

UBC security looks into washrooms

VANCOUVER(CUP)—University of B.C. campus security and local RCMP are stiffening their surveillance of men having sex in washrooms following complaints from arts student councillors.

Campus patrol supervisor Bob Atley says the RCMP have been notified of at least six occasions when campus patrols came across men having washroom sex.

He added that while no charges were laid, patrol officers issued warnings.

The arts student council complained to the arts dean and the RCMP about men having sex in the washroom next door to their office.

An arts councillor, who wished to remain anonymous, said RCMP set up video cameras to catch the men.

RCMP constable Wayne Hanniman admitted the idea of video cameras was "mentioned," but said the RCMP never installed and is not considering installing them in the near future.

Hanniman also admitted to consultation with crown attorney Cal Deedman about the installation of cameras in the washroom, but refused to comment on the nature of their discussion.

When asked if a crown investigation of washroom sex at UBC was

taking place, Deedman said, "I've got no comment at this time."

Arts Dean Robert Will opposed the installation of cameras in the washrooms because it could damage the lives of those caught.

"I don't want to see anybody's career end," said Will.

Last January, 32 men were charged with gross indecency after a week-long police camera surveillance of a men's washroom in a St. Catherine's Ont. shopping mall. One of the men whose name was published in a local paper committed suicide.

The anonymous arts councillor also claimed the men using the washrooms for sex were responsible for some vandalism. He says large holes were punctured in the walls of the cubicles to facilitate sex.

Censorship not the answer

by Ann Grever

The pornography forum on Wednesday night revealed an opposition to censorship rarely discussed in anti-pornography circles.

The forum, part of Women's Awareness Week, featured two speakers, Lynn Weinlos and Halyna Freeland.

Weinlos discussed pornography and erotica. She stressed that although pornography is not "the highest form" of art, it is no more damaging or significant than as an aid to sexual stimulation.

Her definition of pornography did "not involve any sort of criminal activity." Otherwise any other distinctions between erotica and pornography were arbitrary, according to Weinlos, and "even if what is erotica, by my definition is spared, I am still against censorship. Real literature or art is more powerful than pornography," Weinlos maintained, "and I don't want to empower anyone (to censor)...but trust each individual's moral sense."

Freeland called for the "reexamination of the usual feminist position on pornography." She felt that rather than a symptom of our time, violent reactions against women and their sexuality have existed throughout history. Only recently, however, has depiction of these "links between pain and sin" become available to a large number of men.

Censorship, according to Freeland, is not the answer. Our society "is still sexually repressed...trying to deny sex and, at the same time, exploit it." She says society needs material "that celebrates sexuality." The greatest danger pornography poses to women is that it fills that need "while reflecting prevalent

male social values." She believes state censorship would only impose values of the male upper class...and we as women would be giving away our power.

Both speakers agreed that "you can have sexually erotic material without exploiting anyone."

Plans cause anger

WOLFVILLE, N.S.(CUP)—Students at Acadia University are angry with the administration's plans to transform the basement of a residence into a lab storing radioactive material.

Phillip Landsburg, residence council president, says his major concern is the health of students.

"We are now aware that there will be odorous gases, including formaldehyde, which is cancerous in nature. They also intend to store carbon-14 which is a radioactive isotope," he says.

Landsburg says the residence council is insisting on the installation of a sprinkler system and smoke detectors, so students will be safe from lab accidents. The council is also considering a con-

struction deadline so students won't be bothered during the academic year.

"The concerns of residents also have an emotional side," Landsburg says. "We will lose 22 residents and have a section of our building closed off."

After residents gathered 105 of a possible 125 names on a petition, the administration delayed action on the lab plan until student opinion could be obtained. Originally, the administration tried to begin the project without student knowledge or input.

The \$1 million project, sponsored by the biology department, will concentrate its research at the Bay of Fundy.

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her original statements.

At approximately 4:00 a.m. on Sept. 28, seven students, among them Wall, Reekie, Barrett and Ham, went to the ground floor garbage area.

Donna Punto, another resident, discovered the badly injured Shawn Reineke in the garbage.

"He was kind of moaning," she said. "We tried to keep him still." Reineke died in hospital an hour later of massive head and body injuries.

Police constable Brian Trainor, investigating the incident, came upon four people huddled in a residence room and overheard part of their conversation. One woman was sobbing hysterically and said, "Kelly didn't know what he was doing... he made a mistake," Trainor said. The woman was Shannon Freeman, a girlfriend of Kelly Ham.

Freeman denied she made this statement, but said she, Ham and Reekie got together the day after the incident, but she said she didn't remember what they had discussed.

The crown prosecutor later gave Freeman an opportunity to add to or correct her story, but she declined.

Besides determining Reineke was assisted into the garbage chute, the coroner's jury recommended that liquor regulations and the legal drinking age be enforced at licensed university functions. The legal drinking age in Saskatchewan is 19.

As well, it said university high-rises should be equipped with security clocks and a key system should be installed to indicate when a security guard had visited a location.

The crown prosecutor will review testimony and decide if further investigation is needed or if charges will be laid. The police will review a transcript of the inquest before seeking more information or interviews.

The Saskatoon board of police commissioners has posted a \$10,000 reward for additional information that would lead to the apprehension of the person responsible for Reineke's death.

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