholarships, and the Hebrew University Scholarship should be addressed to

Prof. Lewis Rosen, Chairman
President's Advisory Committee for the
York University-Hebrew University Exchange
365 York Hall
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Scholarship applicants should submit a statement of purpose, outlining the project programme of studies in Israel and explaining how that programme complements their studies at York. Also required for submission are transcripts of all previous university courses taken and two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a York faculty member. A personal interview may be required.

Scholarship applications must be submitted by February 15, 1981. Awards will be announced on or about March 15, 1981.

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