

Spring break-ins remain unsolved

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The Dalhousie Student Union Building was broken into twice in as many weeks this past spring. The break-ins occurred are believed to be unrelated and police have not made any arrests in either case.

On May 29th the Corner Pocket and the adjoining games room in the basement of the SUB was broken into. \$1,500 of cash and cigarettes were taken. The second break-in occurred at the Student Union offices. A few documents were taken in the June 9th incident. There was no sign of forced entry.

Halifax Regional Municipal Police spokesman Gary Martin said that there are no suspects in either case. The police investigation turned up no physical evidence or other leads: "We've gone as far as we can unless new information comes up."

The police believe that the Corner Pocket theft was a carefully

planned operation by at least two individuals. It is believed they probably came to the Corner Pocket in the week previous to the break-in to familiarize themselves with it. They likely broke into the building with a crowbar in the early morning hours of May 29th. The thieves made off with an entire change machine containing \$800, as well as coins from the video games. Cigarettes were also stolen though the alcohol on the premises was untouched. The damage to the machines plus the theft adds up to a loss of over \$2500 for the DSU.

The second break-in, discovered by DSU Vice President Katherine Hannah, occurred on June 9th in the DSU council offices. This time there was no sign of forced entry, although that remains a possibility. The offices were searched and papers were scattered. Cabinets were either

picked or opened with a key. Desks were also rifled through.

"It was as if they were looking for something specific but didn't know where [it was]," said DSU President Brad MacKay. Copies of Executive Administrator Amy Newhook's employment contract were taken, as well as financial statements from previous years. It was evident that Grawood financial information was looked at, as well as documents concerning the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). Most of these documents are available for the public to view.

Neither Brad MacKay nor Katherine Hannah were able to speculate who may have had an interest in these documents.

New alarms have been installed for the Corner Pocket and games room doors, and all the locks for the DSU offices have been changed.

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