

SUB furniture thieves to be brought before SDC

By GARY CAMERON

The SUB has recently been the victim of several cases of theft.

On January 16 a lounge chair worth about \$200. was stolen from the SUB. It was subsequently recovered through the efforts of SUB Director Kevin McKinney and Night Manager Bill Bancroft, in co-operation with the UNB Security Department and the City Police.

A few days later a table was ripped off from the SUB. That thief was also apprehended.

In both cases the thieves will be brought before the Student Discipline Committee Thursday, February 15.

Since the SUB opened there have been a number of incidents of vandalism and theft, usually occurring in cycles as different methods of controlling activities in the SUB are tried.

The current incident on January 16 began when supervisors noticed several people, who had obviously been drinking, walking around the halls. When one of them tried to leave the building he was chased and had to drop the chair he was carrying.

About an hour later the same people apparently carried out a lounge chair, through the office wing, jumped the railing and ran to a car that was parked nearby, waiting with its engine running.

When Bancroft and supervisor Bob Clive became aware of what was going on they ran out the front door and attempted to cut off the furniture-loaded car.

The car proceeded at a dangerously high speed up the hill beside the library. Clive, who slipped on the ice at the corner at the top of the hill, was nearly run over by the car as it careened around the corner but managed to get the car's license number.

According to Bancroft, if Clive had slid any more "the car would have hit him." He pointed out the negligent behaviour of the driver, and indicated that there were several pedestrians on the road at the time who could have been hit.

The culprits were traced through their license plate and were apparently quite surprised to find a City Detective at their door several days later. In their apartment

there were two chairs from St. Thomas University as well as the SUB lounge chair.

Several nights later someone walked out of the SUB with one of the tables. The security car stopped the thief, recovered the table, and laid charges against him.

According to McKinney, the SUB is on university property, so any action taken against wrongdoers must be done by the university. As SUB director, he is "trying to get together a procedure that we can recommend to the university in cases like this."

As far as taking the offenders to court, "we're reluctant to mess somebody up like that, but these persons are thieves."

"We want to see these people dealt with firmly," said McKinney, who went on to point out that people appearing before the SDC usually get off with lenient fines. If, on the other hand they were taken downtown and charged by the city police, they would have criminal records, face a fine or even jail, and ruin chances for a good job in the future, as well as facing the inconvenience and embarrassment of a court case.

McKinney felt that fines should at least duplicate the fines downtown, and in serious cases perhaps the student should be asked to leave the university for a year of introspection.

Bancroft pointed out that a lot of the deliberate, stupid damage is done by a small minority who seldom get caught.

"My own personal feeling," said Bancroft, "is that they should go to court." He went on to say that if punishment meted out by the SDC is lenient then people's attitude will be that they can get away with these actions, and this would encourage people to continue such anti-social behaviour." This, he pointed out, is also hard on the morale of the people responsible for enforcing the rules of the university.

Bancroft and McKinney stressed the fact that anyone seeing rip-offs or vandalism going on in the SUB should report it immediately to a supervisor. As McKinney stated, "the money and time spent to clean up the damage could be spent elsewhere on positive things."

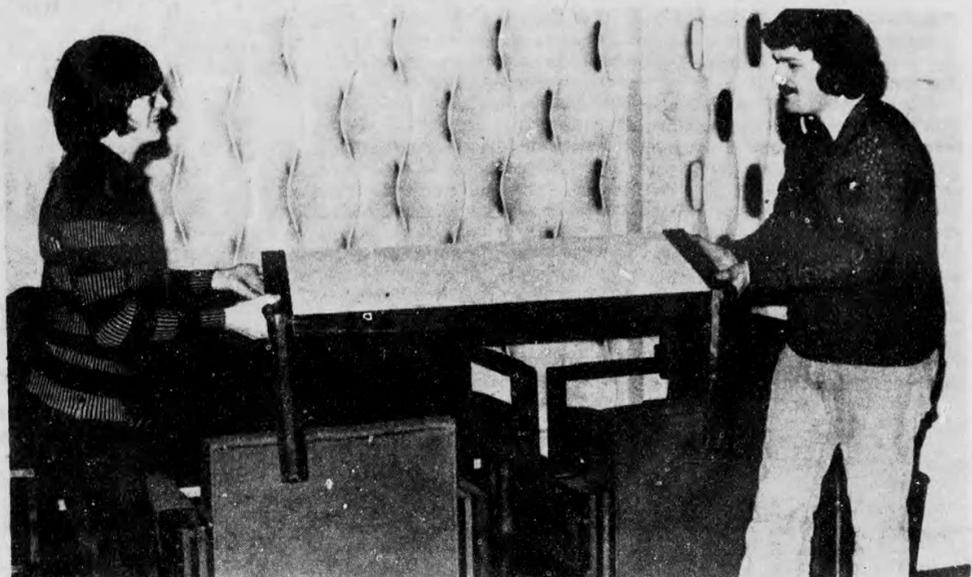


Photo by Bob Boyes

The SUB has had a rash of furniture thefts lately. Some of the thieves have been caught and are being charged by the SDC.

Residences blame CHSR for poor reception

By SHERYL WRIGHT

Some areas in the residences on campus are having trouble receiving CHSR.

For example Bridges House President Ross Bannerman states that reception is very poor in the basement and first floor in Bridges. While the top two floors receive fairly well, the side facing the SUB is worse than the other side. He says that reception at night is better than during the day, whereas in Lady Dunn Hall, reception is better in the day-time.

Other houses, such as MacKenzie, Neville and Aitken state that in general, there is interference and that the top floors receive better than the lower floors.

The residents tend to blame this on poor transmitting on the part of CHSR. Stu Jack, Chief Engineer of CHSR, Doug Bearisto, technical

supervisor, state that difference in wiring in the building is the cause of most of the poor reception, not bad transmission.

CHSR has installed new carrier-current equipment. Carrier current is a handy description for a mode of imitating a radiostation by applying an AM signal to power lining. There are always problems with new equipment, and this is another cause of not excellent service, but these are being overcome.

Another reason for poor reception could be the position of the radio in the room. Stu Jack suggested that simply turning a radio around, or locating it in a different part of the room can improve reception. He also suggests that if someone is not receiving well he should, if he has a plug-in radio, reverse the plug in the outlet. If he has a transistor

radio that can plug in, use the plug rather than running it by battery.

CHSR gives the best service they can. They check the residences every two to four weeks with one particular radio and note which areas have poor reception, then try to clear it up by checking and perhaps replacing the transmitter. Sometimes nothing can be done because the problem is the differences of electrical wiring in the house.

There are many factors which can reduce the quality of reception. At night, the electrical load changes as students turn on lights and stereos. Fluorescent lamps affect the reception. CHSR cannot boost up the output of their transmitters due to legal reasons.

If anybody has any complaints they are asked to contact CHSR, not the SRC, and the technicians will look into it.



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Brian Forbes, newly re-elected to the Senate will serve another year.



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John Reid has been elected to the Senate in last Wednesday's election.



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Gary Stairs was the third Senate hopeful to get the voters nod in the election.