

# THE FLAT HAT

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FIVE STUDENTS ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES: UNDERCOVER AGENTS INVOLVED  
PASCHALL DENIES COLLEGE INVOLVEMENT IN INVESTIGATIONS

Five William and Mary students were arrested this morning on narcotics charges by state and city police. The students were arrested as part of raids carried out by state narcotics officers throughout the peninsula. Other persons were arrested in Hampton, Newport News and York County.

The College students arrested were William Kitchens, Robert Kinney Valz, James Potenza, Ernest (Gil) Baldwin, and William Wood. Two students at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Thomas Moore of Williamsburg and Richard Johnston of Toana, were also arrested.

Valz was charged with possession of dangerous drugs, Potenza and Wood were charged with possession of marijuana, Kitchens was charged with possession and selling of marijuana, and Baldwin was charged with selling dangerous drugs.

All of the charges against the students are felonies except for that against Valz, which is a misdemeanor.

Valz, Potenza, Baldwin and Wood were out on bail this afternoon, but Kitchens and Johnston remained incarcerated in the Williamsburg City Jail. Valz's bail was set at \$1,000, Wood's and Potenza's at \$1,500. Kitchens is being held on \$12,000 bail, Moore on \$10,000, and Johnston on \$20,000.

Trial has been set for April 14 in Williamsburg Court.

The arrests were the result of the investigations of two undercover state narcotics agents who, according to sources on the campus, had first appeared about a week before spring break. They were among the officers involved in the arrests this morning. The agents had impersonated students throughout the week before spring break and during this past week. The Flat Hat learned from reliable sources.

In an interview late this evening, President Davis Y. Paschall denied that the College had any connection with the raids. "There was no employee of the College involved", he said, and added "it was most unfortunate that it happened at all and it was most unfortunate that it happened at this time."

The College also released a statement this evening that read: "The College is informed by the state and local police that as a result of investigations which they had been conducting over a period of several months, a number of arrests were made this morning on the Virginia peninsula of persons charged with possession of selling of illegal drugs.

"Among them are five individuals identified by police as students at William and Mary."

The police had advised College authorities on Friday that investigations had been conducted and that search warrants would be issued covering, among numerous other peninsula locations, some dormitory rooms, although the rooms were not specified.

"We deeply regret to learn that any students were involved in these charges."

Indications are that the College will not institute disciplinary proceedings against the students while charges are pending. They will apparently be allowed to go to classes and remain in their dorm rooms while out on bond awaiting trial.

Search warrants were issued this morning around 11 a.m. by city Justice of the Peace Ida G. Fisher, and state and city police entered Bryan dormitory at approximately 7:30, according to several students who watched the proceedings.

Mike Savage, roommate of Valz, noted that police officers entered his room at 7:30 and served him with a warrant to search the premises. The warrant, which was similar to those served other students described the object of the searches as "marijuana, hashish and associated paraphernalia." The police found one tablet of what they believed to be a depressant available only by prescription, in a bottle, and Valz identified it as his, according to Savage.

Similarly, the rooms of Ellen Katz and Billy Wood, and Henry Brown and Bruce Mockman were searched by narcotics officers. In Woods' room they found what they thought to be a marijuana cigarette, according to Katz. Brown and Mockman stated that the officers had found nothing in their room.

Virginia police officials would not release the number of state and city officers participating, but it was apparently in the neighborhood of ten to twelve.

Two police cars and a Colonial Williamsburg bus (with emergency lights flashing and labeled "Special") were used to transport the police and students from Bryan. The bus, the last of the three to leave, departed at about 9 a.m.

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