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Three busted in SUB

by Dorothy Wigmore

Three people were busted for possession of grass in the Student Union building September 25, after Student Union President Brian Smith found

them smoking up in a busy washroom.

The bust is the first time in recent years that the drug squad has arrested people in the SUB.

"In my opinion, the situation was serious enough to warrant it, with the amount of grass involved," Smith stated. He estimated there was at least one ounce of the illegal drug.

"The decision was essentially reached because by involving the police, I felt more good would be done to the majority of people than the amount of good that would be done to the three people by letting them go."

The night before, fourteen people had been asked to leave the building for possessing or using illegal drugs. This was done by building manager, Doug Schaller, on instructions from the Student Union executive.

This is the usual procedure when people are seen in the possession of or using drugs in the building. The drug squad is not called in, and won't be again until the Student Union executive feel they are losing control of the situation, according to Smith.

"As long as we're able to maintain some kind of control over the use of drugs, it's kind of a gentleman's agreement that they won't come in uninvited.

When we've lost this control, it's up to them to enforce the law."

The police can come into the building without any invitation from those in charge. According to Smith they only come in to sit in the cafeteria from time to time, acting as a deterrent to those who know them.

"The last thing I want to see is the drug squad coming in here and busting everyone, because then a lot of people will get hurt."

On that Saturday, both Schaller and Smith urged the police — one from the city and one from the RCMP — not to press charges. They thought that involving the police up to the point of laying charges would serve as sufficient deterrent for those involved.

Charges of possession were laid. One person was fined \$200, and another \$100, for a first offence. At press time, the third individual still has to face charges.



Parking still problem at Dal

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Parking has long been a serious problem at Dalhousie, and by all indications, it will remain one for at least another year.

Following varied attempts to alleviate transportation problems for people attending or working at the university, the City of Halifax set up a study of the parking situation in this area. This report was completed last January. Since then,

the university's Parking Committee has been studying it.

Various suggestions have been made in the past, including a "parkade" proposal and a special Dartmouth to Dalhousie bus service. Both were rejected due to the high cost.

The parking situation has received criticism from all those connected to Dalhousie, including nearby residents. For staff and students, it has been a lack of parking facilities; for residents, it has been cars taking up their space and

blocking driveways.

Student Union Vice-President Jim Hearn stated that the situation has worsened because no one has ever given the subject any consideration. He feels it is a very serious problem.

The city parking study recommended that substantial off-street parking areas be provided by Dalhousie at the rate of about 250 spaces a year in order to keep up with enrollment projections.

Hearn said the study is

worthless as it has "political overtones", in the sense that it served more as an appeasement to the city and nearby home owners rather than in meeting the needs for students and faculty.

Hearn stated that there are several alternatives to the present congestion: build a parking structure, use the transit system, or walk. He favours a structure of some sort, but "judging by the amount of enthusiasm on the part of the Dal administration, the latter two alternatives are closest to implementation."

"The only thing the administration has done," said Hearn, "is set up the parking committee, and the parking committee has done nothing."

Proposals from various American brochures have been

looked into as well, but these have proved too costly and would take too long to construct.

"The only economically feasible thing to do," said Hearn, "would be to build a parkade, preferably in the lot opposite the Student Union building, with such services as gas pumps and a repair shop to cut down on costs."

If this became acceptable, the earliest completion date would be the next academic year. In the meantime, Hearn said, the city should allow all-day parking in areas now restricted.

A further proposal is expected sometime this week from a local group specializing in parking plans. Costs and capacity are the major concerns for any proposed parking structure.

SMU students appeal

The two St. Mary's University residence students who were recently found guilty by the SMU Residence Judicial Board and evicted from residence, may not have been legally convicted at all.

Recent information indicates that the Residence Judicial Board was not complying with the Residence Society constitution (by-law 3) which states that: "Dons may not serve on the executive of any organization." At the time of its decision there were two Dons on

the Board.

Dave Miller, a second year Arts student at SMU, was convicted of throwing water on someone and allowing the same action to be performed by another.

Don Caley, also a second year Arts student, was convicted of the same act as well as removing screens from residence windows.

The students stated that they were not aware of any regulations except that concerning the removal of screens from residence windows.

The 1971-72 residence regulations do not mention the throwing of objects out of windows or of the responsibility of a resident if a guest should do so. However, the rules do state that "Under no circumstances are screens to be removed from windows."

The two students will appeal the decision to the Senate Committee on Discipline (student) on Monday, October 4. As a result of the new information, they may also appeal to the Interim Student Judicial Board.

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