

# "Revolting" SUB stench stifled

By JOHN HAMILTON  
 "Disgusting... Revolting... Gross!.." These were some of the printable reactions of students this week who noticed the strong, unpleasant odor present in the hallway between the Bruns office and the Camous Travel office in the SUB.

Visions of dead bodies aside SUB Director Cindy Stacey said the potent smell is a result of a

leaking drain pipe leading from a urinal in the first-floor washrooms.

The unpleasant aroma resulted from the tainted water dripping down and soaking the walls and ceiling until last Friday, the leak was located. Stacey said that it had obviously developed some time ago. No work could be done over the weekend because mainte-

nance staff would have been on overtime, she said.

At the time of writing Stacey said the disagreeable fragrance would be gone by Wednesday or Thursday. A quick check Wednesday night showed the situation had been remedied.

The ceiling tiles will be replaced in the affected area and the walls and floor have been disinfected.

Reports that a water foun-

tain located close by was polluted by the urinal water were denied by Stacey, but she said that signs were posted warning students not to use it.

These were removed by pranksters soon after. The fountain was cleaned for precaution after the leak was repaired.

## All Rush seating to be reserved

By CINDY CAMERON  
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Tickets for the upcoming Rush concert on January 19 will be sold as reserved seating at the Aitken Center.

Gord Lebel, director of the Aitken University Center, said "for most concerts now, the promoters request reserved seating." In past concerts most tickets for heavy and moderate rock concerts were sold as festival tickets, that is, no seats on the floor and no reserved seats in the stands.

"Most patrons and artists want the reserved seating, because the patron's view is obstructed when people end up on the shoulders of others," Lebel said.

The sponsors of the Rush concert, Donald K. Donald and Concert Productions International requested the reserved seating to help cut down on the violence during the concert," said Lebel. Reserved seating will help security

to see everyone in the audience, plus it's better for the patron's viewing. Lebel said that "reserved seating is a sensible way to produce a concert event, and its becoming more of a trend now for the concerts."

Omitting the festival seating on the floor in front of the band means that 500 extra reserved seats can be sold in the stands. Tickets to the Rush concert are selling at a slow pace, due mainly to the Christmas financial crunch, and unpredictable weather conditions, said Lebel.

For those of you who feel that a concert just isn't a concert unless under the influence of whatever, forget it!! A thorough search for bottles, wineskins, and other illegal highs will be done by the security on duty at the doors.

Lebel predicts a lot of rock fans will attend the concert already "under the influence" but he feels that "we're pretty secure for the upcoming night."

## Woodshed remains open

By SUSAN REED  
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The Woodshed will not be closed, this term as rumored said SUB Director Cindy Stacey. While she said the money for the coffeehouse might be better spent on new furniture for the cafeteria or for its repainting, she said she felt the Woodshed is "a valuable thing."

Funds to keep it open have been obtained from the Social club and the UNB SRC each donating \$500. This "helps a lot," said Stacey. Additional costs of approximately \$1,700 will be picked up by the Student Union Building.

Costs vary each term depending on how many entertainers from

out of town are engaged by the Woodshed. These performers are more professional and consequently more expensive.

Stacey said \$2500 would be needed to keep the Woodshed going next year. There is a possibility of a new programme for September that would introduce games nights at the club, for playing chess or bridge. This would be used to interest more people in the Woodshed and would depend on whether costs can be met.

As it is, said Stacey, the donuts and coffee are marked up just enough to pay for themselves. Staff costs are absorbed by the Student Union Building, "the major outlay is the price of the entertainment."

Stacey said she saw no purpose in the Woodshed obtaining a liquor license, which would mean competition with the Social Club. However, "we might have to go in that direction," said Stacey. She added that she was hoping it would not be necessary.

Should the Woodshed decide to serve liquor, only wine would be available and possibly one kind of beer.

Although George Richardson has resigned as assistant director of the SUB, he will be staying on as a senior supervisor and will continue to look after the Woodshed.

