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Cab company offers incredible rates - Lockwood

by Gail Anthony

Mark Lockwood, VP External of the Student Union, says Budget Taxi Cab offers absolutely incredible rates for students and recommends students use this cab company.

He says the Student Union discussed student discounts with other cab companies, but the problem was that most of them belong to the taxi association and they are all trying to keep their prices the same.

"Budget Cab is not a member of the association so they are not obliged to stay at whatever the dictated rate is from the taxi association. Basically they are a very new company and I think perhaps they have been on the market for the last three months, so they are looking to grow," Lockwood explains.

According to Lockwood the discounts they offer are any where from 75 cents to \$2.50 depending upon where you travel. He admits the company is looking to expand because they are still a relatively small business, and they want to improve their service.

"Where they are a smaller company, students planning to use them may want to call to find out if they will encounter any kind of delay in getting prompt service, but that is a problem for any cab company depending upon how busy they are. That is something students should keep in consideration, Lockwood states.

Lockwood notes that Budget Cab has inquired about the possibility of getting direct lines on campus.

"I have taken a look into that to see what kind of channels one has to go through and let them know that it should be relatively easy for them to put direct lines on campus," he says

According to Lockwood, promoting a specific cab company is difficult because it locks both parties into legally binding contracts, but adds that the Student Union is still looking into the possibility of having a taxi stand located on campus.

"If you want the best deal in town you should ride Budget Cab," he concludes.

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Budget Taxi Cab: Not a member of the taxi association, Budget Taxi Cab offers discounts from 75 cents to \$2.50. photo by Randy Goodleaf

Payment for damaged screen still undecided

by Allan Carter

There still has been no decision made as to who will pay for the damage done to the screen during the Rocky Horror Picture Show on October 31.

The UNB Student Union who puts the show on every year as part of a Halloween tradition has met with Brent McKeown, associate Dean of a Arts to discuss the matter.

According to Jason Burns, VP Activities, the SU and the Arts department is accessing the situation. Burns says that various people involved in the show are being called.

McKeown says they are basically trying "to get some information." McKeown believes that when an organization uses facilities they are expected to take responsibility. According to McKeown they want to find out who is responsible for the damage.

"To be honest" says Burns, "I am not sure if we will see the Rocky Horror Picture Show on campus again, which is too bad."

When contacted, Rick Peacock of Campus Security said the matter was still under investigation.

Happy Hours to be abolished New regulation will be effective December 1

by Karen Burgess

Over the past year and a half the practice of holding happy hours in New Brunswick bars and beverage rooms has been drastically reduced and regulated.

In June of 1989, the New Brunswick Liquor Commission restricted happy hours to the three hour period between 4 - 7 pm from the previously unregulated time limit.

After several more changes in happy hour regulations, the NBLC has now decided to abolish happy hours altogether.

Effective December 1, 1990, no club or beverage room may change its prices without holding the new price constant for at least seven days.

Beverage prices must be posted, and these prices may not be lower than the cost of purchase to the bar.

According to Georgette Roy, director of the New Brunswick Liquor Licensing Board, the 4-7 pm limit imposed in June of 1989 was unsatisfactory to many club owners whose es-

tablishments do not open until 8 or 9:00 pm; the subsequent changes, to 4-10 pm and later 7-10 pm in August and September, were still unacceptable to various medical and law enforcement representatives in the province.

Now, as is the concern of many establishment owners, it is possible that the current



decision will be unacceptable to the consumers - the general public.

Keith Newman, manager of the Hilltop Pub, feels that there was insufficient notice to the public that input was needed for the November meeting of the NBLC where the fate of happy hours was to

be decided. The Hilltop circulated a petition to be presented at the meeting, but although it had approximately 8000 signatures in support of happy hours, this silent support was apparently not enough.

Newman feels that the NBLC's decision was based on the lobbying of a vocal minority, and its effects may be devastating to smaller bars now unable to promote their special edge over their competition.

"Every business," he says, "needs the ability to run sales to reduce prices - to build up their weaker times."

However, the people most effected by this decision are the consumers; particularly students, who represent one of the largest consumer groups and who live on very restricted incomes.

It is possible, believes Newman, that an intense public outcry may force the NBLC to reconsider their decision as they have repeatedly done in the past to appease provincial pressure groups.

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