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This is the first issue of the Brunswickan in our 128 year history that did not involve manual paste-up—all layout being done on the Macs.

The Pub in the Sub's last call

by Gordon Loane

A university owned and operated pub in the basement of the SUB that opened just last September has permanently closed its doors throwing one full time manager and 18 part-time student employees out of work.

Whether the Pub in the Sub ever re-opens is up in the air as UNB officials begin the task of reviewing proposals from two new operators.

"We opened the pub with the goal of breaking even this year," said Roy Brostowski, UNB's Director of Housing and Food Services. "We just could not compete with other pubs in town especially with a draft beer price war going on."

Brostowski confirmed that the pub lost about \$10,000 since September. "We were just not prepared to sustain continuing losses," he said.

There were a few other problems associated with the operation as well. "Because of certain advertising restrictions in the university's liquor license, we were not allowed to advertise off campus," said Brostowski.

"We were not prepared to compete with other pubs in town by lowering our draft beer prices to ridiculous levels. We believe it's our dual role in the university community to promote alcohol awareness as well," he said.

It appears the university made a number of adjustments during the fall term to stem continuing losses.

The pub originally opened with

a license restricting sales to just beer and wine. Some months later the pub operated under a lounge license which permitted the additional sale of liquor and spirits. It was all to no avail.

Last summer the university invested some \$50,000 in the operation. New furniture, flooring and carpeting were ordered, and new beer and wine coolers were installed.

Now the search is on for new operators. In response to a university request for proposals, two operators have come forward – the College Hill Social Club and the UNB Student Union.

While both proposals are confidential, Student Union President James van Raalte did say the pub would not open until next September if their proposal is accepted.

"We want to operate the pub at a profit and expect to hire a full time manager," said Van Raalte. "We believe a student owned and operated pub would be a good alternative to the Social Club," he said.

"The Social Club for its part is ready to operate the pub as soon as possible if certain conditions are met," said Social Club Manager Matt Harris.

The Social Club will not hire a new manager for the pub as it will rely on its current management structure.

Just when university officials will arrive at a decision remains up in the air. Housing and Food Services Director Roy Brostowski is noncommittal.

He said even if a decision is ar-

rived at soon it's just the first step in a two step process. The decision will also need the go ahead from the New Brunswick Liquor Licensing authorities.

Meanwhile, SUB Director Kim Norris said the pub has a one year lease, and he still has not been informed who will pay the rent this month. In this case, the university is both landlord and tenant.

At this point it is still unclear whether a new operator would assume the remainder of the current lease or negotiate a new one if the pub operated before next September.

Norris declined to say what the monthly rent is at the current moment but did indicate it is an important part of the SUB's operating budget this year.

Noted UNB professor killed in hit and run



Brunswickan staff

Students, co-workers and friends of the late Dr. Alan McLean gathered at Memorial Hall on Tuesday to take part in a memorial service for the professor who was killed in a hit and run accident on Saturday, January 9.

McLean was a professor of engineering and holder of the Chair in Technology Management and Entrepreneurship at UNB.

Police believe he was struck from behind while walking home along the Woodstock Road when returning from a social gathering.

Investigators believe that the 55-year-old father of five may have been hit by a large white truck around 3:45 a.m. Saturday.

Police are looking for a 3 or 5 tonne truck with double swinging rear doors and a step on the back. The truck is believed to have a refrigeration unit attached, and double tires on the rear axle. It is believed that one word in red paint is written across the back.

Police are asking for input from any member of the public who may

have witnessed or have information about the accident.

McLean was born in Scotland, and worked for many years as a chemical engineer in the distillery business.

In 1973 he co-founded Martec Ltd, a Nova Scotia company specializing in structural and ocean engineering, computer science and environmental studies.

He took a leave of absence from his duties as president and CEO of the company to assume the duties of the J. Herbert Smith ACOA Chair in Technology Management and Entrepreneurship at UNB in 1990.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes; three daughters, Louise and Morven of Vancouver, and Morag and husband Alain Champy of France; two sons, Alisdair and his wife Elaine of Kingston, Ontario, and Malcolm of Moscow; one brother, Donald and his wife Cynthia Milsom of Calgary; one sister Elspeth and her husband John Gilmour of Edinburgh, and by one granddaughter, Emma of Vancouver.

Yaqzan retires early

by Karen Burgess

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Martin Yaqzan has retired from his position with the University of New Brunswick.

Details of the professor's retirement settlement, effective January 1, are confidential.

Unconfirmed reports, published in two New Brunswick dailies, quote sources as saying that Yaqzan will receive full salary for three more years, and a reduced amount after that.

Reports that Yaqzan was banned from campus as part of the agreement were quickly denied by the university.

Three courses scheduled to be taught by Yaqzan are still being offered, but have been taken over by graduate students in the department, explained acting Math Department Chair Donald Small.

"The administration gave us stipends and some of our graduate stu-

dents are taking care of those classes," he said.

The agreement allows students to get more work and puts less demand on the schedules of the remaining professors in the department, explained Small.

Finding a more permanent replacement will take a bit longer.

Tom Traves, UNB Vice President academic, explained that Yaqzan's position will be treated the same way as any of the approximately 20 vacancies resulting from retirements in a given year.

A request for a new staff member will be made by the department and will be considered in the spring with those of all of the university's faculties.

The need to hire a new professor for the math department is not timely now, as the courses are being delivered, and the vacancy will be treated as a normal case, said Traves.