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Security discussed

PJ Todd

At yesterday's meeting of the Masters' Residence Committee, the participants evaluated the minutes of a special Council of Masters' Meeting which had been called to review residence security following the attacks at Vanier.

Members of the Residences Committee approved the Residence Tutors' proposal that a minimum level of night porter coverage be provided. All campus residences will now have student porters on duty at least four hours daily.

David Thompson, Chairperson of the Masters' Committee, had hoped to obtain approval for mandatory five hour shifts which would have provided lobby security from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. But the funds to pay dons for longer shifts is not available and a change in porter scheduling without a pay increase "wouldn't be fair".

The renewed concern with campus security has sparked ideological discussions about the kind of precautions necessary to ensure satisfactory residence security. Norman Crandles, Manager of Housing and Food and Beverage Services, proposed last September that his security plan be implemented. "Phase Two" of that plan suggested hiring professional security officers, the cost

of which would be reflected in increased student residence fees.

Commenting on Crandles' suggestion, Doug Austrom, Bethune Residence Tutor said, "Phase Two is going to be inordinately expensive and it won't be nearly as effective as using students and the community."

Thompson agreed, "Phase Two recommendations are good, but its goals can be met more effectively and less expensively by student security officers."

That reasonable security measures, responsibly enforced by residence members and student porters would succeed in ensuring a good level of security, was accepted in principle by the committee. But the problem of underfunding hinders immediate institution of the proposed safety measures.

According to Austrom, damage at Bethune College has been reduced to one-tenth of what it was last year at this time and he credits the implementation of specific security measures.

"Now people avoid Bethune," said Austrom, "because its not easy to get into."

If the Masters' Residence Committee can officially agree on increasing student portering services, the proposal will be put forward to the Residence Budget Committee which will consider making extra funds available.



Rebecca, an 11-month-old camel, was one of the highlights of this week's Israeli Festival. Rebecca's appearance gave many a thrill.

Osgoode assault reported

Al Locke

A gun-wielding, Caucasian male is reported to have assaulted a woman student Saturday afternoon in an Osgoode Hall washroom.

The incident has prompted the Dean of York's prestigious Law School to call for precautions on the part of Osgoode students.

Referring to a report of the incident, York Security Supervisor Geoff MacLeod informed *Excalibur* that a woman student at Osgoode Hall entered the schools main washroom on Saturday afternoon at approximately 3:00 p.m. There she was reportedly confronted by a gun-toting, Caucasian male, approximately 18 years of age, clad in running shoes, faded blue jeans and a dark blue ski jacket.

The young woman, whose identity has not been revealed, was able to escape her attacker and flee unharmed to another part of the college where she called York Security.

York Security and officers from 31 Division of the Metropolitan Toronto Police were quick to respond to the call.

At the scene within minutes, the officers engaged in a search of the building and the surrounding area, but their search proved negative.

Metro Police are withholding details of their report from the press.

In the wake of Saturday's incident, W.S. Beck, Dean of the Faculty of Law, directed a memo to college professors to be read to their classes. According to Beck, the text of the memo, which was read to students attending classes on Tuesday and Wednesday, explained "that there was an assault on a student and for students to be aware that the building is open long hours and to take whatever precautions they (the students) deem necessary during underpopulated hours."

According to an informed source, it is expected that a further inquiry into the incident will take place in the immediate future and that York Security will be requested to increase patrols in the area immediately surrounding Osgoode Hall.

Founders?

PJT

Bill Kampula, Founders' Residence Tutor, reports that York Security could not find Founders College when called to replace a window.

"Someone called to have the broken window replaced and when, several hours later, it had not been, Security was called again.

"They had gone to another college and replaced a totally different window. Obviously, they didn't find Founders."

Student Council behind food boycott

Mike Guy

The Council of the York Student Federation in conjunction with residence students is organizing a one-dinner boycott, tonight in Complex I and II.

CYSF is dismayed than Norman Crandles, Manager of Housing and Food Services did not notify the University Food and Beverages Services Committee of his intention to increase food prices. Crandles, however, said, "I am not required to notify anyone. Because the situation was an emergency, the UFBS would only have served to slow up the procedure."

"We would have preferred not to increase the prices during mid-year; we have done it only once before," he added. "But given the circumstances it was necessary." According to Crandles, Warren Rill, who caters to Complex I and II, asked for higher food prices because "he was losing money". Last year,

Rill estimated a 9.65% total average increase in his food costs, but the actual increase was 13%. The mid-year change is to compensate for this loss.

Crandles says he does not

understand "why anyone imagines that a university is immune to the present volatile economic conditions. I know of no retail store that has a clause in its contract which states that prices can be increased only once a year."

He went on to say that the increases in cafeteria prices have been modest and pointed out that the prices of basic foodstuffs, such as "milk, bread and eggs remained the same". He said that of the 278 items offered at the cafeterias "92 went up in price by only 8.4%. The overall average price increase was 2.8%". As for coffee, carbonated drinks and other junk foods, Crandles said, "I wouldn't care if they went up by a dollar."

John Chang, the CYSF representative to the UFBS argues that Crandles should have contacted the committee before raising the prices. He believes the committee, composed of the chairman of each Food Users' Committee, union representatives, a member of the Council of Masters, and Crandles, could have proposed methods to possibly forestall the increases. Chang suggests, for example, that "the cafeterias establish a guard system to prevent the theft of cutlery, which last year cost the University \$80,000."

Chang remarked that "the UFBS has no real powers since it does not affect food prices,

budget policy, or food and beverages policy". He asserts, "the UFBS does not want executive powers, but they would like to have the process of appeal, so that they can bring their case to Vice-President Small, in charge of University services, should Crandles veto it."

Crandles, however, believes the UFBS is already a useful body. "Four of the two or three dozen recommendations that they have brought before the university only two were vetoed: one to abolish scrip and the other to maintain the same level of scrip prices", said Crandles.

"There are no decision making committees at York; they are all recommendation committees. In the end the University makes all the decisions."



Norman Crandles, Manager of Housing and Food Services.



John Chang, UFBS member.