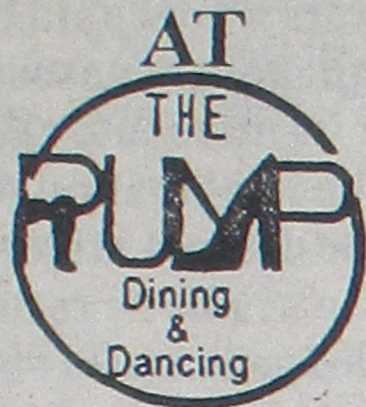


STUDENT NIGHT EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT



U.P.E.I. &

HOLLAND COLLEGE

STUDENTS

YOU'RE INVITED TO DROP BY
CHARLOTTETOWN'S NEWEST
NIGHT CLUB

"STUDENT SPECIALS ALL NIGHT"

(MUST PRESENT STUDENT I.D.)

ALSO... FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT

JOIN US FOR LADIES NIGHT

DRAW FOR A DIAMOND RING!!!

"THE BEST PRICES IN TOWN"

TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

9PM-11PM

TRENGTH BY NUMBERS

Well it's happened again. On Friday November 29th two more students who live on the residence of U.P.E.I. were verbally and physically assaulted by a crowd of high school students numbering from about 15 to 20. In the first incident the two male students who were assaulted had to be transported to the hospital to receive stitches and medical care before they could be released because they basically... were beaten to a pulp!! The second time when students were approached luckily the couple, consisting of a male and female were not harmed.

Further-more the seen had worsened when a group of Marian Hall residents heard about the incident. A group of 16 pissed off residents decided to go down to McDonald's (where the second couple was confronted) and seek retaliation hoping to scare off the youths from future attacks against residence students. When the word got out that a group from Marian Hall was furious and were waiting at Burger King looking for a particular group of guys, they too were con-

fronted by car loads of youths. As the tense minutes passed, more and more car loads of youths appeared.

I happened to notice that one of the youths who had showed up was trying to start a fight with anybody who practically looked at him. Not before long the group from Marian Hall was out-numbered by AT LEAST 60 youths. Their cars filled the parking lots of both A&W and Burger King. Out-numbered by increasing amounts of youths, the group from Marian Hall slowly backed off trying to avoid an onslaught. But the more the group cautiously backed off it brought more youths out from their cars and on to the field beside the A&W restaurant. As their numbers increased, so did their courage and willingness to break up the group from enraged Marian Hall. As the youths greatly outnumbered and started to enclose on the group from Marian Hall, one lone Charlottetown city police showed up at the field. As they examined the situation that was escalating they finally went over, broke up, and separated the two groups.

Luckily nothing happened to either groups, but if squads of youths insist on randomly assaulting people and U.P.E.I students I can see a scene, like the one that occurred on Friday escalating again. Reporting incidents like these to the police aren't too effective when about 10 of them (high school youths) jump you from a dark corner or "THEY" are protected by the young offenders act. It's easy to ignore them if you don't mind seeing your close friends physically assaulted one at a time. Sure... you can gang up on them if you can pick one of them out in a crowd sometime when they're not expecting you. But crossing through the Burger King parking lot might be quite the task or just plain "suicidal" the next time you'd like to go to K-Mart with just ONE or TWO friends.

Retaliation is definitely not the answer! But sitting back wondering when your number will come up and it's your turn to lie in the hospital is not a cure either! If these youths from Charlottetown and around want to let off a little steam, why not join a boxing or karate club, it seems that they have a lot of spare time in the evenings. Why not be more constructive with all their energy, instead of being destructive.

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