

Pot gear big sale industry

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A decade ago, possession of a marijuana pipe could warrant an arrest. Today, not only is possession of drug paraphernalia legal in nearly every state, but the sale of paraphernalia is a \$200 million industry in the United States.

"People aren't paranoid about carrying around paraphernalia anymore," said Dave Talmus, manager and owner of the Lazy J, State College's most prominent "head" shop. "More and more people are freer with it."

Talmus, operator of the shop for three years, said,

"The paraphernalia business increases all the time." He couldn't estimate the volume of Lazy J's business, he said, because he goes over his books only once a year.

Talmus said half the Lazy J's business comes from Penn State students and the other half comes from local residents and people from within a 100-mile radius of State College.

He said that people from outside State College who visit here on the weekends stop in to buy paraphernalia because "their home town doesn't have enough of a selection."

"A lot of it is nickel and dime stuff," Talmus said of his sales. "People get off on paraphernalia and like to look around — maybe buy a pipe for a buck or a roach clip for fifty cents."

"It's like a candy store. It's a happy business." Talmus claims most State College heads want inexpensive, functional paraphernalia. Bongs, long cylindrical

water pipes which deliver a cooler and bigger hit of smoke than conventional marijuana pipes, are big sellers now, according to Talmus. He said bongs "caught on and surpass all other pipe sales." And, of course, rolling papers still sell well, he added.

The Lazy J is supplied by 15 to 20 different companies, "from multi-million dollar corporations to individual craftsmen," Talmus said.

Although the paraphernalia market is growing larger — indicating an atmosphere of leniency on the part of the law — pot smokers are still taking precautions.

"Dorm residents are still sticking towels under their doors (to keep the smoke in the room) and lighting incense to cover the smell," Talmus said.

"Incense is still a big seller here," Talmus said. "Now we're selling incense that smells like pot and opium. I don't know what people use it for."

Divers splash down for marathon

Students pass 'Go' underwater

Tom Miller and Vicki Bolyn celebrated Gentle Thursday yesterday with a splash, but not on the HUB lawn with everyone else.

Along with Fred Honsberger, operations director of WRSC radio, they plunged into the Natatorium's diving tank to start the Nittany Diver Club's underwater Monopoly games.

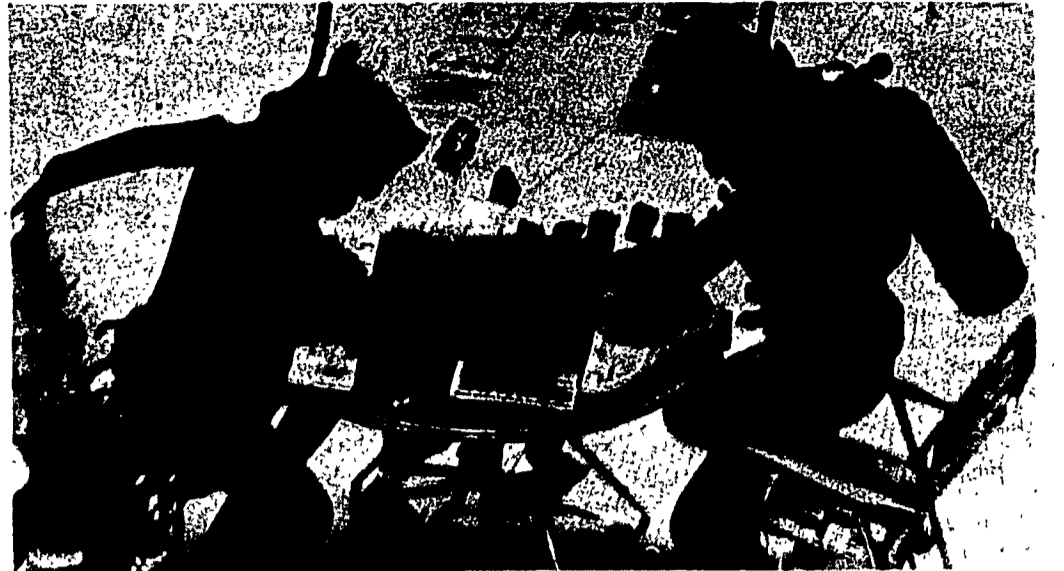
"I've always wanted to be Lloyd Bridges," quipped

Honsberger climbed to the top of the diving board. With spectators cheering him on, Honsberger jumped into the tank to roll the die in the first of many Monopoly games club members hope to play as they try to break a 300-hour Guinness record.

Honsberger's job completed, "Big Fred," as he is known in the area, said, "I'm ready for Jaws II!"

Since Parker Brothers did not intend that their game be played underwater, club members had to keep the game board dry with unbreakable glass and watertight seals. The board was then placed on a round table which is held to the bottom by weights.

Members hope to play in two-hour shifts for 400 hours (about 17 days).



Playing Games

Nittany Diver Club members Vicki Bolyn and Tom Miller initiate "Monopoly" play in the Natatorium enroute to a club record-setting attempt at continuous play underwater.

Police Log

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