Slightly Off-Campus

Campus Prostitution Ring Uncovered

Following 3-Month Undercover Security Sting

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Students reacted in shock and anger yesterday, when the college security department announced it had uncovered what they described as "A deeply imbedded prostitution ring."

"It was really hard to catch these girls," the campus security chief said. "They were really sharp and careful. They rarely dealt with outsiders."

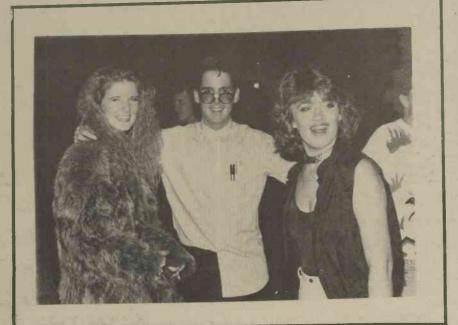
"We've been suspicious for months," the chief said. "When you've had as much experience as we have, you learn to notice little clues."

According to the chief, security began noticing large numbers of male students emerging from women's dorms long after visiting hours were over.

"Once we established a pattern, it was a simple matter to send our undercover agents in," the chief said.

The chief reacted angrily when asked why it took 3 months to complete the operation.

"We had to recruit our undercover operatives from the male population of the student body," the chief said. "They take longer to train than experienced law enforcement professionals."



"Campus Ladies" and their "associates" were rounded up in a recent security department undercover operation.

Underground Newspaper "Digging it's Own Grave"

The rumors flew on campus this week concerning the publication of so called "underground newspaper" which would compete with the already well established, well written and well edited, *The Glance*.

"I can't understand it" said Glance editor Farmer Riter. "We are such a tough act to follow, it is difficult to understand why anyone would want to take us on."

"I mean, it's not like you don't already have the best newspaper you can possibly have," Riter said.

Many students echoed Riter's sentiments. "I think it's great," one lovely young female student said. "They really turn it loose when they publish a newspaper."

Another student had the same feelings. "An underground newspaper? Why? We've got everything we could possibly wantright here and we don't have to associate with idiots and lowlife, not to mention all kinds of creepy crawly things underground."

Another student summed it up.
"My daddy was a coal miner and spent most of his life underground. Why he used to tell me stories about the kind of things that went on down there. Anyway, they would have to dig mighty deep to beat *The Glance*."

Hiring/Spending Freeze Taken Too Far

Some High Ranking Officials Say

Some administrators and staff members have begun to voice opposition to the current hiring and spending freeze, proposed by the new president and ratified by the Board of Trustees.

Virtually every department is affected, from maintanence to the Dean's office.

"I don't think it's a good idea, " said one high ranking official who asked not to be identified. "It's just paralyzing the campus."

Other officials have gotten chilly receptions when thier department asked for money.

"We needed the money in question to meet our payroll," said one department head. "When we tried to find out about getting it, we were laughed at.

The consensus of the officials we talked to was that, while most of them had indured financial hardship in the past, ei-

ther in their own lives, or in their job, few had seen such a concrete measure take hold so quickly.

"I barely knew what happened," said one official. "I was off one day and when I came back, they had set up a conscession stand where my office used to be.

This official is not alone in the rude awakenings employees of the college have been exposed to during the last few months. "They've been the toughest," said one official. I think that things would get better if only the new president would get here. The waiting is the hardest part."

But for some, the freeze's affects are real. "I tried to go out and buy a car, one staffer said." But it didn't seem to matter which dealership I went to, someone from the college had already been there and ruined any chance I had for getting it>"

"If this continues," one staffer said, "there will be some mighty hard ground to hoe during the spring thaw.



Some staffers are concerned that current wage/ spending freeze, is paralyzing the campus.