

FHS could be cause of vandalism

By JOHN HAMILTON

The rumour that the increased vandalism in the SUB has been caused by Fredericton High School Students is "not entirely true," according to SUB director Cindy Stacey.

Stacey said there has always been the problem of high school students "hanging around" the SUB, but most of the recent vandalism has not been their fault. There have been a few noticeable instances over the Christmas holidays where FHS students were involved (such as the smashing of the front glass door), but the offenders have been caught and are paying for their mistakes.

"Most of the day vandalism" is done by other people, either by

university students or by older non-students" said Stacey. Lately, the majority of vandalism has occurred between midnight and 1 a.m. Stacey said this indicates the probability that students or their guests are involved.

She said that younger high school students are attracted to the SUB because of the exciting, grown-up atmosphere. "When asked, these kids say that they have no place else to hang around." They've been kicked out of the malls, and there is no pinball place or pool room nearby, so they come here." She added that the pinball machines in the coffee shop were a big part of the attraction.

According to the building regulations, the only people

allowed in the SUB are students, faculty, and staff of the university, and visitors who have specific errands in mind (such as shopping). Students are allowed to bring a reasonable number of guests into the building, but are responsible for their guests' conduct at all times.

Stacey said that the problem of non-students going into the SUB at Dalhousie University is so bad that I.D. checkers have been positioned at every entrance of the building. She viewed this as an expensive and inconvenient operation, as well as unnecessary for our present situation. However, the idea will be kept in mind in case it is needed in the future.

Presently there are SUB staff working anytime the building is

open, and that "constant pestering" is about all they can do to high school students who are found in the building. Stacey said that asking people to leave is like "playing a cat and mouse game", because the people usually leave and come back in another door. She said the novelty of this game is wearing off, however, and several times SUB staff has been forced to call campus security or the police. One such instance occurred when a number of high-school students gathered in the SUB parking lot, drinking and causing a general disturbance. This party was quickly dispersed when the police arrived, causing the liquor and chased scared kids away. Stacey foresees a gr

rightening of the rules, especially those concerning pubs. "A standardization of the rules for all parts of the university would soon make people aware that the SUB is just not another place to loiter, and that all events and buildings must observe the same regulations."

When asked why he thought FHS students come here, one Fredericton high school student confirmed Stacey's statement that "there is nowhere else to go" and added, "it's a good place to come when you're jiggling. You can sit and talk and play cards here, and there's no place else to do this except for home."

Quarter collectors

By Joey Kilfoil

The vending machine system on campus will soon be undergoing a major change which will include takeover of the operation by Beaver Foods and implementation of a hostess system in major vending locations.

Numerous complaints from annoyed students have led to the decision to have Beaver Foods Ltd., the company responsible for food services on campus, take over the vending machines, which were previously sub-contracted by S & S (Stickles) Vending. The official takeover is tentatively scheduled to happen today, according to Beaver Foods director Dave Campbell.

S & S got the contract through bidding at the beginning of the year. The arrangement was that Beaver was in charge, but the actual filling and servicing of the machines was done by S & S. This, incidentally, was the same system used by Saga Foods last year.

A new "hostess" system will be tried by Beaver once they get organized in the next few weeks. This would involve placement of a girl in each of the three major vending locations on campus: Head Hall, The I.U.C., and Ludlow Hall. The hostess would have a tray with fresh baked pastries to sell, she would provide change when needed, stock up empty spots in the machines, and may call a repairman when needed. A full time repairman has been hired and can be reached anytime through a beeper device, should the office receive complaints of a malfunctioning machine.

Campbell has purchased a \$2500 coffee machine which will be installed in Head Hall. It features heavy gauge steel and has a microcomputer. Mr. Campbell, responding to questions on vandalism, said "If the machines are kept in proper order, there will not be as much vandalism." He explained that students may lose money in a machine and then start kicking it. Such incidents eventually cost the student more, he said.

As far as cost of the project is concerned, Campbell explains that they are providing a service. "We've made a commitment to take it over. Whatever it costs, we've got to spend it, for better or for worse," he said.

Some new items will be yogurt - more fruit, fresh pastries, as well as various foodstuffs that are prepared for the SUB.

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