

Editorial

You can cut campus crime

It has taken until *Excalibur's* Christmas issue but we knew it would come, and we're not talking about the season's first snow.

We're talking about the reports of on-campus violence committed by off-campus groups. This week's story about the Vanier don who was struck by off-campus youths in her residence does not really surprise us.

Other reports, of gun-toting intruders (pellet gun or not), in the Open End pub serve only to herald the annual onslaught of on-campus vandalism and violence by off-campus sources to this paper's news desk. The classic example, of course, is the York Security Guard who was assaulted by off-campus youths during York's conference on Violence earlier this year.

Not that these reports are the first such incidents this term. They're simply the first to reach out news page. We're also not implying that on-campus violence and vandalism is caused solely by off-campus sources. That, obviously, is far too myopic a view.

However, no one can deny, not even our own very competent Security Chief George Dunn, that a problem does exist with off-campus intruders. Even he has stated that campus pubs should clamp down on requests for student I.D. "They're drawn onto campus," says Chief Dunn, "by the university's large number of pubs and pinball machines."

How, we ask, does a multi-faculty, community-oriented university hope to contend with disassociation of undesirable elements and association with desirable ones? In short, how many doors can this university afford to close in the name of security? We at *Excalibur*, a sordid lot to be sure, couldn't agree on this issue and we don't expect any sure and fast answers.

But something must be done! Increased security staff perhaps? But then budgetary constraints would probably hinder this. Maybe a serious clampdown on those entering pubs and games rooms is the answer? But we wonder if the resulting hassles to legitimate users and also the

potential vengeance from disgruntled intruders is worth the trade-off?

Surely an increased effort to control entry into residences is in order. However, *Excalibur* staffers recent attempt to enter Vanier residence on false premises was soon foiled by an alert porter on duty. And anyway, we expect that if someone wants into a residence badly enough they will find a way to achieve their task.

We do know, however, that in spite of complex answers to an all-encompassing question, there is one expedient way in which the issue can be addressed immediately and effectively. That being student involvement. We echo the sentiments of George Dunn, "It is

the students responsibility, as it is security's to discourage these kind of things from happening."

Whether it means asking strangers what they're doing in your residence, reporting vandalism when you see it, (rather than parroting the proverbial '70s cliché, "who cares") or simply informing security that you or your friends are being hassled by someone—a simple enough act that, we have found, is neglected more often than not.

Student involvement can be the first step in the answer. Let's hope no one has to be seriously, or perhaps, fatally injured or attacked on campus before we start to take action!

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REVENUE

Advertising income	\$59,636	
Grants	19,650	
Typesetting income	<u>9,612</u>	\$88,898

EXPENSES

Accounting	\$973	
Bank charges and interest	2,485	
Can. University Press fee	4,804	
Insurance	208	
Office expenses	977	
Printing	11,818	
Salaries and wages	37,505	
Telephone	2,105	
Typesetting, editorial and supplies	13,245	
Travel and meals	2,138	
Depreciation expense—equipment	<u>4,387</u>	<u>80,645</u>

Net Profit for the Year \$8,253

DEFICIT

Beginning of year	\$25,350	
Add:		
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