

SECURITY CUTS AT UBC

CUTBACKS: SECURITY CUTS AT UBC THREATEN CAMPUS SAFETY Vancouver (CUP)-- Police night patrols at the University of BC are going to be reduced because of provincial spending cuts and the commanding officer of the local detachment wants students to lobby to maintain patrols.

Sergeant Fred Hardy said Sept. 17 the UBC detachment would be cut from 11 members to nine. Two other positions were slashed in 1978.

"I don't want to see any more decreases," Hardy said. "I think that the UBC students and the whole university community deserve good police services, so naturally I am distressed."

Hardy said the 4 a.m. to 7 am shift will probably have to be

eliminated.

The UBC campus lies outside Vancouver's city limits and so the RCMP detachment has to serve 6,000 residence students as well as another 3,500 residents in the university endowment lands.

Hardy said he intends to fight the cutbacks at a ratepayers association meeting in October.

"I'm not really in a position to lobby as any other citizen could, but I would call on any student at UBC that is concerned and would like more police presence to make representations on their behalf to people like UBC president Doug Kenny, or the (provincial) ombudsman."

Meanwhile, both student groups and the campus security patrol say the cuts

are dangerous. The University spent \$100,000 last year to improve lighting on campus because of an increase in the number of sexual assaults. As well, bicycle and auto thefts have risen dramatically in the past two years.

Student Society officer Al Soltis said cuts in the night patrol seriously threaten the security of the campus community.

"With 6,000 people just in residences, it's a small city with no protection," he said. "From 3 am on, this campus is wide open."

Women's committee member Eva Schmeig said the cuts present a serious safety problem. "People are going to be upset" she said. "A lot of people have come forward with complaints about being hassled including those people who live off-campus

IN THE MAIL

Dear Editor:

In reference to last week's article "How secure is Security?", we would like to comment on a few points mentioned.

First, it was one female officer and one female clerk who resigned, not two officers as mentioned.

Second, would it not seem logical that the decrease in the number of break and enter and thefts may have been due to the night shifts being adequately handled by two people? Why, after Security has been here only twelve years, is the situation being studied only now?

With only one officer on the midnight shift, how safe are our parking lots? How does the officer speedily detect a fire on the main system in the Security Office if he is making his rounds.

If security is restricted to one man, will that extra load be placed on the backs

of the city police force?

If so, it seems a case of robbing the blind to support those who cannot see.

Also, it seems that the reason for having security in the first place may have been to keep all business within the university.

Finally, did anyone take time to think of the parking problem when they closed N and NA? Lots A, B, and C are so full now that residence students who pay for a half-decent place to park are forced to park way down at the of lot B or C and then move their vehicles back after night classes.

It seems that security administrators will go to any length, even at the risk of the students, to prove a point.

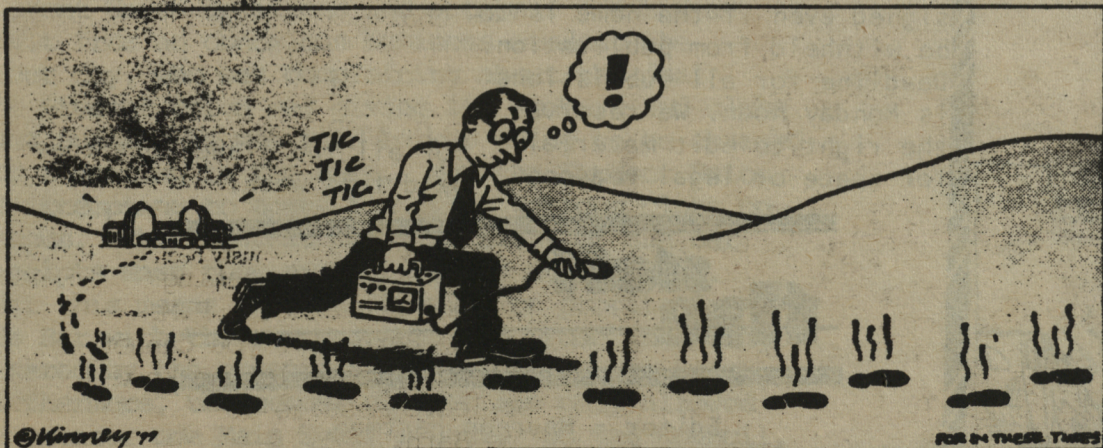
concerned bodies.

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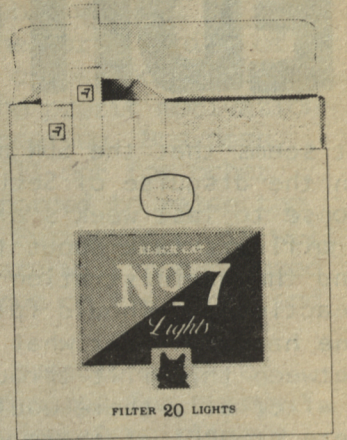
periencing horrible traffic problems. Things have gotten so out of hand that C.P.'s and Security officers must diligently patrol the tarmacs of the campus to keep people in their proper stalls. One parking slot in particular has captured the attention of this writer. This spot doesn't exist (for cars anyway) at the end of the walkway from the Library to parking lot A. Although many students have reading problems (so the English Dept. says), this is a dilly...There's no sign. However, Security says that don't matter cuz we can puts a tikit on anybody's rig whenever we wants ta (at least that's how one ticketee was hushed). So beware students...don't park where there's no, no parking sign cause the boys in blue will get ya!

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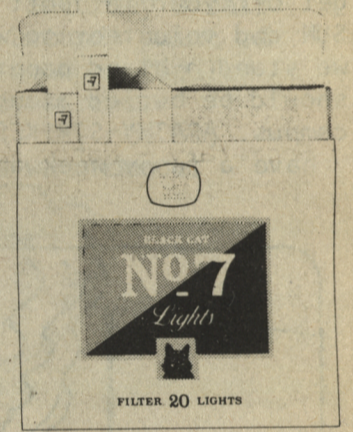
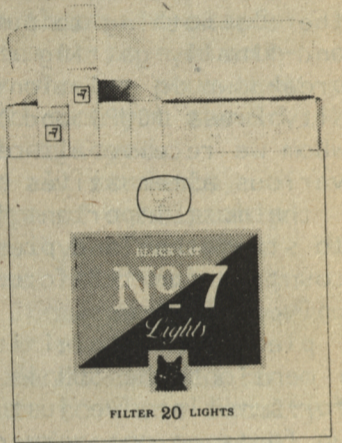


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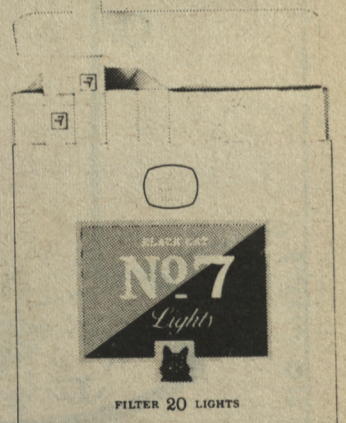
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