

Student government protests decision to ban pubs

By DERWIN GOWAN

Students' Representative Council protested recent action by the Board of Dons to close McConnell Hall to ban student union pubs, although some councillors said the Rugby team recently had a pub there and the engineers are planning on using the building during engineering week.

According to president Warren McKenzie, the students' union is being blamed for damages done to residences after pubs even though there is no proof that the damage is directly attributable to persons from the pubs. If this move is not stopped, said McKenzie, the quality and amount of entertainment at UNB will decrease.

Little chance of pubs

By MICHAEL LENIHAN

Dean of Men's Residences William Chernoff said that it is very probable that McConnell Hall will not be used in the future for pubs.

McConnell, capable of holding 450 people has been a favorite spot for socials. The board of dons and resident Presidents feel McConnell Hall is unsuitable for pubs for several reasons, he said. The small washrooms are unhygienic for the large number of students involved in the socials. Ventilation is also very poor.

There has also been complaints about the noise of these events. Perhaps the most important reason for not using McConnell is that the building smells like stale beer after Pubs.

McConnell may still be used for such special events as Winter Carnival pubs, he said.

AFS plans development

By DAWN ELGEE

The Atlantic Federation of Students is trying to develop the internal structure of the organization and pull the executive together, said AFS chairman recently. This includes the three caucus members and chairman.

AFS organized the first entertainment block-booking for Canada which has just booked Valdy. They fought a significant student aid battle in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

"Nova Scotia has increased their student aid by \$3,000,000 because of AFS and NUS," says MacClean. "Newfoundland now has the second best student aid program in the country because of these two organizations."

The major topic of discussion this year is the Housing problem. AFS is trying to set up a tenants union on a provincial basis.

Attempts are being made with minor things concerning tuition, such as getting the university to give at least two months notice if tuition is to be raised.

AFS is still working on travel. "In this area," MacClean stated, "things are moving slow, because we have to deal with corporations."

At the last conference a Women's Workshop was held. This was a study of women in the Atlantic post-secondary institutions.

The next AFS conference will be held at St. Francis Xavier University in May.

Also, this university will have to forgo some commitments taken on in conjunction with the Atlantic Federation of Students. We will not be able to afford bands like Jason or Terry Dee, McKenzie said.

Since there is no facility large enough on campus to hold all students at one time, McConnell Hall and the Student Union Building are often used at the same time to reach more of the student body.

McKenzie said it is uncertain what student union activities the Aitken University Centre will be able to handle and Student Union Building ballroom expansion is two years off yet.

A meeting with house presidents yielded no results, McKenzie said. "Their attitude that with one pub per month and 200 side conditions means that the campus will be cut off," said McKenzie, "There was no attempt at a compromise."

Neville House vice-president Chris Pratt said residences were having carpets ruined by spilled beer, also windows and doors were broken. Persons from the pubs try to get into residences to use their washrooms, they said. Also, houses were worried about the effect granting one liquor license per week on residence activities. Science Representative Gordon Kennedy said residences may be worrying about profits at house pubs.

McKenzie said if the residences took up the slack from McConnell Hall pubs, liquor authorities might become alarmed due to crowded conditions with poor fire exits and semi-legal licensing practices.

McKenzie said complaints should have been registered last year and the unilateral action was unwarranted. "...we can't act on things we don't know about," he said, and "their position was inflexible."

Law Representative Jim MacLean said strong arm tactics could be used, but should not be, as this would mean pitting on-campus students against off-campus students. The pubs are for all students and the SRC represents all students, he said.

"The compromise must be made with students, not the residence administration," McKenzie said.



Pubs in McConnell Hall are a popular form of entertainment at UNB, but the above scene will be no more if some members of the residence administration have their way.

New Democrats discuss insurance

The provincial government's proposed no-fault car insurance plan was the topic of discussion at Monday night's meeting of the campus New Democrats.

The proposed legislation as well as the survey on which the legislation is based were analysed by the club. Members concluded

that a privately owned and operated system would be impossible to administer effectively and foresee, because of the extensive compulsory coverage, an increase rather than a decrease, in most car insurance rates.

A comparison of New Brunswick rates with Saskatchewan's government operated plan clearly demonstrated the superiority of a government operated no-fault car insurance plan, an NDP press release states. The NDP club condemned the proposed privately operated plan and instead advocate a publicly owned system of car insurance for New Brunswick.

The NDP club has set up a task force to formulate a brief on car insurance to be presented to the New Brunswick Legislature's Law Amendment Committee, advocating a publicly owned and operated car insurance plan. Parts of this brief will also be used to form the basis of the provincial NDP's policy on car insurance.

The faults and inequities of the proposed car insurance plan are to be exposed at the next meeting of the NDP club, Monday night, at 7:00 p.m. in room 102 of the SUB, the release states. Final details of the brief will be made public at the meeting.

Gordon chosen editor

By PAT POTTER

The St. Mary's Journal is doing fine, according to Sarah Gordon who has been firmly appointed editor by the SRC and elected by the newspaper staff as editor.

Council has realized what it has been doing wrong and in restitution got a majority vote to have Gordon as editor, said a JOURNAL spokesman.

The problem still remains that except for Canadian University Press fees, which amount to approximately \$800, the Journal will remain self-sufficient. With

some aid from NUS, AFS, it looks as though the St. Marys SRC will be able to pay their due debts. The Journal is not officially separated from the SRC.

Temporarily suspended from NUS and AFS, each of these organizations has agreed to allow St. Mary's to continue as a member, if this year's fees are paid. NUS and AFS are willing to overlook the non-payment of past dues.

Even though it is clear for this year, St. Mary's SRC will still face a large debt in the fall of 1976.

No sex offenses reported

By CHRIS HUNT

According to Chief of Security, Charles Williamson, there have been no reported cases of sexual assault on the UNB campus in the last year. However, other sources reveal that there are a number of sexual assaults on our campus. Nonetheless, it does seem that UNB is better off than some other universities.

For instance at Cambridge University in England, some of the male students felt called upon to form a sort of vigilante organization to protect any girls wanting protection. This served to make the girls feel safer as well as actually making them safer.

Fortunately, this type of drastic action has not been needed at UNB, Williamson said. But indecent assaults are made. Last May in the UNB gym a girl taking a shower in the girl's locker room was assaulted by a man. Security was called

and the man was caught and convicted of indecent assault.

Another example took place in October or November 1974. A male student (name withheld) was indecently assaulted in the men's shower room of the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. While he was showering a man came up to him and, "he grabbed me by the balls." The student was too shocked and surprised to retaliate. He was revolted by the whole experience, he said, and was sick to his stomach that night. The following day he was very angry and probably would have seriously injured the attacker if he had seen him again. "It was an infringement on my rights," he said.

Despite these examples, UNB is a pretty safe university as these attacks seem to be relatively few and far apart. There are a lot of flashers and streakers but they are not dangerous.

Salary will not be increased

Student Representative Council decided that bookkeeper Gail Chappel does not deserve an increase in salary.

President Warren McKenzie said she is already making as much or more than she could be making elsewhere according to Canada

Manpower figures and other private sources. He also said the student union should keep salaries at the competitive level.

Said McKenzie, "I'm really not looking forward to going into the office tomorrow morning."