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Security Blues

Prowl cars to patrol campus

By DOUG TINDAL

The York campus will become a regular part of Metropolitan police patrols starting immediately, staff sergeant Bill Bishop of Metro's 31 Division said Tuesday morning.

Bishop told a group of about 30 students, staff, and administrators concerned with the danger of theft on campus that he would advise his officers to consider the campus a part of their beat. York would then receive periodic visits from the prowl car assigned to the sector bordered by Keele Street, Steeles Avenue, Highway 400 and Finch Avenue.

George Dunn, director of safety and security services at York, had invited Bishop, from 31 Division, the metropolitan police sector which includes the York campus, and staff sergeant Bill Fergusson, the head of Metro's breaking and entry squad, to participate in a discussion of general campus security problems.

The discussion was far from hypothetical, taking place after a weekend which saw two thefts, an attempted theft, two trespasses and an indecent assault.

Many of those present cited the common assumption that 'police will not come on campus unless they are called' as one possible cause of security problems, since the campus is then seen as a kind of sanctuary. Dunn insisted that this was not the case, and said his department had always tried to make police feel welcome.

Bishop agreed that York had never been considered to have a status different from that of other areas. Nonetheless, the sight of a prowl car on campus has always been a rarity.

This apparently is going to change, as security concerns, particularly the theft of university equipment and

private property, become increasingly dominant.

Bishop said it was his experience that "the best prevention is patrol — letting the officer be seen."

He commented that a significant percentage of the crimes which take place at York are committed by persons outside the university.

"Many of these people," he said, "are known to us and would be spotted by a patrol car."

He added that regular patrols would enable his officers to become familiar with the location of the various campus buildings, and therefore to react more quickly in the event of an emergency. (During a recent assault, a police car was park-

ed at the guardhouse for over 15 minutes, while the officers waited to be guided to Bethune College.)

When notified of the results of the meeting Tuesday night, York president Ian Macdonald said, "Because of the background of sensitivity in this area, I would regard this (the encouragement of police patrols on campus) as a recommendation until it is shown to be acceptable to the community; until that time I would not want to approve it as a matter of university policy."

Anne Scotton, president of CYSF, said she didn't like the idea of police being encouraged to come on campus regularly, adding that "they're here often enough as it is."

Theft, burglary, assault: just another York weekend

An unknown man first indecently exposed himself, then assaulted a York student Friday morning as she attempted to unlock her car in the parking lot north of Founders College.

The man fled when the girl was able to break away from him and run for help.

During the same morning, the residence of Osgoode Hall professor David Weisstub on the southwest corner of the campus was broken into and robbed of over \$3,000 worth of stereo and camera equipment, antiques and silverware.

Another burglary Saturday afternoon was less successful. Founders don Rosemary Parish and a neighbour, Cheryl Schoji, surprised a thief as he attempted to remove a television set from Parish's suite.

The man broke free after a short scuffle with the girls and fled with

two accomplices. Metro Police have since arrested one of the three.

Elsewhere, a man suspected of setting off two fire alarms has been charged with assaulting a police officer following a disturbance at Stong College on Saturday. He was detained by a college porter until police arrived to question him, at which time he became abusive and struck the officer.

Courses gain respectability

Tutorials legitimized by grades

By MELODIE MILLER

Student attacks made on York's mandatory college tutorials during the past year have finally brought results, according to Elaine Newton, senior tutor of Calumet College.

Until recently, many of the tutorials were not graded, but rather marked on a pass/fail basis. This, combined with the unusual subject matter college tutorials deal in, made it difficult for traditional administrators of the universities to

accept courses entitled The Mythical "They" or Food is a Four Letter Word as credits.

Much of this, however, has now changed.

"We've done a lot of work on tutorials in the past year," Newton said. "Tutorials are now being graded, and because of this, most other universities now receive them as equivalent to other standard courses."

With the introduction of U. of T. seminars, even that institution will not refuse a York tutorial as a credit, provided it is given a description of the course.

College tutorials were created in 1969 to fill the space vacated by a once-compulsory Modes of Reason-

ing course, which, since taught in large lecture groups, became too mechanical and thereby ineffective.

One of their main aims, explained Newton, was to give students an academic attachment to their college. It was felt that in a campus as large as York, student identification with a small college was very important.

Through his tutorial, each student receives a tutorial leader, who also becomes his faculty advisor. Perhaps, then, Newton said, this compulsory qualification is a necessary comfort for first year students.

As Newton expressed it, "Tutorials are really the umbilical cord of college life."



Sharon Tsukamoto, Lise Arsenault and Nancy and Theresa MacDonell strike a pose on the beam before leaving for the World Games. (More on p. 11.)

Pizza Pit overdrawn

By FRANK GIORNO

The Pizza Pit, a familiar and once-popular landmark in Central Square, has met its end.

The modest eatery, used during the past three years to sell pizzas,

submarine sandwiches and delicatessen items, was torn down over the summer; the Toronto-Dominion bank has expanded into the area previously occupied by the Pit.

Norm Crandles, assistant director of York's ancillary services department, said the closure of the Pit, which was rarely used last year, was made primarily as a cost-savings measure.

The shop was merely an extension of the doughnut and coffee outlet already found in the Square, he said, adding that if the Pizza Pit had been making a profit, it would still be in operation.

Versa Food Ltd., the catering firm hired by the university to service the campus, ran the Pit and was in favour of continuing its operation, said Crandles. The university vetoed the idea.

The TD bank is currently footing the bill for rent and utilities in the new space, a charge previously borne by the university itself.

Bank manager A.E. Grainger was unable to comment on the bank's expansion, since he has just recently been installed and said he was unaware of the decisions leading to the move. However, he said it was the only direction the bank could expand into without blocking off the main hall or getting rid of the adjacent bearpit lounge.

Guru's manager faces charge

NEW YORK (CUPI) - The "Perfect Master" seems to have had a less than perfect manager.

Or so feels a federal grand jury here, who handed down an indictment against eight persons involved in the business affairs of the Perfect Master's corporate empire.

The Maharaj Ji, the teenage guru with a formula to "bliss out" the world, has built up multi-million dollar holdings with the help of his manager, Michael Clegg.

Clegg was indicted for conspiracy, fraud and sale of unregistered stock in the Pioneer Development Corporation. The indictment alleges the company was only a "shell" for setting up artificial collateral against bank loans.

The Maharaj Ji's name was not among those indicted.

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A bank employee concentrates during Pizza Pit demolition.