

A vehicle pool pass was stolen from a staff member's parked Jeep sometime during October 5 in Parking Lot 8A. The Jeep's soft top had been forced open. Replacement value is \$80.

Another parking decal was stolen from a parked car in Lot 1A on October 5. The car's draft window was smashed in order to remove the decal. Damage to the vehicle was \$400.

A leather jacket valued at \$600 was stolen from a student's parked car in Lot 3B on October 12. Entry was gained by smashing a window.

A flashlight was stolen from a student's parked car in Lot 5A. Damage to the car was a broken rear window estimated at \$212.

Some papers were stolen from a student's parked car in Lot 3B on October 5. Estimated loss is \$200.

A wallet was stolen from a student's parked car in Lot 6A on October 5. A rear window was broken. Estimated damage was \$235.

A stereo valued at \$1,200 was stolen from a student's car in Lot 3B on October 6. Entry was gained by forcing a window open.

A staff member's car's right front window was smashed while parked in Lot 8A on October 11. Estimated repair cost is \$200.

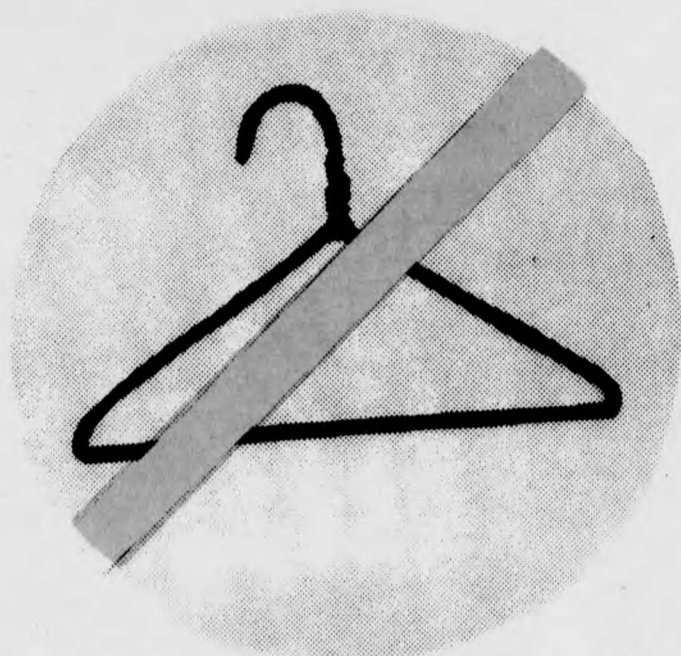
A leather jacket valued at \$600 was stolen from a student's parked car in lot 3B on October 12. Entry was gained by smashing a window.

A parking decal was stolen from a student's parked car in Lot 1A on October 14. The car was unlocked as a result of an earlier theft which prevented the driver's door from being locked.

A doctor's bag, briefcase, sports equipment and personal papers were stolen from a visiting hockey player's parked car in Lot 6A on October 13. The car's rear window was smashed.

opinion

No New Law!



by Jessica Rudolph

Tens of thousands of people in over 30 cities took to the streets in support of abortion rights on October 14, which was heralded as a national day of action.

In Toronto the day began with a noontime rally at Queen's Park that included speakers from Planned Parenthood, the Ontario Coalition for Abortion Rights (OCAC), the National Democratic Party and the Pro-Choice groups from colleges, universities and high schools across the province. This was followed by a march to Old City Hall, where events culminated in an enthusiastic assembly.

Demonstrators rallied on the position of "No New Law" and argued that restrictions on a woman's right to control her own body serve only to push abortion

underground and do not succeed in limiting the number of abortions performed. Speakers made reference to the coat hangers and lysol douches used by hundreds of desperate women in the US and Canada when abortion was a criminal offence.

In response to the Conservative government's aim to implement a law that will reflect "compromise" by limiting abortion rights on the basis of fetal age, pro-choice supporters argued that this is simply a smoke screen. They said less than one half of one per cent of all abortions performed in Canada occur during the final trimester of pregnancy and these late abortions are often the result of a lack of access to abortion facilities. Pro-choice advocates explained that what is needed is increased access to abortion clinics; as well as increased availability of contraception

(still an issue for rural women), more intensive sex education in schools and universal daycare, to reduce the need for abortion.

