

Tragedy hits 'dry' pub

Tragedy struck the UNB campus this past Saturday evening at a non-alcoholic pub sponsored by UNB's Student Representative Council. Dead is 18-year-old Cyril Burpshaw. An autopsy revealed the cause of death to be acute sugar poisoning.

An unidentified friend of the late Mr. Burpshaw was with him on the night of the pub. She described the night's events: "He just kept drinking...Pepsi after Pepsi. I pleaded with him to stop, to please stop, but he would listen. He just kept drinking. Then, just as he finished his eighteenth cup, he let out an agonized belch and fell off his chair...dead! It was his birthday!.. There were no other reported deaths at the pub. However, numerous students were observed to be suffering from "sugar psychosis" - a type of mental disorder resulting in violent and erratic behavior.

The problem of dry pubs has been brought to the attention of New Brunswick's Drug and Soft Drink Dependency Commission. Speaking on behalf of the commission was chairman Dr. Everest Clambers.

"If only alcohol were served at that pub, Cyril Burpshaw would be alive today," said Clambers.

SRC Comptroller Steve Holmes refused to comment directly on the fatality, saying only "We may have lost a bit of money on the pub but it will be about three months before I can give you an

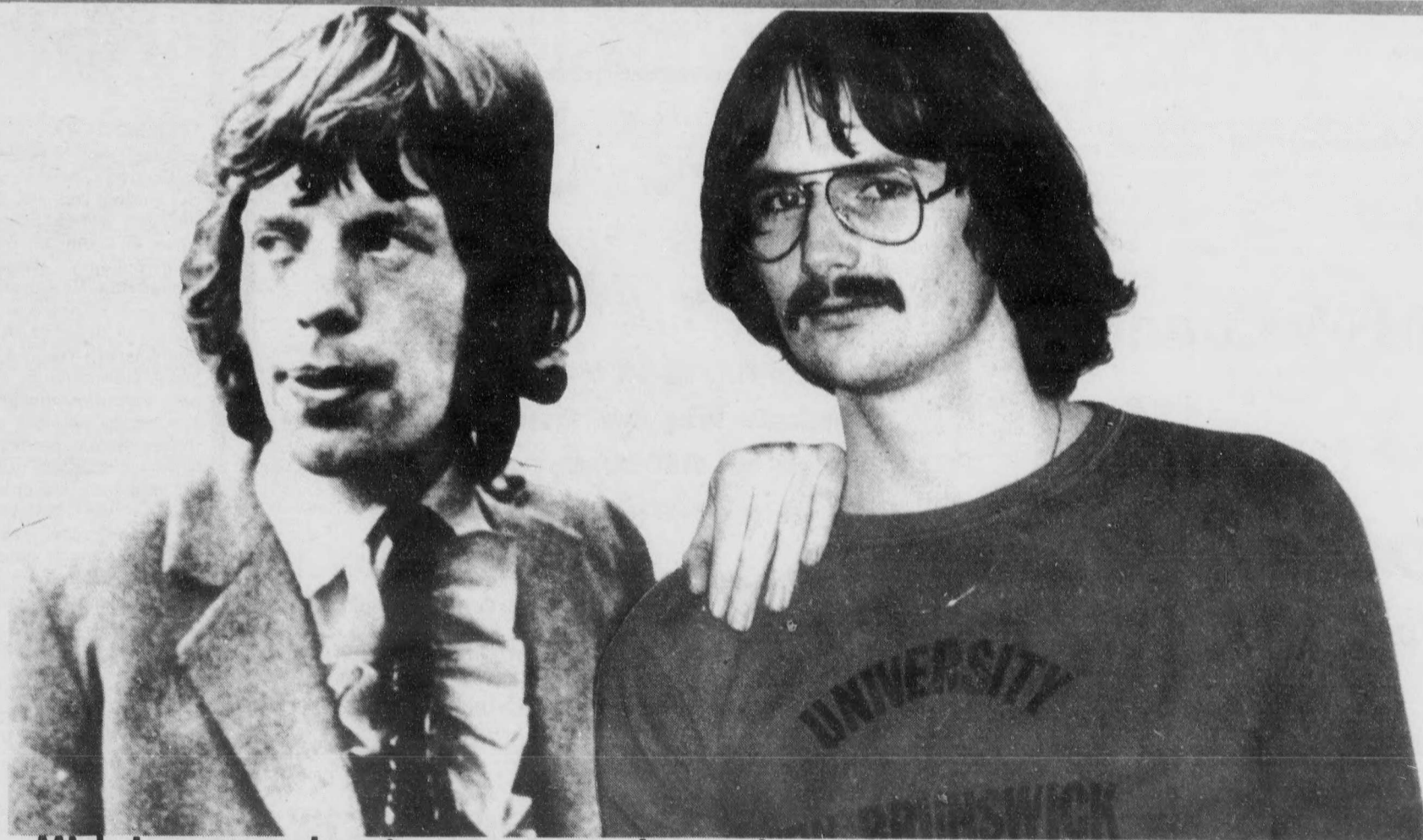
accurate figure. If you knew the first thing about accounting I wouldn't have to tell you that. You people don't understand."

Funeral services for Mr. Burpshaw will be held this Sunday at the Church of the Latter Day Polysaccharides on Demerarra St.



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