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Chief 'saves' daughter

Police raid co-op study group

Dartmouth police chief Roger Smith doesn't like his daughter's friends.

But the distinction between Smith the Concerned Parent and Smith the Guardian of Law and Order was blurred somewhat late last month, as the Chief brought in the Keystone Kops to wipe out the blotches on the family linen caused by his daughter's acquaintances.

The 15-year old girl had been taking part in a discussion group of about 35 young people at a co-op home in Dartmouth. Early in the evening, Chief Smith arrived at the Portland St. house and asked for his daughter. When she came to the door, he asked to see who she had come with, and ordered his daughter and a 17-year old Grade 12 student to accompany him to his car.

About 45 minutes later, the co-op was raided by seven plainclothes detectives armed with a liquor warrant.

The chief then drove the youth and the girl to the Smith home, where he questioned them on the goings on

at the co-op. During the interrogation, Smith is reported to have struck his daughter and told her to shut up. According to her companion, the chief threatened to "put me in a plastic bag and throw me over the bridge" if he continued to associate with her.

While the pair were still in the room, Chief Smith made a phone call. According to the youth, he told the party on the other end of the line to get a liquor search warrant, go to the co-op and "rip the place apart". He then drove the youth back to the house, arriving in the middle of the raid.

During the "investigation", the detectives were seen looking under carpets for bottles of liquor. Suspecting a possible drug plant, the people at the co-op followed every detective closely.

Upon arriving, the police showed one girl the warrant, but refused to let her read it in its entirety.

A top to bottom search revealed nothing, and the detectives left the house taking only a complete list of names, addresses and ages.

Chief Smith said that it was a routine raid in that the police had received several complaints about liquor on the premises, especially from parents in the area, and that he felt it his duty to investigate. Dartmouth city officials have decided that no action will be taken as a result of the incident.

The co-op was set up about six months ago in the two-story Portland St. house. It is currently occupied by four young people.

On the night of the raid, an open house discussion group involving some 35 people was taking place, sponsored by AWARE, a Dartmouth High School student organization. AWARE spokesmen say the aim of the group is to promote awareness through study of current affairs. "We are basically a group of concerned and progressive students and we want to be left alone."

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SMU Journal to build heliport

by Tom Swift

The JOURNAL will begin construction of a new heliport, to be located on the roof of the Chemistry-Biology Building early in the summer of 1970, according to JOURNAL Business Manager Bruce Smith.

The heliport will operate both as an air taxi service and as a refueling station for private helicopters. There will also be a lounge, which, Smith says, "... will be six times as good as the Captain's Cabin."

The only hitch now is Department of Transport approval for the new plan, but sources indicate that government reaction is favourable.

The original financing for the \$7 million project will come from a special JOURNAL operations fund established in 1935 which now has a 10-figure balance. If additional funds are required the JOURNAL will issue bonds to Halifax businessmen.

Student government reaction to the plan was mixed. Students Representative Council President Mike de Verteuil was angered by what he termed "... unconscionable arrogance..." on the part of JOURNAL staffers. DeVerteuil thought the money should have been applied to the Students' Council budget.

"That money originally came from the students", he said. "It should go back to the students."

JOURNAL Editor Mike Smith pointed out that "The heliport will be available to students."

"We will supply taxi service at a cut rate to Saint Mary's students and we intend to institute a bus service, using helicopters".

"This service will be available to Saint Mary's students. Also we hope to have the lounge open to all comers.

"That should be a positive benefit," he said.

A late move to stop the plan came from administration president Henry Labelle. He told Journal reporters that "This (plan) will totally destroy all that I envision a university as."

"If these machines are allowed to fly in and out, to and fro, back and forth, we will have chaos and anarchy".

But Labelle has been overruled by Archbishop James M. Hayes who is Chancellor of the University. Said Hayes, "It's just what we need."

Hayes has been a helicopter pilot for 10 years and moves around his diocese in a Curtis 106-B, a small two-seater helicopter. He complains that there is no place to park.

"This new project is just what we need to allow short-range pilots like myself some way to enjoy the sport." He pledged the diocese to underwrite the cost of the heliport.

\$3.5 million heliport for UNB

by B. von Richtofen

It is rumoured that U.N.B. will be the second Maritime university to have its own heliport.

Sources said that the initial investment would be approximately 3.5 million dollars. The bulk of the capital will be provided by private business interests who will receive limited use of the heliport in return for their investment.

The remainder of the money will come from U.N.B. student union investments in Dow Chemical and Clairtone Sound Corp.

"The main reason for the heliport," said James Meanly, spokesman for the group, "is to expand the operations of Radio UNB."

He went on to say that by purchasing two helicopters and attaching transmitting equipment, the radio station could cover a radius of "thousands of miles".

Basically, the scheme will involve keeping one helicopter aloft at all times. "When one whirleybird comes down to refuel, the other one will go up immediately and take its place!"

"We hope," said Mr. Meanly, "that this effort will enable us to disseminate progressive thought and information over a sizeable part of North America."

Plans for a heliport at SMU were announced last month.



Dal Radio sports director T. T. Coffin making intricate adjustments to control room equipment after crashing toy broadcast helicopter into 100,000 volt overhead transmission lines.

The helicopter was on its maiden flight, inaugurating the new Dal Radio Heliport, built by Cough-in to rival similar facilities planned for SMU and UNB.

Said Coffin, "There's a few bugs into it yet, but we'll work her out... soon as I get my Buck Rogers Secret Code Ring out of this here fusebox."

Coffin may be seen fizzling at the far left (for complete story see page 5).