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Security searches intensely

In the search for the Homecoming night cross-burners, College Security Director Ransom Jenks said officers have questioned nearly seventy-five people who were at or near the scene of the incident, but that the College investigation "has not been very fruitful."

Much of the investigation is centered around Perry House and its residents. Jenks has said that he does not believe the cross burners are Williams students but that it would be negligent to ignore information.

He acknowledged that officers have been sent to the house to double- and triple-check stories. Jenks also said that officers have been posted at the Aladco linen exchange for the last two Wednesdays, checking for any sheets with holes or other damage. As with the other efforts, the sheet check produced no results.

Following sketchy descriptions of the getaway car, Security has checked on a few campus autos but to no avail. As one student noted, "There must be hundreds of Japanese compacts in this area, in or out of the college." Student reactions to the security questioning has been mixed.

"Security hasn't been here in a while," said Perry resident Priscilla Cypriot '82. "They weren't being any problem anyway." Witness Gordon Celender '82 said that no one from security had questioned him.

Some witnesses, who prefer to remain anonymous, have ex-

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The arts flourished at Williams this weekend with (clockwise from top left) Ephoria performing, Sheila Walsh '83 singing with Mental Floss at the Log, the Octet crooning, and Cathy McCormick '81 playing Major Barbara.

Room damages cost students

by Rob Eginton

Williams students caused \$17,194 worth of damages last year according to repair bills from the Department of Buildings and Grounds. Students assert, however, that B&G's charges are exorbitant.

Students allege that too many workers are assigned to repair crews, and that students are charged for more time than it

actually takes to repair the damages.

Labor is billed in half-hour units, so if a door takes ten minutes to fix, the student is charged for thirty minutes of labor anyway.

Wendy Hopkins, Director of Student Housing, defends damages policy. "The college does not willfully overcharge students or assign too many workers to repair damages," she said. "It is the decision of the General Foreman as to how many workers are assigned to a crew. Unless labor costs are charged by the minute, students will always contend they are paying for more work than is done."

Hopkins also points out that students pay less for repairs made by the college than if the same work were contracted out.

Students also complain that damage they cause is repaired more quickly than damage resulting from normal wear and tear. One student said, "B&G makes such a concerted effort to fix damages when they have someone they can charge, but they leave other comparable damages unrepaired."

Another student said, "We damaged the walls in our hallway and they were repaired within two weeks. We've got a stack of tiles in our bathroom that fell off the walls and have needed to be replaced since we got here. They fixed the wall because they knew who to charge, but the tiles still haven't been replaced because the college has to pay for it."

Hopkins agrees that it may take longer for regular work to be done than damage repairs. "Everything is put on a critical need basis. Obviously the most critical work will be done first. Damage is repaired more quickly because it tends to affect the appearance of the college more

than normal wear and tear."

When damage is done, the House Manager, who acts as liaison officer between Student Housing and students in a house, reports it to B&G. If a college crew can do the work, B&G sends them out. If not, the work is contracted out to a private firm.

After the job is completed, the crew foreman records the amount of time worked, cost of labor, and cost of material or parts. B&G then processes the bill, and sends it to the individual responsible, if known. Otherwise, the bill is sent to the house or dorm. If bills are not paid, they are added to term bills for the next semester.

Individuals were billed for \$5,815 last year. Upperclass house bills for damages came to \$6,134, while Freshmen dorms were charged \$1,425. B&G was unable to collect \$3,820 for damages.

Rumors investigated

Racial threats persist

Despite the passage of another week's time, no new information or developments have been unearthed in College or Williamstown Police investigations of the cross-burning and related events on campus. The relative calm on campus was marred early in the week, however, by another threatening note directed at a member of the BSU.

The note, slipped under the door of a female black student living in Prospect House contained, according to Assistant to the Dean Mary Kenyatta, "a very real threat of rape." Kenyatta mentioned the letter in a statement to the College Council on the necessity of maintaining the positive racial attitude of the Tuesday morning moratorium.

ACSR may recommend divestiture

The Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility is expected to recommend to the trustees in December that the College divest itself of its shares in Newmont Mining Company.

The Committee received a letter from Newmont in which the company declined to provide the Committee with the information it requested.

In the letter Newmont stated that it did not wish to answer the Committee's questions, but that it was willing to discuss philosophical questions.

Don Dubendorf, ASCR alumni member, said "They were not interested in detailed factual response but would be interested in more talks."

The Committee's position in the past has been that if Newmont failed to respond to the inquiries of the ASCR, the Committee would have no choice as responsible shareholders but to call for divestiture. The ASCR now faces the question of whether Newmont's reply provides sufficient information for the College to act responsibly.

At the ASCR meeting on Monday, November 10, the Committee announced that Anti-Apartheid Coalition senior member Anita Brooks '81 has resigned her position on the Committee.

Brooks' resignation was effective on October 31, and leaves Jim Levisohn '81 the only student member of the Committee.

Brooks said she found it "an unbearable hypocrisy" on the part of the trustees "to have policies but not implement them."

The Committee is now writing the report that it will submit to the Financial Committee of the trustees. Dubendorf said that the general sense of that report has already been decided, but that the Committee didn't think it was fair to the trustees to reveal the decision before giving it to them.

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CC dishes out SAT

by Betsy Stanton

Alongside term bill figures for tuition, room and board, \$33 may not seem like a lot of money. But students, who pay this Student Activities Tax each semester, contributed a grand total of \$63,569 this year.

With the approval of the College Council, a nine-member student Finance Committee recently appropriated these funds for sports clubs, concerts, service organizations, communications, and other deserving campus groups.

"If they have an organization which is viable, with members who are interested, they are

entitled to some of the money," said Darrell McWhorter '81, College Council president.

In order to balance this year's budget, the committee reduced the original budget requests of 51 campus groups by \$24,695, three times last year's cut. "In many cases it was not a question of what we wanted to cut, but what we had to cut," said Russell Platt '82, Finance Committee chairman.

However, many groups still received more funds than last year. Although WCFM received \$1,175 less than they requested, the \$12,325 they did receive is \$1,460 more than last year's allocation. The committee increased the station's funds for two reasons. First, the cost of the UPI wire rose \$550; second, after a telephone line servicing the ABC network news service went down in a storm last year, the telephone company discovered that WCFM had been using the line at no cost for the past 10 years. Accordingly, they levied a \$1,350 charge.

In addition, the station must direct much of its sponsorship funds toward the renovation of the deteriorating production studio.

The committee also decided that the cost to the college

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