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## While Svend Robinson supports UNB's actions, **Borovoy denounces powers-that-be This Issue**

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by Jonathan Stone and Mary Rogal-Black **Brunswickan** News

The UNB administration and the Student Union mishandled the Matin Yaqzan affair last year, according to Alan Borovoy.

ported those two governing bodies for taking firm positions against Yaqzan.

departure of the mathematics professor from the university community after he attracted interna- Borovoy retorted. tional attention surrounding a newspaper almost a year ago.

an audience of over 300 people Wednesday night as the keynote speaker of the When Rights Collide conference.

He said the administration's actions were "repugnant."

"I thought his (Yaqzan's) piece in many ways was a rather foolish piece of work," Borovoy said. "But at a university, opinions of that kind should not receive employment sanctions, but verbal and written rebuttal. If you disagree, debate him. Don't discipline him for that," he emphasized.

However, the MP for Burnaby-Kingsway took a strong pro-zero by Mark Savoie tolerance stance on speech which is offensive, challenging Borovoy's position that freedom

Student Union last year. "I have become increasingly disquieted by the erosion of free speech in the places where I most expect it."

"The student council wants a professor to be disciplined for saying that? What an awful role But Svend Robinson, in a for a student council to take," he speech Thursday morning, sup- said. "In my day, the idea of students trying to restrict speech would have sent us up the wall." "What are students to do if they

This resulted in the eventual have an opinion that runs counter to the popular wisdom of the day? For heaven's sake, shut up!"

"Freedom of speech is the lifecontroversial opinion on date blood of the democratic system in rape which was featured in this general, and of the universities in particular," he said. "Freedom of Borovoy, the 16-year General speech at universities is the vehi-Counsel of the Canadian Civil cle to expose error, search for Liberties Association, addressed truth and correct mistakes. All of our other freedoms are dependent upon that freedom."

Furthermore, Borovoy took exception to the implementation of anti-harassment policies on campuses across the nation.

"Do you really need a formal policy and formal sanctions in order to elicit minimum standards of civility from people? What are -See Debate, page 4.



Alan Borovoy and Svend Robinson share the spotlight at the Photo by Paul Mysak When Rights Collide Conference.

# The end of wet and dry events?

limited liquor license was being op- university administration which

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ity. Robinson said that any comment which can be construed as harassment must be sanctioned by those in power, since victims are not always willing or able to speak up.

of speech should precede equal-

He used the example of a female student registered in Yaqzan's class last fall, who although was offended by his views, did not want to voice her opinion for fear of losing credit for the course.

Planning for the conference, which was designed to examine the conflict between freedom of speech and the quest for equality, began soon after the Yaqzan affair.

And this week, it became clear that the debate is far from over.

Yaqzan has since retired, but the reasons for and the terms of his retirement have never been made public.

In his speech, Borovoy described similar "muzzling" cases in universities across the nation and stated he was especially troubled by the actions of the UNB

Brunswickan News

It could be a dry time for UNB students this academic year.

As of September 1, the administration elected not to renew its blanket liquor license forcing the Student Union to apply for Special Occasions Permits if alcohol is to be served at an event.

Under the conditions of such a permit, the Student Union is not only prevented from advertising the sale of alcohol, but is also prohibited from advertising the event in any manner. This also applies to all clubs and societies at the university.

Among the other restrictive policies of the Special Occasions Permit are that no tickets may be sold at the door, and especially that it cannot be a wet/dry event.

Special Occasions Permits are usually granted to private events such as weddings.

The university has not cancelled its entire liquor license, however. The limited liquor license currently in effect does allow certain rooms on campus to be licensed. The SUB Ballroom is one of these rooms; the SUB Cafeteria is not.

Georgette Roy, Policy Analyst for the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board, stated that the university's

erated on a trial basis. She was unwilling, however, to explain what options might be followed when the limited license is reviewed.

She did offer a suggestion as to what action might be taken by the Student Union, saying that a way of getting wet/dry events back on campus is for the union to acquire a liquor license.

SU President Paul Estabrooks stated that while this is a long-term goal for Student Union Beverage Services, Inc. [SUBS], they feel that the short term priority is the establishment of The Cellar.

The Cellar is the Student Union's attempt to enter the pub business. It is replacing the Pub in the Sub, an establishment managed by the

failed to become commercially viable after two years of unsuccessful operation.

The only way, at present, that the Student Union would be able to have a wet/dry event would be if it was catered by Beaver Foods.

In this situation, Beaver Foods would be required to charge \$3.35 per beer and the Student Union would have to allot for the purchase of three dollars of food per person in attendance.

Estabrooks explained that this was too expensive for the SU to consider.

The first difficulty the Student Union has encountered with the c

-See Wet/Dry, page 6.

### Sprinkler malfunction at Maggie Jean

#### **Brunswickan** News

**Residents of Maggie Jean Chestnut found themselves with** wet feet Wednesday morning. **Ed Reid, Residence Facilities** Manager, said a recently installed sprinkler system accidentally activated in the kitchen at about 10:00 a.m.

Reid said the mercury level was low in the faulty sprinkler and it was scheduled to be repaired later on that day.

"It's ironic, today (Wednesday) was the day of final inspections of the new system," he said. No major damage was reported, although clean-up took about two hours, Reid said.