Upcoming performers include Jerry Van Wart, a classical guitarist and returning will be the Martini George Quartet, Sandy Greenberg and Marc Lulham.

# MPHEC wants increased gov't aid for educational institutions

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission last Friday released its report "Financial Plan 1980-81". The report contains the commission's financial assistance recommendations for Maritime post-secondary education institutions for the 1980-81 year, to-

gether with forecasts for 1981-82, and 1982-83. The recommendations have been submitted to the Council of Maritime Premiers.

The Commission recommends that general operating assistance to post-secondary education institutions be increased by 8.1 per

cent in 1980-81. In addition, it recommends that a 0.75 per cent increase be provided in equalization assistance for institutions receiving a low level of support and that a 0.45 per cent increase be provided in respect of expanded dental school facilities at Dalhousie University.

The bad news for students is that the 8.1 per cent increase in operating assistance is made with the expectation that institutions will find it necessary to increase tuition fees by a similar percentage. The commission further forecasts general operating assistance increases of nine per cent and 8.5 per cent for 1981-82 and 1982-83 respectively.

The financial plan also contains the commission's recommendation for restricted operating assistance and capital assistance. The commission recommends that restricted operating assistance for equipment and renovations increase at the same rate as operating assistance. The capital assistance recommendations place emphasis on regional projects and renovation projects that will enable institutions to enhance the utility of existing space and facilities.

In support of the MPHEC's recommendations, the financial plan contains documentation on

the current support levels for Maritime post-secondary institutions, the financial pressures facing institutions, projected enrolments and the educational characteristics of the region's population. The commission also emphasizes that its recommendations are con-

sidered the minimal requirements to meet the post-secondary education needs of the region.

The commission expects the Council of Maritime Premiers to respond to its recommendations within the next two months.

## Projects recommended

By GORDON LOANE

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission has recommended that funding totalling 5.1 million dollars be provided to assist various projects in the planning stages at the UNB Fredericton campus. The capital assistance recommendations were contained in the MPHEC financial plan released last Friday.

The following projects have received the commission's recommendations. If approved \$1 million will be provided in assistance during fiscal 1980-81 for the expansion of the law school library. If approved \$2 million will be provided over the next three fiscal years for an extension to the Harriet Irving Library. One-half million dollars will be provided to assist the central heating plant

during fiscal 1980-81 and \$600,000 will be provided in assistance to the Integrated University Complex during fiscal 1980-81.

Several projects totalling \$13.2 million have not been recommended by the MPHEC for capital assistance grants at this time. These include various projects at both the UNB Fredericton and the UNB Saint John campuses. At UNB Fredericton the projects included on the rejection list include student services facilities, a fine arts building, forestry complex and other minor projects. At the UNB Saint John campus plans for the Integrated Complex have been rejected.

The final decision of government on all of these capital projects will become known in several months.

## AAU lends support

The Association of Atlantic Universities has lent support to an 8.1 per cent increase in provincial government assistance to universities, recommended last Friday by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

However, this increase is the minimum amount needed if existing levels of activity are to be maintained, said the association, adding that "even then student fee increases of eight per cent to nine per cent next year seen inevitable."

Dr. Henry Hicks, retiring president of Dalhousie University had hoped for a 10 per cent operating grant increase. He seemed philosophical about the lower amount recommended by the MPHEC, adding that the increase overall did not seem that bad when compared to funding in other provinces.

The association noted that the increase recommended by the MPHEC was less than the inflation rate of 9 per cent over the last year. Meanwhile, Dr. Peter Meincke, president of UPEI pointed out that government operating grants per student are lower than in any other region of the country and nearly \$500 below the Canadian average.

"It is clear that anything less than the support level recommended by the commission would have serious effects" the association concluded.

The MPHEC recommendations are not binding on any provincial government. Last year only New Brunswick followed the commission's recommendations with Nova Scotia and PEI offering their universities less in total operating grants.