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## Drug habits revealed

By STEW SMITH

A survey taken this week has shown that over 50 per cent of the students in one York residence have used drugs. The survey also indicated that "pot" and "hash" were the drugs most widely used by these students.

Slightly over 45 per cent have smoked pot. As for hashish or "hash" it was found that only 40 per cent of those responding have used it.

Of those who used any form of drugs, 95 per cent had smoked pot, and 83 per cent had smoked hash. Only a small percentage of the students surveyed said that they had ever used "acid".

The survey also showed that of the substantial number of students questioned, only about 40 per cent used drugs frequently, but 80 per cent of those who used drugs frequently, did so on a weekly basis.

In response to the survey question, "Do you think deeply on issues when on drugs?" only 10 per cent replied in the affirmative. Whereas the question that asked "Why do you take drugs?" showed that the majority of users did so for "kicks".

When questioned on whether or not they felt drugs were no worse than liquor, well over 50 stated that they didn't think so. This indicates that some of those who do not take, or have not taken drugs feel that drugs and liquor are relatively equal.

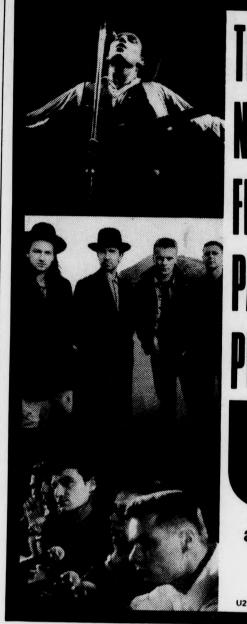
When questioned as to whether or not they took drugs to be socially acceptable, well over 50 per cent stated that this was one of their reasons.

It was also found that most of the drugs used in this particular residence were circulated among friends. The price paid for drugs by the majority of users surveyed showed that very few of the drugs are sold for any great profit by the pushers on campus.

On the question of legalization of drugs, almost 75 per cent of those surveyed stated that they thought drugs should be legalized.

An equal number of males and females were given questionnaires to fill out, distributed equally on each floor of the residence. This way the possibility of a "swinging" floor turning the survey too much to the pro side, or a quiet group doing the same in the opposite direction, was avoided.

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"I am very happy," she said. "This has been an ongoing thing, and students always felt their concerns were put aside. It's nice — with an issue so important to students now and in the future — that he [Arthurs] recognized and accommodated our concerns."

The document will be sent to the

Student Relations Committee of the Board of Governors (BOG) on Monday and, if approved, will be presented to the Board itself early December. If BOG accepts the document, the White Paper reforms will come into effect January 1.

The Administration was unavailable for comment.

A detailed analysis of the White Paper will appear in Excalibur in the upcoming weeks.

### Polster

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of Calumet College for this year, but was forced to resign after his partner could no longer fulfil her duties. He said that he was elected as "part of a team . . . which, (according to the CCC) could not exist without one of its members."

"But it worked out well," said Polster who was able to run for the CYSF position after being freed of his Calumet obligation.

Polster has already begun organizing the Internal Affairs portfolio, which has been vacant since the end of September. "I have a pile of stuff to sort out, and a lot of loose ends to secure first," said Polster. His first concern is the planning of the upcoming Addiction Awareness Week. Polster will also begin organizing Cult Awareness Week which was postponed because of Dutka's resignation.

Hasselfeldt seemed happy with the results of Council's vote. She added that Polster is a "very enthusiastic individual. We need somebody with enthusiasm. He will be forced to jump into his portfolio very quickly and pick up where Paul (Dutka) left off"

Polster's new job pays up to \$100 a month. The amount awarded is based on Polster's performance, which is rated by Council.

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