

Scavenger hunt

# Police may press charges



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by Valerie Mansour

The Halifax Police Department may be laying charges against Dalhousie students who took part in Saturday's scavenger hunt.

Superintendent E. Devine, in charge of the Detective Division, informed the *Gazette* that the case is under investigation, and if charges are to be laid, they will be brought before the Crown next week.

The scavenger hunt which was part of Dalhousie's Winter Carnival, included the confiscation of a city transit bus, and ambulance, and a front-end loader.

Devine said that stealing the

no damage occurred Devine doubted any charges would be laid against those participants. Only those considered criminal offenses under normal circumstances are being investigated.

Paul Zed, Winter Carnival Publicity Chairperson, said that the people who entered the Scavenger Hunt did so "with the guarantee that the Winter Carnival committee would keep their names in the strictest of confidence."

"If the police pursue investigations and charges are laid we are in a very precarious situation because we could be forced by the law to reveal names. However, thus far I've taken every precaution to ensure that the rights of the accused be protected."

"Publicity wise, this event has generated more enthusiasm around the university than we have seen in a long while. I hope there are no repercussions as the event was



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ambulance, which belonged to the V.G. Hospital, could have resulted in disaster if a serious situation had arisen at the same time as the prank.

Dal students are also in trouble for attempting to take the ice machine from the Dal rink which resulted in extensive damage, possibly totaling \$2000.

Citadel Hill was taken over at 6 a.m. Saturday morning, but since



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well-received."

Also retrieved in the hunt were Henry Hicks master key, which opens most doors on campus; his marble desk set; the President's medallion; an autographed picture of Lester Person; a Grandmother Clock from the Board Room, Lady Beaverbrook's portrait; an out-house; and various signs. An attempt was made at taking a bus shelter, and the lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia was carried into the SUB.

education we receive and, in all likelihood, higher tuition fees."

Late last year Mitchell postponed implementation of recent changes in the student aid program for 12 months. This came after pressure from students across the province. Describing them as "regressed" Soucy said the charges used academic criteria to determine a student's eligibility for student aid and changed it into a "scholarship programme". "This only works against students from lower income groups and effectively discriminates against them."

Students decided to meet with Mitchell en masse in order to demonstrate their unanimous disapproval of any cutbacks in educational financing. They also want to make their views on the provincial student aid program known to the minister.

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## Students to meet Mitchell

by Lou Anne Meloche

Students from across the province will be meeting with Education Minister George Mitchell later this month. The call for the meeting came during a one day conference held in Antigonish January 22nd. Student representatives of the Nova Scotia caucus of the Atlantic Federation of Students and National Union of Students were unanimous in their agreement that a meeting was needed immediately.

Keith Anderson, president of the

student union at Nova Scotia Technical College verbalized the feelings of those there when he said, "In light of the present situation in financing it is imperative that students immediately meet with representatives from provincial governments to express our concerns." Students from each individual institution will attend the meeting along with the executive of the Atlantic Federation of Students.

Discussions will focus on two main topics: financing of post-

secondary education in the province and recent changes in the student aid plan. Don Soucy, secretary co-ordinator of the AFS/FEA, said that, "indications of how the money is to be spent are not good!" Because of recent changes in the Fiscal Arrangements Act (an act governing the transfer of funds from the federal to the provincial governments) the Nova Scotia government is now in a position to determine spending priorities in most social services and education funding. Soucy said there was growing concern that "education would not be a high priority in the coming budget. This will lead to a deterioration in the quality of the

## Appeals held up

by Eric Lawson

Nova Scotia university students are appealing their Student Aid allocations. The number of Appeals and Reviews is estimated at between 3000 and 5000.

Most of these Reviews were filed in December and since then The Department of Education has fallen behind in responding to individual cases. It has recently extended its application deadline for Appeals and Reviews to March 15, 1977.

Gerry Knickle, head of the Halifax Student Aid Office stressed that students should go through correct channels when applying for an Appeal or Review.

Students must first request an interview with a councillor at the Student Aid Office, or with a Student Aid Officer at the univer-

sity. This interview is primarily concerned with Summer Savings Reviews.

If this interview proves unsatisfactory, students may obtain an Appeal Form from the office, and have the case reviewed by a lower Appeal Board, which consists of members of Knickle's staff.

If this Appeal should also prove unsatisfactory, students can go to a higher Appeal Board. The board consists of Dalhousie Alumni, Murray Rankin, Mr. Stead, Director of Student Aid at Acadia University, Dalhousie Student Council President Gord Neal; and Knickle. Knickle does not vote, and the Board itself is not officially associated with the Department of Education.

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