

The Case

Some students, all international (I mean from different countries) including 3 colored males, went to a resident on campus for a party.

- These students are chatting away outside in front of that resident while one of them decide to go and find out if they could get a ticket to go in.
- While waiting and talking, 2 police officers arrive at the scene and say, "you, you and you kindly leave the resident." On the grounds that they didn't have tickets, were not students of that resident but, students of another resident on campus, students of UBC and more over were only chatting up freely with other friends who live in that resident but also not part of the party. However, the friend they are waiting for, is not is the same as they are...put enters the party.
- Apparently, the RCMP had been called by residents advisors and what was discussed on the phone is worth knowing.
- The officers went straight up only to these 3

students and insisted that they leave, that they were just doing their job. If the students are unsatisfied they should contact authority to make and complaints.

I took up the case notifying several authorities on campus:

- It took about 2 weeks for the University authority to finally set up a meeting, thus the students were not called, emailed or talked to personally in anyway to establish concern and care. (I thought if it were a rape case whether it would have been approached the same way).
- In the Interim, I was used as an in-betweenner (I'm a student, who have also been discriminated against and it was not my duty to be involved at that depth).
- Just before the meeting was due, we had no support person from the university. We were supposed to have gone in to meet the university authority all by ourselves until I suggested in the "dime minute" that we needed that.

At the end of the meeting:

- There were discrepancies between the narration the students had, and that of

residence advisors and the RCMP Reports presented by UBC authority.

- The students perceived the behavior of the RCMP and the Rez Advisors as racial. They are hurt, afraid, and worried. They commented that, “we were told Canada is not like this, even worse of all on the university campus we would expect better treatment because people should be enlightened and educated.”
- There were no response from Equity and the Alma Mater Society (the student Society). The UBYssey did contact me. International House Executive Director did suggest counseling by the International Students Advisors and that was it.
- I had to exchange several emails back and forth between the authorities and the students, making suggestions and insisting how I felt the case should have been approach before we found a “somewhat” headway.
- What do you think should have been the proper approach to solving this case?

- What is the role of Equity? AMS? Rez Advisor?
- Does UBC has any protocol at all in solving such cases?
- What do you think would happen in the long run if UBC continues to sideline racial issues—systemic racial issues?
- Can UBC have influence or say as to how the RCMP relate to students on campus?
- What if a UBC student has been discriminated against outside of campus, can the university do something about that?

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