

The bungalow at Oakfield, Clonlara, the scene of last night's attack.

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# Two beaten in night attack

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TWO men are recovering at Limerick's Regional Hospital, today, after a vicious overnight attack at a bungalow outside the city.

They received serious injuries when three masked and armed men broke into a Clonlara residence, late last night, and badly beat them up before taking antiques.

One of the men was a guest at the house for the night, the other — the more senior man — was the occupier.

Gardai today would not release the name of the old-

er man or that of the guest.

According to a garda spokesman, the two men were watching television in the front room of the bungalow at Oakfield, Clonlara, when three masked men, armed with hatchets, broke down the front entrance door.

The two men were then severely beaten, and then tied up. The bungalow is located on the main road into Limerick.

It is understood that the guest managed to free himself after a number of hours, and the gardai were alerted shortly after 4 am.

The injured men were taken by ambulance to the Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle.

The condition of the older man, who had only recently undergone surgery, is described as ill, but stable, in intensive care; the

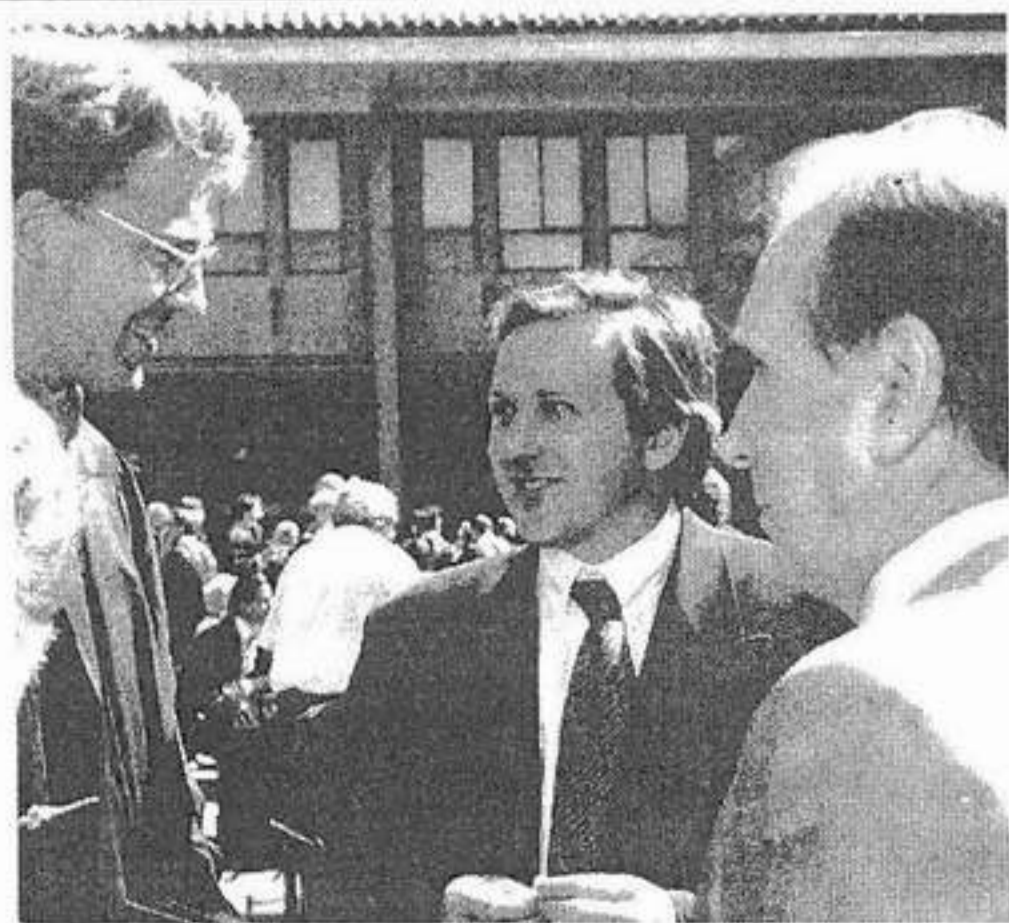
younger man is said to be in a stable condition in the wards.

The garda spokesman confirmed that a quantity of antiques and other valuables had been taken from the bungalow, and that the owner's car had been used in the getaway. The car was later located at Brown's Quay, Limerick.

The gardai at

Ardnacrusha' are continuing their investigations, backed up by detectives at Henry Street, who were today conducting a thorough examination of the bungalow and the area around.

Detectives were also, this morning, waiting to interview the two victims at their bedsides, as soon as they were ready.



Gordon Holmes, son of solicitor Gordon Holmes and Mrs Holmes, of 4 Cliftonville, Ennis Road, who received the Henry Ford II scholar award as the top student academically in the MBA class of 1995 at the business school, attached to Stanford University.

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