

# Fines only for dope

OTTAWA - (CUP - Almost 100 per cent of those convicted for marijuana and hashish possession are being punished with fines not jail sentences, Justice Minister John Turner said last week.

Speaking to a group of Roman Catholic lawyers in Toronto, he said that since the proclamation of the Criminal Records Act two months ago the nation's courts

were handing out summary rather than indictable convictions.

The chief difference between the two types of convictions are severity of sentence. Summary convictions usually carry a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$500. fine while indictable offences usually mean anywhere from two years to life in a federal penitentiary.

We do not want to send an entire generation to jail and we're not doing so," he commented.

Turner also pointed out that if there is a summary conviction an individual can apply in two years time to have his record wiped out.

He refused however to commit himself on the question of legalizing marijuana or abortion on demand.

# Basketball

For the first time ALL Dalhousie Tiger basketball fans will have an opportunity to see their team in action. Negotiations with the Halifax Forum Commission have been successfully concluded, and now the Tigers will be playing their six home league games at the Forum.

The Forum Commission has purchased a portable basketball floor which will be installed over the ice. To help meet the cost of this installation admission to the games must be charged.

Until November 13, Dal students will be able to purchase a set of six reserve seat tickets at a cost of \$.50 per game - a total cost of \$3.00. One must buy tickets for all six games under this plan. The package deal is now on sale at the Dal Gymnasium, but only until November 13.

After November 13, reserve seats will be available only at the door on the day of the game for \$1.50 per game. Rush seats will be available for each game at \$.50 each.

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Other projects to be funded are the OXFAM agriculture and community development project in Haiti; Canadian Hunger Foundation co-operative well-drilling project in the Dominican Republic; YMCA community development project in Santo Domingo; The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace proposal for a Community Centre near Sao Paulo, Brazil; OXFAM co-operative agriculture proposal in North-East Brazil.

Mr. DeLaurier stressed the fact that all these proposals were developed and are staffed by indigenous people. He said, "The root cause of continuing underdevelopment is not because the people in the poor countries are stupid, but it is the nature of the affluent countries' presence in the

Third World. Had the developed, Western world not imposed a value system and a control on these countries, they would not be classified as "underdeveloped." We cannot compare their technological advances in terms which we relate to. Their culture and their society must be recognized and we must do everything possible to respect their situation."

Administration costs for this year's walk are two per cent lower than last year and eight per cent lower than the national average for administrative costs for charitable organizations. The national average is ten per cent and Miles for Millions will be operating on a two per cent administrative budget.

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