



"Assault on Precinct 13"

Cinema attacks

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Dim the lights. Okay, roll 'em.

Last week, through the courtesy of Vanier College Council, a few crazies presented the **Cinema of the Fantastic**. Three days of fun, frivolity and good old-fashioned terror. A smash of science fiction, without any interruptions.

The weekend was organized by Gord "martian" McLeod, a Vanier student, and Dave Thompson, residence tutor and organizer of last year's successful **Establishing Shots**. McLeod proposed the idea, Thompson arranged the funding and booked the films, and McLeod set up the screen and worked the projector.

"We were pleased with the outcome of the festival," says Thompson. "The attendance was better this year. We kept things out of the morning, and we didn't schedule any speakers. We achieved the capacity (100) for every film, and at least 7 to 800 people saw at least one film. I think there were a couple of Vanier residents who sat through every one."

One highlight of the series was the closing film, John (Hallow-

een) Carpenter's **Assault on Precinct 13**. Thompson tried to get the film last year, but it wasn't available. This year he got lucky. "It's one of my favorite films," admits Thompson. "Carpenter is an extremely talented director. He is able to play with the audience. I like to watch the audience when **Assault** is playing. They get tense and stay tense. There are films that are more gory, but there isn't another film that is more tense."



In addition to **Cinema of the Fantastic**, Vanier, in collaboration with the Film Dept., has presented the **Made in Canada Film** series. A few former students were invited to bring in their films and speak on them. It gave present York students the chance to meet them, make connections, and see what kind of work they had done.

Next Year

Plans for next year have already begun. Mark Webber, of the

Goethe Institute, contacted Vanier and together they will present in November a festival of contemporary German Cinema. In addition, Matt Corrigan, another Vanier fellow, is organizing a group of films dealing with the rise and fall of Naziism. They will come from Yugoslavia, Italy and Berlin. The films are artistic and should deal with the subject in an intelligent manner. Organizers hope to have a variety of speakers in addition to the films.

In Spring

Another festival scheduled for the Spring, will feature American musicals. Somehow though, I expect it to be pretty weird. I mean, remember that double bill last year, during **Establishing Shots: Meet Me in St. Louis** and **Night of the Living Dead**.

Extra Reels: The festivals that are organized and planned, are the result of ideas from fellows and students. Thompson encourages anyone with ideas to speak up. They are wide open for suggestions. In fact the more ideas, the more proposals, the better. Contact Thompson at 2244. Be merciless.

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