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## INQUEST HEARS DETAILS OF DRINKING BINGE

BY JOHN HARRIS

A 19-year-old man who collapsed and died after a night at a University of Guelph pub should have been stopped by campus bar staff, a coroner's inquest was told yesterday.

A friend of the dead youth said "it would have made a difference" if bar employees had put an end to the binge.

Richard Sload of Oakville, Ont., a non-student, was with five friends on a campus pub crawl on Jan. 29 to celebrate a student's 21st birthday.

His body was found later at the bottom of a residence stairway. He had suffered cardiac arrest after choking on his vomit.

The three-day inquest, which will focus on the wider issue of the link between alcohol abuse

and university life, was told that on the night he died, Mr. Sloan drank heavily and quickly and was served without any questions being asked by university bar staff.

The group of six drank six beers each in about one hour before moving their party from a university residence to a campus pub. In the next two hours, Mr. Sloan drank an estimated eight more beers and about three shots of spirits.

Mr. Sloan and one other member of the group made a "last call" order of four beers, two tequila shots and either two or four vodka screwdrivers. They drank the order in about 30 minutes.

Matthew Sparrow, now 21, who shared the last-call order

with Mr. Sloan, was asked at the inquest if any bar employee had tried to cut them off or to cut back on what they ordered.

"No, never," Mr. Sparrow said. "I'm not accusing anybody. We were very drunk. The bartenders should know. If the bartender had cut us off, it would have made a difference."

Soon after drinking that final order, the two were separated and less than an hour later, Mr. Sloan was dead.

Initially, Guelph Coroner romulus Carere decided not to hold an inquest after determining that the deceased "was not doing anything illegal," and that the group's Saturday night activity "reflects drinking attitudes of society in general."

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## SMOKING CONCERNS

by Allan Carter

The new wave of legislated smoking restrictions has now hit UNB. Last year students were informed that smoking would not be allowed in the cafeteria in the Student Union Building. After a small number of people protested this new policy, the SUB decided to designate the raised platform in the cafeteria as a smoking area. It was also known that by the start of September in 1989 the raised platform would also be designated, like the rest of the cafeteria, as non smoking.

Now students are concerned about where they will be allowed to smoke in the SUB building and also feel that the growing number of cigarette butts that are lying on the University grounds outside the building are becoming an eyesore.

Kim Norris, building director of the SUB, is quite pleased with the way things have gone concerning this issue. He feels there have been no major problems since the change, yet it is a difficult process to designate a smoking area in the SUB.

Apparently the Mega Spot has

indicated that they would be willing to be designated as a smoking area. As of now, smokers are allowed only to smoke in the College Hill Social Club and the hallways.

A meeting will be held among the SUB Advisory Board of Directors to discuss whether or not this would be an effective idea. The Mega Spot, according to Norris, have an assigned lease for a non-smoking room but are "receptive to change".

Norris sympathizes with smokers but says that smoking is a health risk that cannot be denied.

Wayne Carson, President of the Student Union and a past board member of the SUB Advisory Board, supports the establishment of smoking in the Mega Spot, but feels "smoking should not be permitted in the entire Mega Spot".

He says that there are unique services in the Mega Spot that both smokers and non-smokers will want to access and the interest of both non-smokers and smokers will have to be balanced.

Yet because it is a smaller area than the cafeteria and other spots in the SUB building he feels there "should be fewer conflicts".

In the meantime students can still be seen smoking outside the cafeteria in all kinds of weather. Smokers regard the policy as unfair and there is much debate about the prudence of this kind of legislation.



Fredericton Swat Team escorted two Columbian prisoners out of the Building. Columbians are being tried for alleged possession of narcotics

## Tickets Recieved

On the 9th of September 1989, three Freshmen and one Orientation group leader recieved tickets from Blair Foster, a Fredericton City Police officer.

The reason for these tickets was because they "did walk on roadway where sidewalks are provided". The fine was 5 dollars each.

On the 17th of September after the Terry Fox run was over, that had a participation of around 220 people, Wayne Carson, president

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