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Four persons identify cop as informer in drug cases

Four persons say that a Bangor policeman, under cover, has sought for the past month to buy drugs from students living in dormitories. The *Campus* also learned that the policeman smokedmarijuana with students and gave beer to minors.

The students indentified the man as Robert E. Stutzman of Bangor. He has been on the Bangor force since December. Prior to that he had been a member of the New York City police department.

Stutzman furnished information which led to the arrest of at least five last weekend.

The students identified Stutzman from a photograph which was printed in the *Bangor Daily News* Dec. 15, two days after Stutzman began work on the Bangor force.

The students, who spoke to a *Campus* reporter on condition that their names were not mentioned, said they saw Stutzman in one dormitory on campus several times since the semester began.

The students said that since the beginning of this semester, Stutzman has frequently smoked marijuana with several students in one dorm. They said that when he came into a dormitory room he sometimes brought beer and gave it to persons under 20 years of age.

Bangor police chief Francis Woodhead said no person,

Robert E. Stutzman
Bangor Daily News Photo

including an undercover narcotics agent, is allowed to smoke marijuana or give beer to minors in an effort to build up his credibility.

Undercover agents are allowed to buy narcotics, however, according to Woodhead. This is the only means of providing proof that someone is dealing in drugs, he said.

Reliable legal sources say that agents in urban states, like New York, are usually allowed to take drugs with persons they are investigating. They say the court "overlooks" these acts because the agents are working for the public good.

The sources say, however, that the question has not yet been tested in a Maine court.

All local police sources emphasize that no agent can commit any illegal acts during the course of an investigation.

According to the students who talked with *Campus* reporters, Stutzman has worn a large medallion on a chain around his neck and walked with a cane.

Chief Woodhead said Stutzman "cut his ankle" during an accident "two or three months ago."

Students said Stutzman also had recently begun to grow a beard and "didn't talk like a hippie." They said that aside from smoking marijuana, he asked some students on campus where he could buy some hard drugs.

Court records list Stutzman as the person to whom some of the persons arrested sold drugs.

Those persons are:

Gary White: Two counts, sale of LSD to Stutzman; possession of LSD; possession of marijuana; and sale of marijuana to Stutzman.

David Thodal: sale of LSD to Stutzman and possession of marijuana.

Paul Hunt: Two counts sale of LSD to Stutzman and sale of marijuana to Stutzman.

Arthur Pettitt: sale of opium to Stutzman.

Frederick Campell: Sale of LSD to Stutzman.

Police arrest 13 on drug charges

Thirteen persons were arrested on drug charges last weekend as a result of a combined effort of the campus, Bangor, and Orono police departments.

Police say the arrests are a result of a six-week-long investigation.

Bangor police chief Francis Woodhead said his department used "more than one" undercover agent during the investigations. Campus police chief William S. Tynan Jr. said his department used no undercover agents "other than policemen."

Woodhead says he expects a dozen more arrests within a month.

Those arrested over the weekend from UMO are:

Paul Hunt, 19, Cabin 10, sale of LSD and sale of marijuana.

Gary White, 41 Mill St., Orono, sale of LSD, possession of LSD, possession of marijuana and sale of marijuana.

David Thodal, 18, 102 Oak Hall, sale of LSD and possession of marijuana.

Frederick Campell, 20, 405 Hannibal Hamlin Hall, sale of LSD.

Also arrested on drug charges were: Stanley R. McKenzie, 20, of Bangor, sale of marijuana.

William Ayer, 27, of Brewer, sale of mescaline.

Thomas Blanchard, 24, Bangor, sale of LSD.

Cheryle Aronson, 20, Bangor, being present where marijuana is kept.

Arthur Pettitt, Bangor, sale of opium.

Priscilla Ann Green, 22, Hampden, sale of LSD.

John T. Ayer, 21, Bangor, sale of LSD.

Doris Dunn, 31, Bangor, sale of barbiturates.

Jean King, 23, Bangor, possession of marijuana.

DICDAC says only policemen are informers — But...?

Orono police patrolman Richard Leland has been a member of DICDAC since its inception in 1969.

DICDAC is a cooperative effort of many police officers in northeastern Maine which provides a central pool for narcotics information. The acronym stands for District Intelligence Council for Drug Abuse Control.

"DICDAC uses only police officers as informers during narcotics operations," Leland said this weekend. "We do not use private volunteers as informers."

But one UMO student disputes that statement.

Here is how the student, who asked not to be identified, tells his story.

He claims that last summer he discussed with an Orono policeman the possibility of his working in the program. He also says that the policeman, whose name he couldn't remember, told him that DICDAC has informers other than police officers, including one student from Orono High School.

