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There are two possible hypotheses for the breakin. The thieves could have been either SU employees or their close friends. In this case, the thieves would have detailed knowledge of the Barn. This explains why the crooks did not go after Mickey Place's safe and how they knew the safe was in the cooler. Brown estimates that less than 5% of the student body knew of the safe's location (some of the Campus Police did not even know). A very inside job indeed. However, this is not a probable but certainly a possible hypothesis.

Brown was talking to police chief Ready Tuesday morning. Apparently the thieves left no fingerprints (they probably wore gloves). There were a total of three break and enters that evening. The police suspect that the same people were responsible for breaking into Pickards

and the Occupational Centre where money from the vending machines was taken. Officer Mike Quinn is presently assigned to the case. Thus we come to the second hypothesis, which is the one the police believe: it was an outside job.

Brown believes that thieves broke into the Barn seeking vending machine money. They then noticed the bar and broke in. They came upon the barred cooler door and broke in seeking liquor. They pushed the beer rack out of the way (full of beer) and went in after cases and quarts. Little did they suspect that they would hit the veritable "jackpot". This hypothesis is the more probable of the two, but the participation of students must not be ruled out.

But why were the culprits not apprehended in the act? The SU contracted Clyde Bell to place two dobermans in

the Barn every weekend. But this past weekend there were no dogs in because he thought there was a meeting there Saturday night. He claimed that he overheard student union members talking about a meeting, but no mention was made of Saturday. He never asked anyone whether or not there was a meeting. Thus, through a lack of communication, Clyde broke the contract and did not bring the dogs in. Also Clyde said that when he came in on Saturday morning, he found the east door ajar. He was angered by this and decided not to bring in the dogs if the SU could not keep the doors locked. This was bad judgement on Clyde's part and it was not his place to make such decisions.

On the other side of the communication aspect is Neil MacKenzie. As

Bell's boss he is responsible for laying down all of Clyde's duties. He is also responsible for providing a schedule of all events and meetings in the Barn, so that Clyde will know when to put in the dogs. Neil has been totally inactive in this responsibility and would be wise to pick up his end.

On the night of the crime Security only made one check on the area surrounding the Barn - at 3 a.m. Not only did they only check once, but they only checked the piggery. Security is supposed to make hourly rounds on campus. Why did they not check the Barn, for if they had even walked by the place, they should have heard all the thrashing and banging. A.J. MacLeod, director of Security, contends that the officers shy away from the Barn because of the dogs. The SU estimates that the thieves were in the Barn for over an hour. If Security had just lived up to their obligation to protect the premises, the thieves would have been caught. It is the place of a security force to fight crime before the fact, and the place of the city police to fight crime after the fact. Security has tightened up on campus, and they would be wise to make hourly patrols.

The SU building has become a prime target for vandalism and theft, and it does not help when the two safety precautions, the dogs and the security patrols, fail. There are grave problems in the scheduling and location of patrols, and in organization and communication within the Barn. These discrepancies must be corrected in order to have any degree of security in this university.

The police are investigating and hope for a speedy apprehension of the culprits. The damages and losses are guaranteed to surpass the \$2500 mark. This is twenty five hundred dollars of student money, and only the cost of the broken doors plus partial compensation for the safe can be recouped. Let us hope for a speedy arrest and a swift conviction. It would also be nice to recover the money.

The SU is offering a \$200 reward for any information leading to the apprehension of the thieves. Any information will be held in strictest confidence.



Rum flavoured.  
Wine dipped.

## Crack a pack of Colts along with the cards.