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*'I thought you boys had stopped publishing!'*

—Detective Pledger

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### Cops bust 5 students for drugs

*Mirecourt, Tabard  
hit in raid last night*

By Les Hoffman

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City police, accompanied by M.A. Pledger of the Duke Security office, raided Mirecourt and Tabard houses and arrested five Duke undergraduates on an assortment of drug charges last night.

The police also had warrants for two other rooms in Mirecourt, but they were not served. Pledger told a Duke administrator that the two other warrants were not served because large numbers of people were gathering in the halls and they (Pledger and the police) thought it best to get out quickly.

The five Duke students arrested and the charges for each student are:  
Sam Fox, a junior, charged with one count of illegal possession of narcotic drugs for the purpose of sale.

Millard Mann, a sophomore, charged with two counts of illegal sale of narcotic drugs and one count of illegal possession of narcotic drugs for the purpose of sale.

Bill McEachern, a freshman, charged with one count of illegal sale of narcotic drugs and one count of illegal possession of narcotic drugs for the purpose of sale.

Wyn Schwartz, a freshman, charged with one count of illegal sale of marijuana and one count of illegal possession of marijuana for the purpose of sale.

Mike Graves, a sophomore, charged with one count of illegal possession of marijuana.

The police arrived at the new dorms at approximately 8:30 p.m. in three city police cars. About seven Durham officers (some plain clothesmen, as well as uniformed police) aided Pledger in the simultaneous raiding of rooms. Pledger took part in the search of 416 Mirecourt, where both Fox and Mann live. Schwartz's and Graves' room, 202 Tabard, and McEachern's room, 313 Mirecourt, were also searched.

When the police entered the new dorms they had warrants for the arrest of the five students with them. Only the rooms of the persons arrested were searched, but reliable sources say that there is a good chance of more raids in the near future. Mann, when arrested, had approximately \$1,000 of narcotics in his possession, according to police reports.

The charges of sale, according to Pledger, can be substantiated by at least one informer, who supposedly purchased drugs from all those accused of illegal sale. Neither Pledger nor the Durham police will release the informer or informers names.

The Administration notified the parents of the students arrested and Richard Cox, dean of men, offered to give whatever assistance he could. Both Dean Cox and Alan Jenks, dean of freshmen, were at the police station last night.

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The new dorms were the scene of last night's drug raid, in which five undergraduate students were arrested.

#### Pledger collaborates

### Administrators deny prior knowledge of raid

By Tom Campbell  
Editor

Last night's drug raids were apparently carried off without any prior warning to the administration, even though Duke's "Special Investigator," detective Marlon Pledger, worked with the Durham police in their investigations and subsequent arrests.

When questioned about his relationships with the city police, Pledger told a Chronicle reporter last night that he had "been working with them all along." He explained that "this is the only way we can get these things done."

Pledger said that "as a courtesy," a warrant had been shown to the administration sometime before the raid occurred. But so far, no member of the administration has been found who had any prior notification of the bust. Among those who said they definitely did not know about the raid beforehand are Provost Marcus Hobbs, Vice President Charles

Huestis, and Deans James Price (Trinity College), William Griffith (Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences), Alan Jenks (Freshmen), and Richard Cox (Dean of Men).

According to Cox, Durham police are not required to serve search warrants on the administration, but need only show the warrant to the student whose room is involved. Cox said that when a student pays for his room, "he, not the university, becomes the owner in the eyes of the law." On East Campus, this situation is reversed. "Since the Women's room rent is included in their tuition fees, the university still is the legal owner," Cox said. Thus on East Campus, warrants must be served on the administration before rooms can be searched. Cox suggested that this form of room payment could be implemented on West Campus.

Pledger accompanied the Durham police when they entered the dormitories. When Bob Posey, the Resident in Mirecourt, learned

that the police were entering the rooms, he called Cox, who was working in his office. Cox immediately walked down to the new dorms, where he met Pledger.

Cox said that he asked Pledger if anyone in the administration had been told of the raid. Pledger replied that "we showed the warrants to the administration earlier today." When Cox asked who had shown the warrants and who had seen them, Pledger reportedly said that he "didn't know."

Earlier in the year, Pledger attended a banquet at Tabard Hall, one of the dorms which was raided last night. According to a number of students who were present at the dinner, Pledger told the students then that "what you do in your own room is your own business." He assured them that the university administration would not co-operate in planning any kind of a "bust."

### State aid possible

A bill which would provide state subsidies to the Duke University Medical School, as well as Bowman Gray Medical School at Wake Forest University, got unanimous approval yesterday from the N.C. General Assembly's House Committee on Higher Education.

The bill which the committee approved would provide \$3,250 per year for each North Carolina student enrolled at each school, with the freshman class of September, 1969.

Of this amount, \$1,000 would be credited against tuition for the student and the remainder would go to the school. The money would cover 10 students at Duke and 30 at Bowman Gray.

The chairman of the Higher Education Committee said he will have the bill referred immediately to the Appropriations Subcommittee, to find out if funds will be appropriated before the bill is brought for debate before the General Assembly.

Manson Meads, dean of Bowman Gray, told the committee that the high tuition costs—\$1,800 at Bowman Gray and \$2,000 at Duke per student per year compared to \$700 at the University of North Carolina Med School, keeps many North Carolinians from entering the two private schools.