Last summer a friend of the student, who was not a police officer, told him that he was interested in working in the program as an informer and asked the student if he wanted to talk about the matter with the police.

The student said he met more than once with the policeman. He said the policeman told him that under the program, an informer would make a buy, contact the policeman at his home and set up a meeting place and time.

According to the student, the policeman told him he could be an informer without ever having to have his name revealed. Nor would he have to appear in court, the student said the policeman told him.

The student said that he was concerned mainly about having his name revealed, as he feared reprisals by those on whom he would have informed.

Neither person ever became part of the program, the student said.

Is it true that an informer can remain anonymous?

No, Leland said initially.

But he added later that "there are ways" but would not elaborate because "if I did you'd go out and write a how-to book."

According to Leland, many police officers "from south of Bangor" through the northeastern part of the state work with DICDAC. Leland said DICDAC is privately funded by individual police officers, not by entire police departments.

Although according to a fellow Orono police officer Leland is one of the local police officers who are most familiar with DICDAC, Leland could not say how much money DICDAC spent during the past year, or what its budget was.

DICDAC had nothing to do with the drug arrests last weekend, Leland said. He claimed it had no connection with the arrest of Gary White at his Orono apartment last Friday night.

David Dekanich, Orono police department sergeant, said the campus police investigated the Orono incident and provided the arrest warrants and notified the Orono police to make the arrest.

Dekanich said the suspect was taken to campus police headquarters after the arrest. "Prior to their (UMO police) call, I knew nothing of the operation," he said.

Leland said no informers were used during the arrests last weekend.

However, some students have identified Bangor patrolman Robert E. Stutzman as having attempted to buy drugs on campus. Stutzman's name was included in court documents as having been the person to whom five persons sold drugs.

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A UMO student who considered working as an informer last summer received this card from an Orono policeman. Patrolman Leland now maintains that the program uses no persons other than policemen as informers.

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Let's hope Maine follows Mass.

The weekend was an unpleasant one for several young persons who live in Bangor and on the UMO campus.

After suddenly deciding that the area had a drug problem, UMO police chief William Tynan and Bangor police chief Francis Woodhead arrested several persons on charges ranging from the sale of opium to being present where marijuana is kept.

It is interesting that the raids came shortly after the special session of the 105th Legislature adjourned. In the course of the session, the legislators had approved the university's request for an $8.36 million referendum bond issue and $1.35 million in operating funds.

Tynan said the timing of the raids to within four hours after the Legislature had ended its business for the year was merely a coincidence. We cannot help wondering, however, what pictures of musty dope dens in the middle of university dormitories might have danced in the legislators' heads had the raids come in the middle of the session.

The police chief might not have been looked upon too kindly by his superiors, including Chancellor Donald R. McNeil, President Winthrop C. Libby and the Board of Trustees, if his crackdown on drugs had caused the defeat of their money bills this year.

One person in Bangor was arrested on the charge of being present where marijuana is kept, which, according to Sgt. Robert McKay of the Bangor Police Department, is a misdeanor. McKay said that a dormitory student's roommate can also be arrested on that charge if he knows that marijuana is being kept in the room. McKay added that the same thing applies to persons who are at a party where marijuana is being smoked.

Tynan said no room searches were planned during the present series of arrests. But the fact remains that a dormitory student can be arrested if his roommate is keeping marijuana.

Massachusetts recently revised its drug laws. A section of the revised law that would have legalized the possession of marijuana in amounts under two ounces was defeated. However, the previous law that police could arrest persons present where marijuana was being kept was repealed.

The university police would not say specifically why the raids, which were in the planning stage six weeks ago, were not carried out until this weekend. The effect earlier arrests would have had upon the Legislature cannot be ascertained now. Perhaps the university might have lost some money, but maybe the raids would have forced the Legislature to take a hard look at Maine's drug laws in the light of today's, rather than yesterday's, social values regarding drugs.

The law is supposed to reflect society's values, not those of a few predominantly older and conservative men who make the laws. No one should be arrested simply because he is present where other people are keeping marijuana.

Massachusetts lawmakers have come to realize this. Maine's Legislature should also, and one of its prime considerations when it reconvenes next January should be a revision of this state's drug statutes.

Can't Tynan do the job himself?

J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI have been much criticized of late for their use of undercover agents in apprehending various people, particularly those involved in the Berrigan case. These agents reportedly gain the confidence of persons they suspect and try to secure information which leads to arrests.

Evidently, Chief William S. Tynan and local police hope to emulate their federal brothers.

