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Intruder attacks Vanier women

PJ Todd

Two female York students were sexually molested in their Vanier College residence during the early hours of January 16th and despite the fact that their assailant remains at large, Director of Security George Dunn contends he is not in a position to tighten campus security.

The two women, unwilling to identify themselves and "too shaken" to speak publicly about their ordeal, were sleeping in the room they share in the co-ed residence located on the northern side of York's Keele campus, when a man entered their darkened room and attacked them.

Described as 30-ish, over six feet tall with brown hair and a well-trimmed beard, the attacker was wearing cowboy boots, jeans, a white shirt and a knee-length winter parka. He called himself "Tom".

He was admitted to Vanier through the locked front door by an "unsuspecting male student" who, according to York Security officials, "was convinced the man was looking for someone in Vanier."

A witness reports talking to "Tom" who said "he was wasted and wanted to share a joint. He smelt strongly of liquor and said he had been drinking at the Cock & Bull (a university pub)."

After entering Vanier "Tom" wandered in and out of five unlocked rooms between the hours of 3 a.m. and 7 a.m., claiming in some of the rooms that he "was trying to escape the boyfriend of a girl he had met that night."

"One guy threw him out," said Dunn, "several girls yelled at him to get out of their room and he

did." But the two female victims were asleep when the attacker came through their unlocked door. "They woke up," said Dunn, "and told 'Tom' to leave, but they didn't lock the door after he had gone."

Unfortunately, "Tom" returned. "They were sexually molested," reports David Thompson, don of Vanier, "they were not raped." Details of the assault will not be released.

One of the victims attempted to prevent the call to the police department, but Division 31 of the Metro force was contacted and is now investigating the case. A police artist has produced a composite sketch of the suspect from details provided by the two women and the male witness who spoke with "Tom". Staff Sergeant Judge will not release the drawing to *Excalibur*. "If it were a homicide and we were really desperate, we'd release it to all the papers. It's not that urgent."

Dunn has decided he will not take any steps to tighten security in either the Vanier residence or on the Keele Campus generally. "I am not in a position to increase security," he argues, "because I can't confirm that the suspect will return to the same residence." Dunn said that York Security is not responsible for the internal safety of the residences — "students must take their own precautions. We don't provide night porters."

Dunn said he will meet with Vanier officials to deliver his report on the case, which will contain suggestions about residence security. "People shouldn't feel like their residence is their home," Dunn instructs. "I think they feel too comfortable."



The York Independent Theatre production of *Hair* is currently playing to packed houses. Story page 9.

American policy under fire

Cathy Moffat

The legitimacy of American policy regarding El Salvador was a hot topic of discontent at the public debate sponsored by the York El Salvador Support Committee. Over two hundred people attended the debate, which was held Tuesday afternoon in Curtis Lecture Hall "K".

The first Secretary of the U.S. Embassy, William Harbin, outlined American policy when he stated that the United States supports President Napoleon Duarte and sees the Salvadorean elections planned for March as a viable means of restoring justice. Harbin said that the United States had opposed elections during the 1960s because of the violence that was occurring at the time.

All panelists agreed that since then the violence in El Salvador

has increased to the point where brutal massacres are now taking place. This lead Tim Dralmin, editor of *Central American Update*, to conclude that elections in 1982 are less viable than they would have been in 1969, the year Duarte's Christian Democratic Party produced a pamphlet which stated "elections are not a solution." Professor Liisa North, deputy director of the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean, also believes that it would be absurd to hold elections now.

David Leyton-Brown, a York professor of Political Science, suggested that the U.S. may be overestimating external influences in El Salvador and understanding the local indigeneous rebellion.

Harbin, who had indicated at

the beginning of his presentation that he not an expert on Central America, was caught off-guard several times. One such case occurred when the embassy official remarked that Cuba belonged to the Organization of American States. When an economics student pointed out that "Cuba was kicked out of the OAS by the United States after the Cuban Revolution," Harbin responded, "I saw it in writing and I didn't think about it, but I believed what I read."

Professor M. Stevenson, Chairman of York's Department of Political Science and moderator of the discussion, summed up that it is "our duty to find out" about the situation in this small Central American country and to take a stand on these issues of great moral concern.

Where is the Fan Van?

Mike Guy

Four months after the Council of the York Student Federation spent two thousand dollars to customize a Fan Van to promote school spirit, some York students believe that the project has been less than successful.

"It's difficult to generate school spirit when the performance of the Fan Van has been one of hit and miss," says Sharon Clayton, president of the Women's Athletic Council.

"I hoped," she explained, "it would be used to give women's sports a bit more exposure, especially with the success of our field hockey and volleyball teams. I was also expecting the van to be used for making monthly announcements of upcoming sports events."

Excalibur sports editor, Jules Xavier, is also dissatisfied with the use that has been made of the van. He says, "the only time I remember seeing the Fan Van was during the football season. The money invested to drive the Fan Van around to inform students of future games, could

have been put to better use in areas directly related to sports and other university functions. It's a red elephant."

CYSF president, Greg Gaudet acknowledges, "the Fan Van has not been too active these last few months," but adds, "during the winter most sports are played indoors."

Jeff Carmichael, president of the Men's Inter-University Athletic Council sees another snag that has prevented widespread use of the van. He explains, "proper communication channels have not as yet been established. Neither the CYSF, MIAC nor WAC has an athletic representative. As things are now, I have to go to the CYSF office to find out about new activities, and sometimes I'm much too busy to contact them."

"Next year," says Gaudet, "when we have improved the communications amongst WAC, MIAC, and the CYSF...and have set a schedule for the Fan Van, it will be more effectively employed."

Absentee BOG rep:

Montgomery faces impeachment

Rose Crawford

When the Student Senate Caucus meets this morning, one of the items on its agenda will be the possible removal of student BOG representative Malcolm Montgomery from the Board of Governors.

CYSF president, Greg Gaudet, told *Excalibur* earlier this week that he plans to officially raise the issue at today's SSC meeting. He added that he feels Montgomery, whose two-year term ends this spring, should be removed from the Board largely because he has ignored his mandate to represent the students on the University's decision-making body.

In a letter to *Excalibur*, Montgomery stated that in 18 months he missed only one meeting. But according to the minutes of the Board, he has missed nearly half of the meetings held during his term. Furthermore, the minutes indicate that he missed six consecutive meetings despite

the fact that he was the sole student representative on the Board during the spring and summer of 1981.



Malcolm Montgomery.

When contacted, Montgomery refused to comment on the situation.

Gaudet learned of the situation last fall when Montgomery consistently failed to submit reports of Board meetings to the CYSF and to *Excalibur*. At that time, he was also aware of Montgomery's attendance record.

In December, he contacted

John Weston, elected as the second student representative to the Board last November, and asked him to investigate the possibility of having a member removed from the BOG. Weston learned that the official procedure involves bringing the issue to the attention of the Student Senate Caucus. The Caucus, while not directly empowered to remove a Board member, can submit recommendations. The final decision is left up to the Board.

Since there are approximately only two months left in Montgomery's term, Weston feels that the situation "is more trouble than it's worth," adding that he "doesn't intend to get involved in a move like that."

Gaudet, however, feels it is very important to follow through with this action. "The problem is that students would think that they can run for BOG representative and get away with doing nothing. The position would lose credibility."