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Newsbits

First NB Journalism program

St. Thomas University and the New Brunswick Community College are joining forces to offer a new Bachelor of Applied Arts in Journalism. This marks the first time a journalism degree has been offered in the province. In the past, many students left the province to study journalism at the university level.

It is also the first Bachelor of Applied Arts to be offered in New Brunswick. Applied Arts programs combine study of liberal arts with learning technical and work-related skills. As well, it is the first time in New Brunswick that a university and a community college have offered a joint program.

Pending final approval from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC), St. Thomas and NBCC (Woodstock) will offer the program — the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada — beginning this September. No additional government funding will be needed.

The new BAA in Journalism will see students take courses at both institutions over a four-year period. The first two years of the program will be taken at STU, followed by one year at NBCC (Woodstock) and a final year at STU.

CHSR FunDrive meets goal

CHSR has met its \$5,000 goal this year, according to Program Manager Tristis Bhaird.

"We've got \$4,800 now, but there's still money coming in from businesses that like to show that they do support community radio."

The top-placed show was "A Kind of Eden," hosted by *The Brunswickan's* Entertainment Editor Michael Edwards. It earned \$240.00. The second highest earning show was "Green Dyed Fingernails" at \$187.00, followed by "Deviation From the Mean" at \$144.00. Bhaird pointed out that these are all longer shows, and added that they're proud of their shorter shows, as well.

Pink Floyd's "The Wall" was a major contributor to the FunDrive's success, bringing in \$1,300 the first week and \$600 the second.

Bookstore thefts revisited

Security has been tightened at the UNB Bookstore following the recent theft of two laptop computers with a combined retail value of just over \$6,100. The computers were taken in two separate incidents January 24 and February 2.

Some time before noon on January 24 someone removed a Macintosh (Apple) Powerbook 190/66 from the display counter at the Bookstore and walked out of the store. The computer has a retail value of \$2400.

In a second incident just before closing time on February 2, a person unknown made off with an Action Note 660 CX portable computer with a retail value of just over \$3,700.

"Our computer area has traditionally been very busy and we have allowed people to try out display models on the counter," said Bookstore Manager Doug McConnell. However, as a result, McConnell says all computers will be under lock and key and the watchful eyes of clerks.

"It certainly won't help service any but we have little other choice," he said. "It's a little too early to tell whether the extra wait will affect our sales."

Both incidents are under investigation by UNB Security and Police. A Crimestoppers reward of up to \$2,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of a person or persons responsible.

Losin' on the Cruisin'

The UNB Student Union's Student Resource Centre has issued a warning to students thinking of responding to an advertisement for Cruise Jobs.

Nick Rodrigue, Coordinator of the Employment Opportunities Bureau, said the advert, which appears regularly in *The Brunswickan* is "misleading."

"The advertisement makes reference to 'no experience necessary.' When I talked to the agent on the phone, the first thing they asked about was my experience. Experience in hospitality services is required," he said.

The warning, which is posted in the Student Resource Centre, came as a result of an inquiry by a student interested in contacting the long distance number.

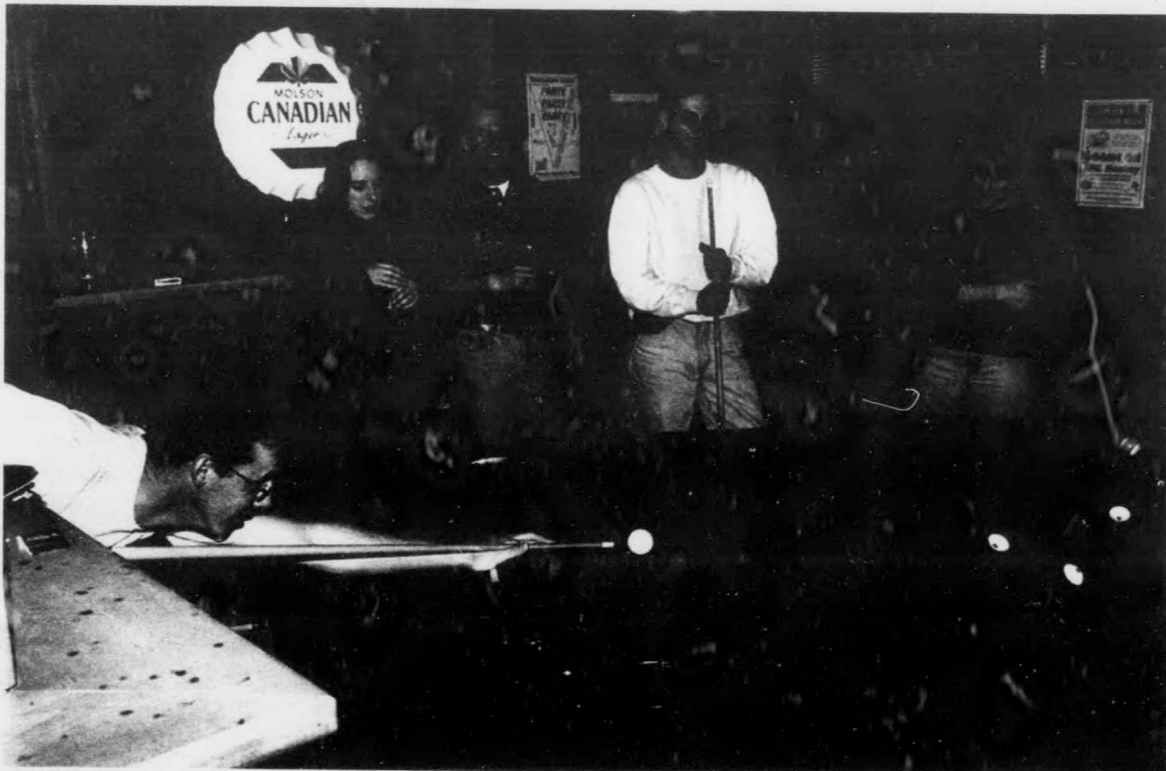
"Understanding that the Student Resource Centre is a service for the students, I felt it was my position to investigate on the student's behalf. I feel it is my responsibility to tell students what the ad was about," said Rodrigue, a fifth-year Business student.

