Vomit and violence mar bus trip

LENNOXVILLE (CUP)— Students vomited so much on a recent Bishop's University carnival bus trip that the seats had to be ripped apart for proper cleaning.

The 28 students on the bus trip to Newport, Rhode Island caused \$1600 worth of damage to their bus. Apparently, they completely demolished seats and spit on and verbally abused the driver.

Bishop's student council and the bus company claim that the

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"We are aware of the potential stressful experience that going to university can be. Through Health services, the Chaplaincy office, the Counselling centre and the Student Union, the administration, the staff, and the students have provided a number of bases for students in stress to contact."

"People should be coming to us before they are incapacitated," says Hayashi.

"They have to realize the symptoms and prevent their stress from snowballing and becoming destructive."

She suggests students give themselves credit for the accomplishments they have made rather than dwelling on the negative. And she encouraged them to talk to other students.

"Students don't talk to each other enough," she says, "They think they are all alone, but it is very likely that most of the people in their class are also suffering." bus driver was "pushed around" and physically tossed into his seat on one occasion. They said people from the men's and women's buses vomited everywhere, including on an unsuspecting border guard.

Tom Golber has organized the trip for three years but did not accompany the revellers this year. "I ran the bus trip for three years and the first time no one is there to supervise the trip they all went bonzo."

A number of people, however, see stress as a positive thing.

"There is such a thing as an optimal level of stress," says Hayashi, "this keeps students motivated and focused on their work and can often be very constructive."

Professor Brown agrees. "Students are going to have to face stress in the real world," he says, "so they better learn to cope with it now. Professors should be giving hard exams from the very beginning. Then if students find they are in over their heads they can right away start to work on learning proper study skills so they won't get themselves in such a mess."

Positive phenomenon or not, Kim, along with many other students has resigned herself to somehow surviving the stress of the next three weeks.

"Oh well," she says. "They tell me suffering builds character."

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