

Student thieves are going too damn far!!

Theft. People laugh when you tell them you ripped off a store. Breaking and entering is a crime sometimes not considered very serious. After all, most of us know someone (if not ourselves) that might even have been busted for it. Vandalism is another big joke. Everyone gets a kick out of kicking in a wall, right? The general trend of thought seems to lean towards the fact that "well, who gives a damn, they can afford it". Sorry kiddies, not so.

Most people do not seem aware of the fact that because people rip "little things" off from stores, then we (as a whole and as consumers) end up paying for it. To offset the cost of all those little things being ripped off, the stores have to push high prices even higher, and not only do the turkeys who rip off these things end up paying more, but also the innocent bystanders in a way of speaking.

However, shoplifting is something most of us get over by the time we reach university. And at times, it may even be justified, like senior citizens who steal to live and such. But ONE THING WHICH CANNOT BE EXCUSED IS STUDENTS STEALING FROM STUDENTS. And we tell you clearly, it's been happening a lot.

Taking a wild guess, we think that at least half the students on campus have had something ripped off, and we venture to say

that half is indeed a low estimate. Personally, we think it's the most revolting thing we ever heard of. Students who steal from students are the lowest crawling slimy creatures on earth.

Let's face it, we are all in the same situation here, and except for a very few, not so well off, financially or otherwise.

To have someone who is in the same situation as you steal from you, take something which you either cannot afford to replace due to financial or personal reasons. It is, to us, a pretty revolting thought. Unfortunately, it does happen, much too often to blame it on outside sources all the time.

We are wondering whatever happened to student solidarity, whatever happened to PEOPLE caring about PEOPLE? All we have to say to students who steal from other students is we hope that something bad happens to them, because we really think they are NOT very nice people.

And the same for the vandals. It may be hilarious to some to tear an ashtray off the wall in the SUB or mistakenly slit a chair or steal a picture from a building. Maybe those dildoes don't realize it but it ends up that we, the students in general, both through our pockets because the money comes from us for this building and others and also by having to have to put up

with buildings which look like a war has been carried on inside them.

In addition, items which have been stolen or ruined around university property does get paid for eventually, and not by the administration. The operating grant from the government and tuition fees are the university's main sources of revenue so mistake us not, it is the students

in general who end up paying for the thoughtless and sometime malicious frivolity and efforts of a few.

So please, think twice before you take something from university property, or stub cigarettes out in a carpet, or throw garbage, which is ground in, onto the floor of a building. You are only hurting yourself and others who don't deserve it.

Business Office minds its own business (and noone elses)

It's supposed to be there to take care of financial matters and keep track of student expenses. It's supposed to be the student's link with University finances.

It's the Business Office. See why I used the word "supposed". The Business Office is supposed to serve the students. From the attitude down there, it seems that a student is the last person with any business in there.

When requesting a copy of my receipt for the 1976-77 school year, I was told they couldn't be given until all fees were paid and then I was dismissed.

Strange, because I wanted the receipt for last year, which was paid last year. It took me ten minutes to get that across. A check by the person "waiting" on me showed the receipt was gone, and so it was concluded that it had been picked up. Also, they at the office were unwilling to take five minutes out to make a copy from the records.

It required a second trip to the office in order to get the receipt, and when I did, something else was amiss.

I was told receipts couldn't be given for one term, as they were issued for the entire school year. But when I was finally given my receipt, it was for the 1977 fall term, not the whole school year.

I won't complain about this, as it was all I required, and I will say to the credit of the person who waited on me this time, that it couldn't have taken more than eleven minutes.

The Business Office seems to operate under the assumption that it is run for the benefit of the Business Office. It can be appreciated that after waiting on people all day, one does tend to become snappish, but the personnel of the Office are there to serve the people coming in.

Waiting for ten or fifteen minutes at the office window for attention is not an uncommon occurrence, and from all reports, trying to get something from the Business office is like pulling hen's teeth.

What's the problem? Is the Office, ah, understaffed, or, oh, overworked? Or tired of seeing students.

I mean, this is a university, and it is supposed to be an institute of learning, but it seems that the good folks at the Office think different.

I mean, cripes, if they want us all to leave and quit bothering them, why don't they say so, instead of just hinting?

