



Hash pipes for sale

By Paul Thompson

Terry McVicker, right, and Jamie 'X' surrounded by their pipes.

The rent was due on Monday, so two freaks and their hash pipes headed for York last Thursday.

Terry McVicker and Jamie X (Jamie is an American draft dodger) are two residents of a house on Darcy St. near Beverley and Dundas, a commune McVicker describes as "a bunch of happy freaks, that's all."

They got the house only a month ago but since then a group of people have congregated there to engage in making leather goods,

clothes, candles and chewy oils besides pipes. None of the residents of the house have "straight" jobs and McVicker admitted things aren't going too well right now. But with the hit the pipes were making at York last Thursday and Friday McVicker, seeing a good thing, said they'd probably be back this week.

On Friday, Jamie said they had enjoyed a "real warm reception" at York. When they were packing up their things on Thursday, two

girls invited them for dinner and they ended up staying up here all night. "We were treated just like VIPs or something", said McVicker. And when they set up shop on Friday in the Square again, people who had bought pipes on Thursday were going up to them saying "I didn't do that essay I was going to do last night, but the pipes were really fine".

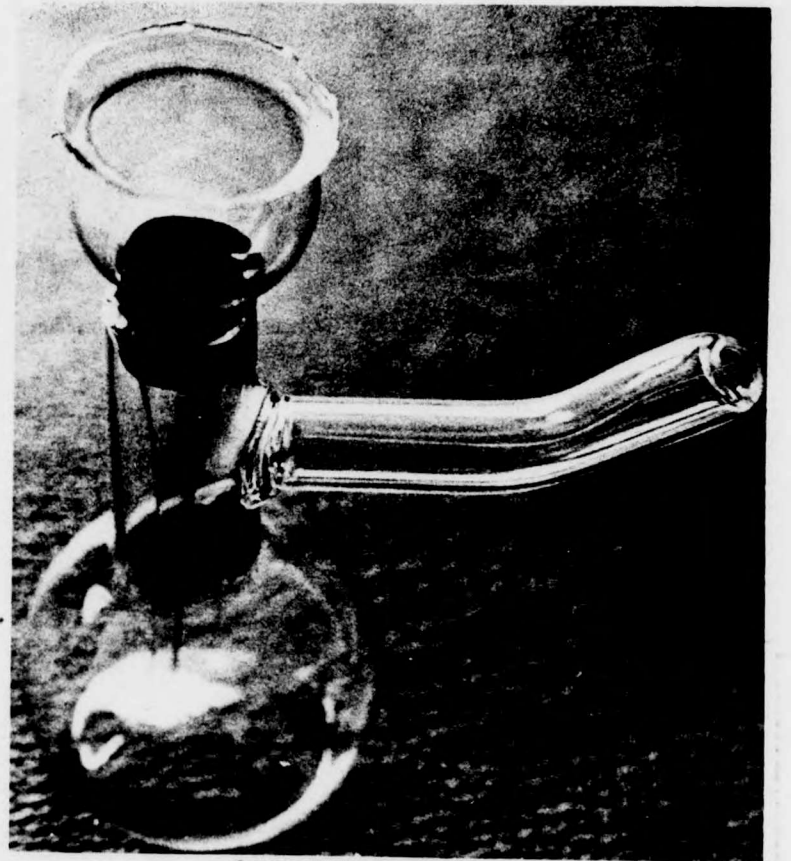
On Thursday McVicker had said "I get uncomfortable just sitting here, getting into the business thing, I'd sooner bring an ounce of grass and smoke it with people". So Thursday night he got his wish.

The response of York's dope community to the pipes relaxed the two because they were "nervous as hell at first". This was the first time they had been out selling any of their products, and of course they didn't know what to expect. In fact, at first they shared a table with the York Christian Fellowship Movement. Perhaps it isn't so incongruous because the fellowship that exists in the dope community is akin to the Christian fellowship that is more preached than practiced.

The pipes themselves range from the cheapest at 80 cents which are simply blown glass tubes up to the \$2.00 "super deluxe" blown glass waterpipe. Other pipes are made with small blocks of wood.

McVicker, who picked up woodworking while working in a coffin factory, uses walnut, teak, or cherry wood — he's found rosewood is too expensive. Wes, a U.S. army deserter who lives at the Darcy St. house learned glass blowing in Alabama. They now use pyrex instead of ordinary glass, so the small and seemingly delicate pipes are really quite sturdy. But still "we break as many as we make".

McVicker and one of the girls in the house are the only Canadians in the house. The rest are American draft dodgers or deserters or Britishers. McVicker claims that practically everyone on their



Super Deluxe model.

street is in the country illegally. He and Jamie, who have known each other for a year and a half, were also connected with setting up and organizing The Hall at 19 Huron St., a centre for American emigres and other young people downtown. McVicker believes that the hand-crafts The Hall people sold to York a few weeks ago netted a good amount.

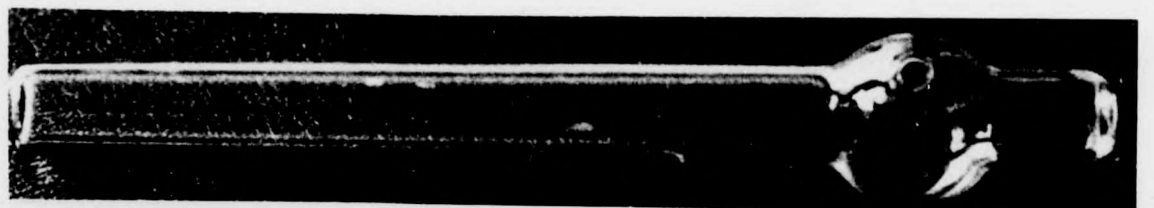
Eventually the Darcy St. people want to set up a wholesale operation to sell to the various shops that cater to the hip crowd. Already they have sold some of their work to stores that sell it at a 100 per cent mark-up. But for McVicker there is another side to their struggle for enough money to pay the rent. "My biggest fear is

that it will become a business thing. The best thing is that hard times in the house keep us together".

As for what they should concentrate on selling next after they've finished with the pipes, McVicker claims "if you sit down and get stoned, you'll figure out what will be the next rage".

Asked where besides York they're thinking of selling, he replied "when the weather warms up I intend to take a blanket to Queen's Park". But in the meantime we should expect to see them back in Central Square today.

McVicker summed up the life of the people on Darcy St. this way: "Our time is devoted to two things, having fun and being paranoid".



The Supercharger

one day only

Associated Furriers of Ontario

PUBLIC SALE

of more than 200

UNCLAIMED

and

**TRADE-IN
FUR COATS**

Saturday, March 6th

457 ADELAIDE STREET W.

Ontario's leading Furriers have collected all their trade-ins and unclaimed fur coats under one roof. Each has been carefully cleaned by leading Cleaners in Toronto. Hollander, Scientific, and Expert Fur Cleaners. Some of Toronto's finest fur establishments are represented.

This sale is for one day only.

full length coats for \$5. \$10. \$15. etc.

first come first served. . .Hurry. . .

Open 10:00 to 4:30