

# Shave and a haircut... and a martini?

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Recently, businessmen and barbers, Mark Currie and Troy Ashfield, closed up shop at 70A Regent and moved down two doors towards Queen Street changing the name of their barber shop from Currie's to Clippermen's. The move was made so that they could open up Fredericton's first bar and barber shop. The opening of their new barber shop happened March 1, but licensing difficulties have delayed the opening of the bar portion of the shop.

When Troy Ashfield was asked about what was involved in the move, he said, "first we got a hold of the alcohol people and they told us we could be licensed; then we got a hold of the Health department and showed them our plans and they okayed them... we went to City Hall. We had to make sure our zoning was okay and get the building permit... The fire marshal had to come in and measure the area and tell us our seating capacity." The seating capacity will be around eight people in the bar area. The bar area will be partitioned from the cutting area so that minors can come in unattended by an adult to get a haircut.

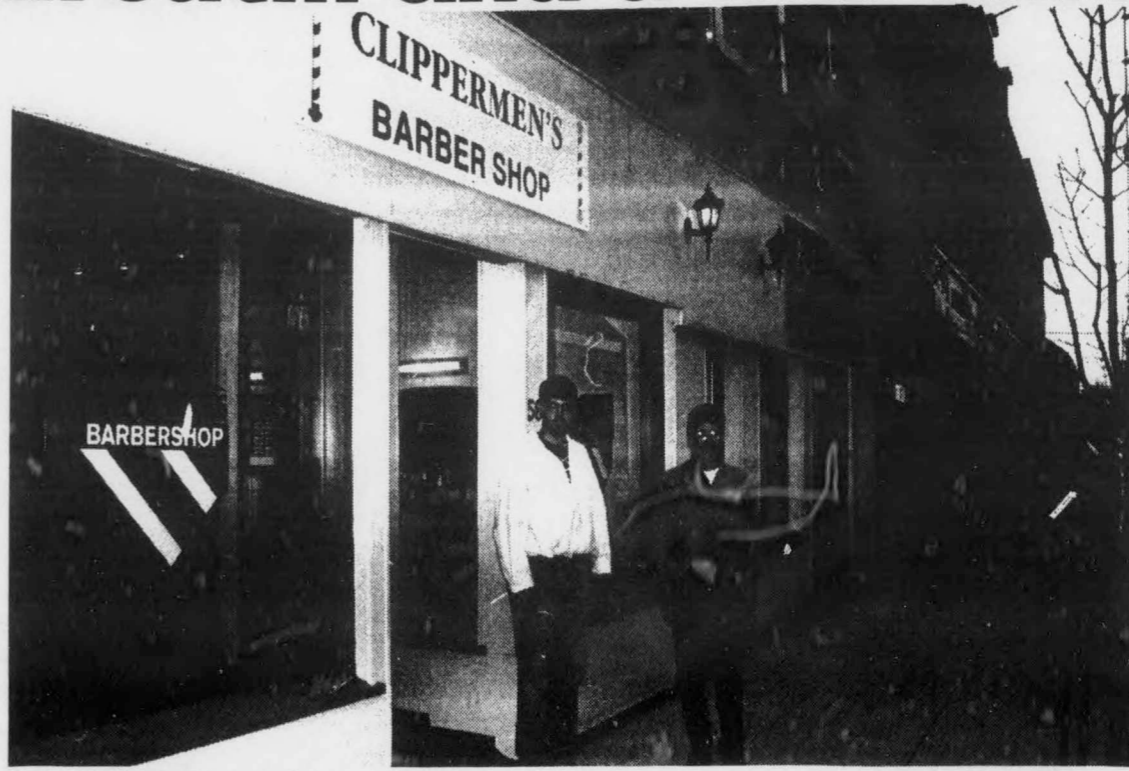
Troy said that he and Mark were in contact with Darlene Harnish at the Liquor

Licensing Board. Licensing a barber shop is not a common request, but at first, Darlene thought there would be no problem with licensing a barber shop. It was then discovered that the minimum number of seats had to be 50. At this time, Troy and Mark were committed to the move because they would be paying rent on their new place regardless. They were, however, able to put the construction of the bar area on hold.

