

# NEWS

## Women's group questions campus safety

TORONTO (CUP) — Universities must make the safety of women on their campuses a higher priority, says a national women's organization.

University campuses have been repeatedly shown to be unsafe, said Christie Jefferson, executive direc-

tor of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund.

"You've got a situation where a lot of women are out by themselves at night in an environment not designed with their safety in mind at all," she said.

Schools need to be pressured

into improving safety, and they must also clarify their policies on dealing with sexual assaults, she added. Most women who are assaulted on campuses must pursue an individual prosecution with the police or file a complaint with the sexual harassment office, she said.

But she said the case of a Toronto woman, whose identity is protected by a court order, could be a test case on how responsible universities are for sexual assault on their campuses.

munity is covered by the Charter of Rights, that is unknown."

However, several courts in the United States have ruled that a university can be held responsible for assaults that take place on its grounds.

Parents of a woman who was raped and murdered at Lehigh University successfully sued the university for not providing proper security.

That ruling led to a law requiring US colleges and universities to collect and report crime statistics. No such law exists in Canada.

Last March, a man suspected of sexually assaulting several students at Toronto's centennial college approached a woman at a nearby Seneca College campus. Seneca had been warned by Centennial six days previously but did not warn students or faculty.

Jefferson said if a university could be shown to have ignored such warnings, it would provide a much stronger basis for a case.

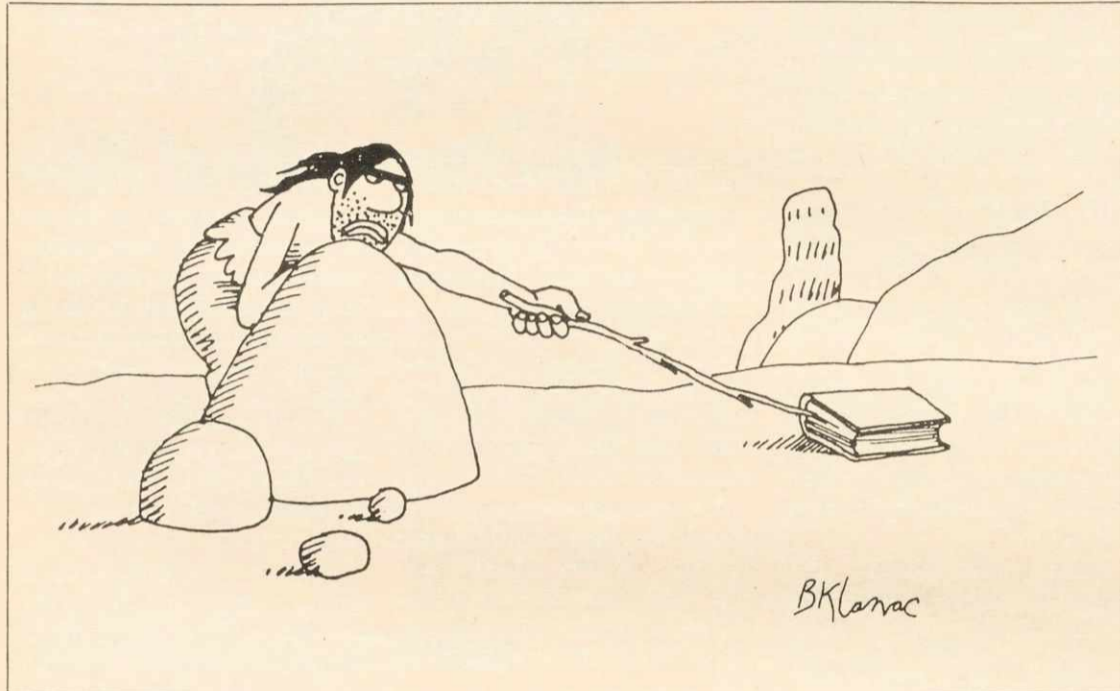
"If you took careful steps to get the university to act and they didn't, the individual would be in a stronger position to launch a suit."

### Parents... successfully sued the university for not providing proper security

The woman, known in the media as Jane Doe, was raped in downtown Toronto. She is currently suing police under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms because they didn't warn her of a rapist in her area and used her as bait.

"It took her four years just to get the right to sue," Jefferson said. "But it's showing that government agencies can be held responsible."

"As to whether a university com-



## DUNMUNS faces another year

BY BERNICE LANDRY  
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DUNMUNS will face the world. Last night's opening meeting marked a new year for DUNMUNS filled with academic research, fundraising, simulations, and, the big draw, a Model UN in New York.

If you are the proud owner of either a Dalhousie or King's student ID card (in the faculty of your choice) you too can join DUNMUNS.

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DUNMUNS (easier to say than Dalhousie-King's University National Model United Nations Society) will have a hard time matching last year's performance. In the height of the Middle Eastern Conflict, this team got to represent the most maveric international member. Yes, you guessed it — Iraq. DUNMUNS took a good deal of abuse and had a bloody hard time —

but they also won the spotlight and an award for their efforts. Not bad for Iraq.

But, the team is not daunted. After last year's performance, the team expects a shot at an influential country again. Sure, any country can be interesting — but big powers hold special challenges this team is keen to face.

Regardless, the country must be represented, and the team has

simulations throughout the year to prepare for the Mock UN in New York.

So, if you are interested in international issues, and you yearn for New York in the spring, this is the club for you. More information? Come to the Council Chambers in the SUB on October 2, where the elections will be held and delegates will scheme and plan this year's direction.



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