It has become apparent that undercover agents were used to gather evidence against those persons who were arrested here last weekend.

The UMO police have used undercover agents in the past. One student they used to perform this duty last year was forced to leave school after his name was published in the *Bangor Daily News*. They have used members of their own force in the attempted purchase of drugs from suspected pushers and even to infiltrate the crowds at football games.

What is disturbing about the latest undercover agent who has come to light is that the individual was not a member of the university community, but was employed by the Bangor police department.

This individual reportedly floated among dormitories on campus, smoking grass and giving beer to students (some of whom were below the legal age limit), in order to gain their confidence.

There are several questions that must be raised here.

Does a policeman have to right to violate laws himself in order to apprehend others?

More importantly, why was a member of the Bangor police force brought up on campus to perform undercover work?

The university is not under the jurisdiction of the city of Bangor or the town of Orono. It is state property and supposedly the state has assigned jurisdiction to the UMO police.

By bringing in a member of another police force is Chief Tynan admitting that his force is not capable of perfoming the job?

Drug arrests fail to rile students here

If a random sampling is any indication, most UMO students are not very excited about the drug busts one way or the other.

Some students didn't have any opinions, but those who did weren't particularly angered or surprised by the arrests.

A common reaction was that if the kids were stupid enough to get caught, that's their problem. As one girl said, "A pusher goes into this type of thing with the knowledge of the risks."

Some students asked not to be identified.

Although the vast majority of the students questioned unhesitatingly said that marijuana should be legalized, many felt that as long as the law remains, the police should enforce it.

John Entwistle, a junior in Arts and Sciences, summed it up by saying: "That's their job. That's what they're supposed to do."

However, several students charged inconsistency on the part of the police in their enforcement.

One student said, "They condoned it (drug usage) the entire year. It seems unfair of them to decide to crack down now. They should either be strict over the entire year or not at all."

The pushers received the least sympathy from those interviewed.However, the arrest of non-users who are knowledgeable of pushers and smokers upset virtually all the students.

They felt it was unrealistic to expect a person to turn his roommate in and that it is equally ridiculous to arrest the person for his silence.

No one felt that the RA's should become policemen and start "ratting" on students.

Kathy Bowden, a junior, summed it up.

"RA's are in kind of a delicate position since they're students themselves," she said.

Campus students have enjoyed an immunity to drug arrests to a great extent, some students said.

One student said she saw no real injustice in this because "the campus is under control; drugs aren't that big a problem."

She added that the harmony of the campus was important and massive drug arrests would go far to disrupt that harmony.

In support of a relaxed attitude toward student usage, some students mentioned the idea that a college is a special community, in which there is no real danger of involving younger people or those who don't know what they're getting into.

At the same time the existence of a privileged community disturbed some students. As one student put it, "We shouldn't be excluded from society. I don't think we should be given any special privileges because we're college students."

The general consensus was that the arrests aren't going to make an overnight transformation of the campus anymore than prohibition raids stopped drinking.

An arrest is just something that has to be occasionally suffered until the laws are changed, students said.

Just the facts, please

No straight dope from cops

During the last few days, the Bangor police and the Orono police have furnished the *Campus* with discrepant information involving the weekend bust and the drug-control situation in general.

When the *Campus* tried to locate Bangor patrolman and undercover agent Robert Stutzman on Sunday, the Bangor police department said, "We have no one booked here by that name." The telephone dispatcher said there was no policeman by that name.

A subsequent call to the Bangor police revealed that Robert Stutzman did work for the force but was "out on Workman's Compensation."

Bangor police chief Francis Woodhead said Sunday that Stutzman worked "40 hours a week, just like everyone else, including routine undercover assignments."

On Monday morning, Woodhead said Stutzman was on Workman's Compensation because he cut his ankle two or three months ago but that he was still working on the force.

The Workman's Compensation office in Augusta says a man cannot qualify for Workman's Compensation if he is still working full-time at his job.

The discrepancies were not limited to the Bangor police department.

Orono patrolman Richard Leland of the District Intelligence Council for Drug Abuse Control (DICDAC) said this organization serves as a narcotics-information pool resulting from the cooperative efforts of the police departments in northeastern Maine including Bangor.

"DICDAC? What's that?" asked Bangor chief Woodhead. After the initials were translated to him, he responded: "I don't get too involved with counseling organizations. I have enough to do enforcing the law."

The question of the use of informers by DICDAC civilians as opposed to police brings out another factual disagreement.

All DICDAC informers are policemen and no civilian volunteers are ever used, said Leland.

One UMO student, however, says that Leland told him civilian volunteers were used last summer.