

Students with Master Keys

By Bill Cunningham

An unknown number of Canisius students are in control of master keys to various areas of the Canisius College campus.

"I personally know three students who own master keys to three different floors in the dorms," said one anonymous source. "The three kids got their keys from their friends in Security (Department). I know of one person who has a ring of keys to every room in the Health Science (Center) building — including outside doors and roof doors."

The knowledgeable informer claimed that there are two popular methods of obtaining keys: first, by requesting a key for a legitimate purpose and then copying it; secondly, trading copies of keys with other keyowners. "Your basic problem is that there are too many master keys," commented the person. "There should be much tighter control over the masters."

"I have a Chemistry master key which was allotted to me by Father (Ramon) Salamone, the head of the Department," admitted one Canisius student. "That key goes to a few of the labs in the Horan-O'Donnell building."

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Another commuter student is in control of keys to a room for physics students and the mini-computer center. "Mr. Bober gave me the key to the mini-computer center. I forgot where I got the physics room key from." Mr. Raymond Bober, an assistant professor in mathematics, left Canisius College at the end of the 1974 Spring Semester.

Although some students legally possess master keys, one former Security guard said. "If you're working in the Security office, it's easy to get master keys to everything."

"If a student, as a guard, is in charge of the Security office, naturally he would have access to all of the keys in the office," said Security Director Richard Tobin. "If a guard is in possession of a master key, there's no way I can prove it, or any system to show that he hasn't duplicated a key."

"Security aides, more or less, keep the keys down in the Security office — at least they're supposed to. Let's say, for example, that you (a resident student) lock yourself out of your room. What we want is that a guard or a Resident Assistant goes to the room and lets the person in, instead of handing the person a master key to let himself in, and bring it back. We prefer not

to ever give keys to students."

As director of the Student Center, Mrs. Patricia Zasadil frequently lends activity room keys to students. The director refers to a list of names given to her by a "high-ranking club officer" at the beginning of the year.

"Anybody can run over to Sears and have a key made," said Mrs. Zasadil. "There's no safeguard. It's an unsatisfactory system, but I don't know how else we can do it."

"There are restrictions," said Joyce Heisler, an employee of the Key Center at Sears, Roebuck, & Co., 1905 Main St. "We won't duplicate a key if it is stamped, 'Do Not Duplicate'."

"The keys that I usually give out have nothing marked on them," added Mrs. Zasadil.

"The new keys the Maintenance Department has are all marked 'Do Not Duplicate,'" said Mr. Tobin. "The new dorm keys are all marked, too — whatever this means." In some cases, if "you give a guy a buck, he doesn't care what's marked on them."

The Security Director concluded. "People run all over this place with all kinds of keys. I know this. Keys to activity rooms, the Student Center, and everything else."

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