Darlene Harnish later said that the license would be issued as long as she receives letters from the fire and health departments before she issues the license. The license is currently on hold again as it is being reviewed by the Senior Review Board. I talked to Brian Steeves of the Senior Review Board and he said, "...looks fairly positive so far, but there is an inspection process he (Mark Currie and Troy Ashfield) has to go through."

Once the license is obtained Mark Currie and Troy Ashfield will go ahead with the bar area construction. They need a hair sink, a sink and a toilet in two bathrooms, a urinal in one bathroom, a hand sink and a three compartment sink in the bar area. This amounts to a lot of plumbing and construction to satisfy regulations.

When asked about serving food, Troy



Barbers Mark Currie and Troy Ashfield may be bartenders soon

Photo: Warren Watson

said, in addition to more sinks, they would need "ventilation... We are cutting hair, so I don't think Health would allow food anyways unless it is totally separate." In the bar they will be serving bottled beer and premium liquors such as rye, rum, vodka and gin.

Brian Steeves thought that if successful, Clippermen's Barber shop would be the first licensed barber shop in New Brunswick. Troy and Mark have heard of similar establishments in Toronto and Vancouver but none in New Brunswick. Apparently, there is a beauty salon in Saint

John that gives a glass of wine to its customers. At Clippermen's Barber shop, one does not need a glass of wine to handle the bill; however, if one would like a drink while waiting for one's next haircut, then Clippermen's will be the place to try if and when the liquor license is approved.

# Nursing students upset over \$500 extra fee

By Gordon Loane  
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Third year Nursing students are taking their fight with the UNB Administration over an extra \$500 tuition fee to the University's Board of Governors.

When the Board meets April 18, a motion will be introduced by student representative Kelly Lamrock asking that the fee be rescinded. Third year Nursing students have been less than happy since February 26 when they were hit with a surprise extra \$500 tuition fee for a six-week in-hospital practicum course during May and June.

The Nursing students were verbally notified about the fee last May but were first formally notified of it through a letter distributed in class and signed by the Dean

of Nursing, according to De Anne Badcock, a spokesperson for the students.

"After we were verbally notified last May of the extra fee there was no such thing as follow-up letters from the Administration and it did not show up in our schedule of fees," said Badcock. "Students attempted to pay it but the UNB Business Office did not even seem to know about it."

"It is the responsibility of the office of the Comptroller, not the Nursing faculty, to make students aware of fees once they have been established by the Board of Governors. That still has not happened," she said. "We have yet to receive a bill."

Meanwhile, all 65 third year Nursing students have signed a petition stating they refuse to pay the extra \$500 fee. The petition has been presented to the

Administration.

Subsequent to a meeting with the Dean of Students, Dean of Nursing, and officials from the Comptroller's office and the Student Financial Aid office, a letter was distributed. "The letter from UNB Comptroller John O'Brien states they are sympathetic and apologize for inadvertent omissions that have occurred," Badcock said. "They have also stated that communication was not up to normal UNB standards."

But the Comptroller's office still feels the students should pay the fee because they are receiving a service from the university. For a while, the Comptroller's office was refusing to release bursaries to the third year Nursing students until they paid up.

"Apparently, there are government

regulations that say the Comptroller's office can do this if monies are still owing," said Badcock. "However, nobody knew that this fee was going to be put on our accounts, so when our bursaries came in, here was a \$500 amount owing on our fees."

"We were eventually successful in having Comptroller O'Brien release our bursaries," she added.

As for the Board of Governors meeting on April 18, Badcock is very optimistic about receiving support.

"Clearly this is an issue between Nursing

students and the UNB Administration. It is definitely not an issue between the Nursing faculty and students and we don't want it to be perceived as such," Badcock told *The Brunswickan* this week. "Our problem is the process by which they have attempted to notify us of this extra fee."

"In the future, we hope that students are made aware of fees prior to the academic year so that arrangements can be made through loans or parents for funding, so students have enough time," Badcock concluded.

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