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Woman assaulted near University College

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TORONTO—Police are looking for suspects after a woman was sexually assaulted near University College, at the University of Toronto.

On Sept. 24, a woman was walking near University College when she was approached by two men who told her they were U of T students. One of the men grabbed the woman, restrained her, and kissed her against her will.

The woman was able to break free and run to a University College building to get assistance.

Police are investigating the incident and say they have descriptions and the first names of the two men involved.

Detective Hugh Ferguson, a sexual assault investigator at 52 Division said there is a good chance the men will be arrested.

"I believe that with the information Metro has, an arrest should be made," he said.

University officials and police are publicizing their investigation of the incident in an attempt to inform members of the university community of what resources are open to them if they are sexually assaulted.

Officials said they hoped that by demonstrating that police and the

university take sexual assault seriously, they would send a message out to potential assailants and increase the reporting rate of assault, which police estimate is one in ten.

"It's an indication of increasing concern on the part of Metro Police to educate people about what rights they have and what responsibilities they have," said Sexual Harassment Officer at U of T.

Personal Safety Officer Susan Addario said it is important for students to know what they can do in a case of sexual assault.

She said that while the university will work with police whenever possible, students should know that if they report an assault to the safety or the sexual harassment office, they will have a choice as to whether to involve police.

Regardless of whether or not the police are involved, the identity of the person targeted will be kept confidential.

Ontario and Nova Scotia get little cash

TORONTO — Ontario universities receive significantly less provincial funding than universities in other provinces, a recent report shows.

The Council of Ontario Universities (COU) report on the financial position of universities in Ontario shows only Nova Scotian universities receive less provincial funding

than universities in Ontario. In 1989-90, the Ontario government was ranked ninth among the provinces, granting \$6474 per full-time

student, while Newfoundland ranked first, granting \$8233.

Many Ontario universities are attempting to offset decreasing operating grants by tuition hikes - a solution some students reject.

"The impact has been less accessibility," said campaign coordinator for the Ontario Federation of Students. "Between 1981-82 and 1991-92, there has been an 88 per cent increase in tuition for university students."

Men keep silent about Assault

ST. LAURENT — Last month, a woman was assaulted by her boyfriend after an argument with him as a group of men watched and did nothing.

The scuffle was broken up by several women while one woman went to security for help.

Security arrived just in time to see the man leave the building. The security guard stayed with the victim. The police were notified a couple of days later.

To date, nothing has happened to the assailant. No witnesses have come forward to say that they saw anything, and the victim has not pressed charges.

Stolen limo tears up U of T college

TORONTO — U of T day festivities and three weddings were rudely interrupted on October 17 when an escaped convict driving a stolen limosine careened into King's College Circle, knocking over a lamppost and finally coming to a stop at the northwest corner of front campus.

The man, who had stolen the limosine from outside the Sutton Place Hotel at Bay and Wellesley, jumped from the car after he hit the lamppost and ran across the front campus field where he tripped and fell.

Two men attempted to hold him down, until the police arrived. "He tried to get away, a little scuffle ensued, and one bystander got bitten and kicked in the mouth."

Michael William Sinclair is charged with six counts, including theft, impaired driving, assault with intent to escape, and being unlawfully at large from a detention centre.

The man had been missing from Kingston Penitentiary since he was issued a day pass on Sept. 25.

Scientists create synthetic anti-AIDS gene

TORONTO — A team of scientists at U of T are developing artificial genes designed to kill the HIV infection before it spreads.

The research team is designing genes that fit inside the cells that the HIV virus attacks, impairing the virus' ability to spread and thus prevent its progression to AIDS or AIDS Related Complex.

The doctors are presently implanting the HIV resistance genes into human blood cells and transplanting those cells into mice.

One to three months later, human blood cells differentiated in these mice will be tested for their susceptibility.

The U of T researchers intend to test these genes in human blood and bone marrow cells, which will then be transplanted into immuno-deficient mice.

Students told they can't live in parking lot

VANCOUVER — By the end of the month, five Capilano College students may have to find another place to live.

They have been living on campus in their recreational vehicles and vans, clustered in a parking lot. That, however, might have to change within the next few weeks.

The vice-president of the college's student and instructional services sent them a letter ordering them to move out, or the school will move them.

The students do not understand why they are being asked to move.

"We haven't been causing any problems, we don't make any loud noises, we're not messy at all," said one student living in his van.

The student council has decided to oppose the administration to remove the students.

"This whole problem is indicative of the plight faced by a growing number of college and university students across the province," said the student council chair.

"It is cold-hearted for the college administration to simply evict these students without addressing the financial difficulties." There is no housing on the college campus.

Long term solutions to students financial woes must be addressed, she said.

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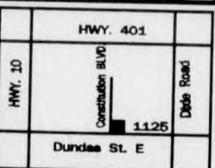
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