

News Release

On Saturday, January 27, 1973, the Students' Council of Cariboo College held a dance. During this function damage in the amount of \$450.00 took place to the Food Training Centre building. The damage resulted from an over-crowded condition where nearly 500 people packed the Student Lounge and Cafeteria areas and enjoyed what can only be described as a rowdy, good time.

Because of the press of people around the bar, those in charge had difficulty in picking up the empty beer bottles from the crowded tables and in the course of the singing and dancing which one might expect following a very closely fought hockey tournament considerable broken glass accumulated. Furthermore, in two separate incidents over-exhilaration of participants resulted in damage to the gyprock walls in the lower part of the building.

As far as we can determine, the only injury which occurred as a result of the festivities was one gashed finger. This appears to have required treatment at the RHH Emergency Ward and resulted in a certain amount of blood being deposited on the floor. As far as we and City RCMP can ascertain there were no other injuries requiring medical attention and initial stories of a student being thrown over the balcony and injuring himself appear to have no basis in fact.

We believe that the damage which did occur was regrettable, but we also feel that given the crowd and the general exuberance that Students' Council and the Cariboo College Hockey Team which assisted them deserve a good deal of credit for keeping incidents to the minimum. The RCMP advise us that they have no evidence to warrant prosecution for any offense and we would stress that the damages resulting from this evening will be recovered from the Students' Association Council and the Totem Conference.

The damages, totalling \$450.00, involve rewaxing the floor of both areas in the building four months earlier, the repair of the gyprock walls, repair of damaged tables and replacement of several decorative rubber trees.

We have taken steps to insure that numbers will be limited at any function held on the College Campus in future, since it was crowded conditions rather than anything approaching a riot which resulted in the unfortunate damage.

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