Earlier this year, officials of both schools told the General Assembly that state aid was necessary to help meet the two schools' deficits. To subsidize the two private schools would be cheaper, and solve the problem of medical education shortages in North Carolina quicker, than opening a new state-supported Med School, they contended.



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## Fire Pledger

The arrest of five Duke students in their dormitories on drug charges presents a new and dangerous threat to the University community. And the fact that it was accomplished after collaboration on the part of the campus cops (and their ring of informers) with the Durham police is both alarming in itself and indicative of the need to eliminate the possibility of police terror on campus aided and abetted by University officials.

Our first response to this, of course, must be one of sympathy for and willingness to extend all possible aid to the victims of this action.

Every day the evidence showing how the law in this country has been perverted piles up: students are arrested for a long string of thefts and get off without serving any time in jail, while draft card-burners and demonstrators and marijuana users are hit with the heaviest penalties. We are tempted to wonder if those in power understand, indeed, that the real threat to society as it is now ordered comes not from those who steal (for they are modeling after the rulers), but rather from those who refuse to participate in an insane and criminal war, or from those who escape from a sick society with the help of a little grass.

It is clear that the University, if it is to remain free of the worst of the pervasions of the larger society, cannot in any way cooperate with the kind of terror which came to this campus last night.

Which brings us to our second response to those events: Detective Pledger must be fired, and the espionage network which he has built up on campus must be destroyed. And the University must determine not to allow the re-development of a network of spies and informers to be again developed by the campus cops, who are best confined to tasks which allow them to use less of their own judgment.

The kind of operations which Detective Pledger has been conducting on the Duke campus for the past several years are a real threat to the integrity of an open academic community. Any secret network, of course, makes encroachments upon individual liberty; the one Pledger has apparently built up has especially sinister overtones. Just one example is provided by evidence which the Chronicle uncovering during its investigation of the DUAA cheating scandal last year.

At that time, we acquired very substantial evidence that Pledger had protected one athlete from University discipline in return for his services as an informer. The athlete had been in trouble with the University and had been told that if he committed another offense he would be suspended. One night in the late winter, 1967, he was involved in a fight behind the Celestial Omnibus and was apprehended by a campus patrolman. Detective Pledger, who was acquainted with the student through his friendly associations with the athletes, reportedly agreed to let the matter drop provided the athlete would become an informer for him. A few weeks later, the athlete was the star prosecution witness in the drug trial of poet Alex Raybin, and he was not disciplined by the University until his involvement in the DUAA plagiarism case was revealed.

There are many reports of this nature, and although some of them go slightly beyond the pale of reason, the numbers are so large and the circumstantial evidence so compelling that we cannot but believe that the thrust of the accusations against Pledger is correct. And his role in political work with the State Bureau of Investigation, while also not clearly defined, seems quite threatening. The tall, slender, and graying detective is seen at nearly every demonstration, forum or rally; generally, he is either taking pictures himself or directing a photographer. The reports that Pledger is on the payrolls of both the SBI and the Durham police, together with the fact that during the curfews this year and last he was seen cruising the city with Durham police, lead us to echo the sentiments expressed by a high University official last night: "Who's Pledger for, them or us?" On at least one occasion, Pledger has proudly shown other University employees checks totaling over \$600 received in payment for his work with the Durham police.

We would have recommended the dismissal of Detective Pledger without the events of last night. But the arrests serve to give dramatic evidence for our belief that spying and networks of informers have no place on a University campus. When Pledger was asked by a Chronicle editor last night if he had worked together with the Durham police in the pre-arrest investigation, he replied, "Of course. It's the only way to get things like this done." We would suggest that the only way to get things like this undone is to fire Detective Pledger and hustle his espionage ethics out the door with him.

## -trials set for Wednesday-

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According to Durham officials, the initial hearing for the students will be May 21. Pledger said that each count, if the student is found guilty, carries a penalty of 2-5 years.

The raid was apparently very well planned. An unidentified detective said that the five arrested

had been under surveillance for months. There have also been unconfirmed reports of student informers.

A sixth person, Jesse Woods, a Durham High student, was also arrested last night. He has three narcotics counts pending against him.

There was also a raid at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last night in which six people were arrested. More arrests were averted there because of an accidental tip-off. An unidentified student at Chapel Hill learned that the bust was coming, and his warnings avoided larger numbers of arrests.

## N. C. drug laws in summary

The following are excerpts from the North Carolina statutes concerning drugs: G.S. 90-87 .. "Narcotic drugs" means coca (coca) leaves, opium, cannabis, peyote, mescaline, psilocybe macisana, psilocybin, lysergic acid diethylamides, or other psychedelic drugs or hallucinogens, or any derivative of any of these which possess hallucinogenic properties...

G.S. 90-88 provides that "it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, possess, have under his control, sell, prescribe, administer, dispense or compound any narcotic drug except as authorized. (Authorized persons are those such as licensed druggists, pharmacists, physicians, and others who can legally possess and dispense narcotic drugs.)

G.S. 90-111 Penalties for Violation a) Any person violating any provision of this article or any person who conspires, aids, or abets or procures others to do such acts shall upon conviction be punished for the first offense, by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the penitentiary for not more than five years, or both. A second violation, or in case of a first conviction of this article, the defendant shall previously have been convicted of a violation of any law (concerning drugs) in the

United States, the defendant shall be fined not more than \$2,000 and be imprisoned not less than five and not more than ten years. A third violation of this article is punishable by a fine of not more than \$3,000 and be imprisoned for not less than 15 years nor more than life imprisonment.

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