One of the most rousing speeches of the day was given by Cherie MacDonald of the Ontario Coalition of Abortion Clinics. She put the issue into historical context by relaying a conversation she had had with a 90 year-old aunt. The aunt marvelled that MacDonald had lived her whole life in an environment where women had the right to vote. She herself had rallied and struggled for the expansion of the franchise and admitted there had been times when she wondered if the battle would ever be won. Cherie added that during her own lifetime, contraception was once illegal. She concluded with the hope that this generation will one day feel dated remembering the struggle women had to wage to win reproductive freedom.

To mobilize students, staff and faculty to come out to the October 14 rally, the York Pro-Choice Network organized its first major demonstration of the year on October 11. Speakers included representatives from the fine arts and arts faculties, the Ontario Federation of Students, the Women's Caucus of the Canadian Union of Education Workers, the OCAC and the York Council on the Prevention of AIDS.

If the measure of its success was the number of York representatives at Queen's Park, then the demonstration on October 11 was hugely successful. The York Pro-Choice Network has become a vocal part of the fight for abortion rights and has demonstrated that it is a force to be reckoned with.



VANIER Bringing people closer together

This is the third article in an intermittent series on York's colleges.

by Marla Krakower

Let's face it, York University is a massive school. With thousands of students wandering around the campus, it can be a cold, impersonal place to spend three or four years.

Vanier College, however, is one of eight colleges located on the main campus which aims at bringing people closer together through common interests and exciting activities.

Some of these activities are generated through Vanier's affiliation with the departments of psychology, creative writing, humanities, classical studies, religious studies, social and political thought, as well as the faculty of education.

Other activities, such as baseball and other sports, are supported by the outgoing members of Vanier residence. Commuter students are encouraged to join various teams and get to know people in the Vanier residence.

Kate Collins, chair of the college council, said that Vanier is bringing back some of the most successful activities of previous years, and she is open-minded regarding new programmes. She even has a few ideas up her sleeve to encourage commuter students to get involved, and to take advan-

tage of the many forthcoming opportunities to meet new people.

Vanier boasts of putting together the only arts and literary magazine on campus, *Existere*, which is published quarterly. Poetry, short stories, critiques, illustrations and photographs comprise the body of this inspired work.

For anyone interested in education, Vanier is part of a programme called Adopt-A-School. Through the North York Board of Education, Vanier has been partnered with the Beverly Heights Junior School. York students may subsequently volunteer their time to coach athletics, tutor students on an individual basis or get involved in other ways with the Beverly Heights students.

Vanier also puts on yearly drama productions. All students taking the college's Drama Production course get involved in various aspects of the stage, from lighting to painting sets to acting. They also encourage other York students to get involved. Auditions will be held in early October.

Vanier and Bethune College will be working together to run Encounter Canada as well as the Science Symposium, a two-day annual conference. The theme for Encounter Canada will be the role and life of the mentally handicapped. This includes topics such

as the current legal and ethical support system for the mentally handicapped. The Science Symposium will be dealing with genetic engineering both in terms of ethics and as a science.

Vanier is also affiliated with the Creative Writing Students' Collective, the Philosophy Club and the Psychology Club Students' Association. The Collective hosts a Write and Read series every Tuesday at 5 p.m., gathering students to recite poetry and prose. Collins is serious about getting more commuter students involved with various college activities. She plans on posting a list of activities outside classrooms, as well as in other colleges.

Collins said the college is working with a budget of \$59,000 for the year, and she plans on getting as much input as possible regarding activities and programmes. She said many students aren't aware that a portion of their tuition fees is automatically channelled into their college. For Vanier students, approximately half of that is spent to run the Vanier games room, the Open End pub and the new computer room located in the residence basement.

What happens with the rest is up to the students. As Collins said, "We've got their money, and we want to spend it on what they'll enjoy."