

Every year within recent memory The Brunswickan has published an editorial regarding the security, or lack thereof, of the people and property on campus. Every year the same issues are brought up. Every year the same answers are given. Security says they don't know anything about it, the Administration cannot put in more lighting without proof. "Nothing is done until something terrible happens".

Well something terrible has finally happened! There is a marked increase in level of crime on Campus. The problem can be broken down into several sub-groups.

A) The increased number of assaults on the females in residence and working on campus. Things have reached the stage where the females in residence will not go to the libraries after dark, and the off-campus women just won't come on campus unaccompanied.

B) The amount of vandalism to automobiles, buildings and the number of thefts have gone up at an alarming rate.

This is in part related to:

C) The opening of the Aitken Centre has attracted more "townies", in the form of the teenagers (i.e. high school students), to the campus. This in turn has resulted in the phenomenon of the beer and pot party in the SUB parking lot. In case you haven't noticed it this party usually starts Thursday night and extends through the weekend. It has led to major problems for the SUB-staff and CP's as the responsibility has fallen on them to keep these young "punks" out of the Student Union Building and campus events.

D) The fourth and by no means final problem is, why should the CP's become involved when a fight breaks out or a drunken high-schooler needs to be thrown off-campus, when the CP's are being paid only \$3.00/hr and usually cannot expect support for their actions from the Student

Disciplinary Committee or the Board of Deans.

It has to be realized that Campus security is an understaffed group of old men, who can only be expected to act as night watchmen and commissionaires.

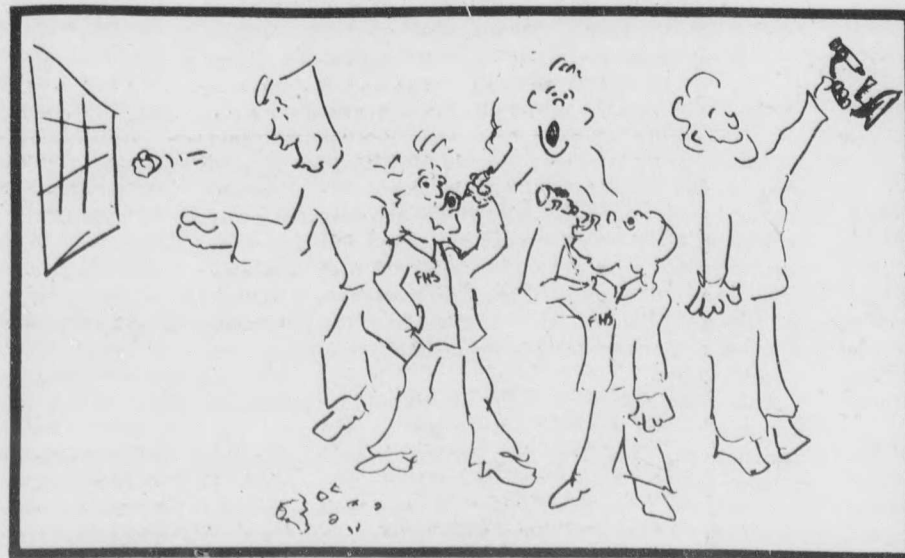
That being realized, what do we do?

A) Proper thorough consideration must be given to the installation of lighting in the dark areas around campus. Those particularly popular with our budding assault artists are: College Hill Road from Lady Dunn to Marshall d'Avray, the paths to McLeod and McGee, much of STU, the infamous path from the SUB parking lot to the traffic circle and the area around Head Hall and the Old Arts Building. Fencing is a must for the woodlot above the SUB, and should be given a high priority.

But no matter what is done about the lighting and/or fencing, the best deterrent against assault is for the girls not to go out unaccompanied, possibly here the mens residences could come to the girls aid; if a few guys from each residence were to set apart some time each night to provide escorts for the girls who need to go to the library or the like.

B) Run the high school kids off-campus, they come here because they can get drunk and stoned and not be hassled. Five years ago their presence would not have been tolerated.

The city police should make



their presence felt and maybe bust a few of these young punks. This should make them think twice about using the campus for their weekend drunken sprees.

C) The CP's are making a valiant effort to control the violence and vandalism on campus, but they need the support of the students and administration. Work is being done to see they get it from the SDC but the case is hopeless unless support comes from higher up, the Board of Deans.

D) Counselling Services is doing their best to help the students and assault victims, although they provide emergency counselling and aid, they are seriously overextended and overworked; so much so that after the initial emergency aid is administered, it takes two weeks to get an appointment.

Counselling Services requires a larger staff, particularly people trained to help assault victims and finally enlarged facilities in a central location on campus. At present they are tucked away in Annex B with Campus Security and Manpower.

Let's pull together and work together to solve the problem. It is about time something was done!