"Because of government cutbacks and student employment being down generally, students are very vulnerable to this sort of thing," said Tareq Islam, Coordinator of the Student Resource Centre. "Students will spend money on this sort of thing without knowing that it doesn't guarantee a job."

"The most important thing students should be made aware of is that the number isn't for an employment agency. You pay the \$49.95 US for a list of job opportunities," reported Rodrigue.

Rodrigue emphasized that "unless students are interested in pursuing a career in the cruise line industry, I suggest that students don't waste their money on the long distance call."

Cellar report released



Playing pool in the Cellar.

File Photo

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The Student Union-owned Cellar Pub has presented a quarterly report to the UNB Student Union Council.

The report calls for an operating loss of \$10,500 for 1995-96. The operating deficit for the Cellar currently stood at just over \$11,250 on December 31, 1995.



Duncan Fulton
Photo: Warren Watson

This amount includes as revenue \$14,000 from the Student Union's 1995-96 budget as well as \$22,000 which was transferred from the Student Union's savings account to cover expenses incurred over the summer.

The report points out several improvements which have been made since last year. "SUBS Inc has realized substantial sales and profit growth and a continuing decline in expenses for the four month period ending December 31, 1995."

The report was made by second-year Law student Shona Bertrand, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Student Union Beverage Services Incorporated (SUBS), the company which oversees the Cellar Pub.

Bertrand adds, "Bar services, which we took over from the University on January 1, 1996, will impact our bottom line."

She continues, "the way it was set up by our Bar Manager, Darryl Kent, our worst case for an event would be break-even. With an effective marketing and

promotions campaign, and increased awareness by clubs and societies, Bar Services has the potential to be the decisive factor in determining our future financial position."

"We aim to break even by the end of year three," Bertrand said. "In year four, we anticipate a significant decrease in fixed cost because we will be re-negotiating our equipment lease and the lease on the premises."

Bertrand does not feel that the refusal of the requests by *The Brunswickan* to view the 1994-95 audit invalidates the claim made in the report that "SUBS Inc. is committed to regularly reporting financial information to the members of the UNB Student Union as a means of fostering accountability to our members."

"The audit is an internal document on which management decisions are based. The annual report given to Council presents an accurate picture of the 1994-95 fiscal year," claims Bertrand.

The report in question, presented to Council on November 7, 1995, indicated that a net operating loss of \$42,194 was incurred. The loss was absorbed by the Student Union. A loan from the Student Union accounts for \$30,000 of that amount, repayment of which will start in the 1997-98 fiscal year. The other \$12,000 was not covered by any written repayment agreement.

Bertrand also points to the bylaws of Student Union Beverage Services which do not make reference to disclosure of financial information to the media or by student requests.

Bertrand is quick to add, "but if students have an interest in the Cellar, I urge them to approach one of the current members of the Board or, even better, to run for the newly created position of student-at-large."

In fact, the bylaws only make

reference to requests by the Student Union proxy, who is Anoushka Courage for 1995-96, and by the members of the Board of Directors, who are Bryanna White, Duncan Fulton, Rodney Chiasson, and Shona Bertrand.

A request for the audit at the November 7 meeting of Council resulted in Bertrand's statement of "I'll bring it to Council, but I'd request that it would be dealt with in closed session."

Requests have been made by *The Brunswickan*, on December 18, 1995 and on January 8, 1996, for the Cellar general ledger, and on February 9 a request was made for the 1994-95 Cellar audit. Fulton's only comments have been to chastise Shona Bertrand at a UNB Student Union Council meeting after she raised questions about Fulton's failure to accede with a then six-week old request by *The Brunswickan* for the Student Union general ledger.

Bertrand emphasized that the health of the Cellar must be put in a larger perspective. She points to UNB (Saint John) where the Student Representative Council held a referendum on whether or not to open a student-owned bar in the downtown area.

"They put \$25 a student towards it. We've put less than \$11.25 per student into the Cellar. I don't think that's out of line," she said.

If budget projections hold, the UNB Student Union will put over \$36,000 towards the Cellar this year. This will bring the total investment in the Cellar Pub to over \$78,250.

The next report will be presented at the last meeting of Council, scheduled for April 9. While the quarter ends at the end of term, the report would detail activities until March 31, according to Bertrand.

Photocopy prices around campus

STU SU (STU student)	6 cents
Graphic Services	8 cents
STU SU (non-STU student)	8 cents
Library \$20 card	8.44 cents
Library \$5 card/Coin Op.	10 cents
SUB Office	10 cents
UNB SU Help Centre	10 cents