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## Students "outraged" over cafeteria closure during the exam period

by Randy Goodleaf

Morgan Currie, a third year business student, says that he and many other students are "outraged" over the cafeteria closure during exams.

The SUB cafeteria and room 26 were closed to the university community on December 8, 14 and 15 from 6 PM until closing.

The office of the director of the SUB had rented out the cafeteria for Christmas parties, one of which was for N.B. Tel.

Currie argues that since he pays Student Union fees that they should include use of the SUB cafeteria, especially during the time that he (and other students) most need it.

He says he feels very angry that some appointed official can arbitrarily rent out the cafeteria for something as frivolous as an external Christmas party.

Currie pointed out that there are no alternative places to study in a group setting, with enforced silence in the libraries, classrooms that close at 10:00 PM, and other faculty libraries full.

He estimated that during an average exam period the cafeteria has only 20 % less people than the peak lunch period. A subsequent count put that at approximately 480 students at 1:00 PM, for a three day discounted total of just over a thousand students affected by the closures.

Although Currie feels that the rental is done on an arbitrary basis, Kim Norris, Director of the SUB, stated that the building policy is very clear, and in fact, it has remained unchanged since the opening of the SUB.

The policy states that first priority will be given at all times to normal student requirements, which includes Student Union organizations, and University related organiza-

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tions. The lowest priority goes to non-University organizations.

Norris stated that if any non-University organization calls to make a reservation, he will grant the request if the space is available.

He added that there is no provision for the booking of use during the exam period, and any policy decisions are the responsibility of the SUB advisory board. As far as Norris know, this is the first time that a complaint has been lodged of this nature.

When the President of the Student Union, Kevin Bourque, was contacted for comment, he said he was unaware of the situation, but would look into the matter.

In a subsequent conversation, Bourque agreed that there was not any restriction in the SUB operations, policy for the limitation of rentals during the exam period.

He has brought the matter to the attention of the SUB advisory board, and it will be on the agenda for their meeting next Thursday.

The SUB advisory board consists of members from UNB, STU, and the BOG.

It should be noted that the recommendations of the board are not binding on the SUB director, but in the past, Mr. Norris has always considered their recommendations.



**Cafeteria closed:** The SUB cafeteria was closed to students some of the days during the exam period. On December 8, 14, and 15, the SUB was closed for off-campus organizations' Christmas parties. According to Kim Norris, SUB director, he will grant use of the area to any non-university organizations if the space is available.

(Photo by Randy Goodleaf)

## Advisory committee plans to meet on Monday

by Allan Carter

Last term the College Hill Social Club Board of Directors announced the creation of a special Advisory Committee.

This term Kevin Bourque, President of the UNB Student Union, feels that the club wants to sweep the whole issue under the carpet.

For several months now, the College Hill Social Club and the UNB Student Union have been engaged in a long term battle over the UNB Student Union's proposal to restructure the CHSC Board of Directors.

"We have been ready for a month and a half" to meet with this committee, said Bourque in an interview on Tuesday, but he says, the Social Club has yet to contact anybody.

Bourque has a "policy paper" ready to present to the committee which he feels points out various "problems,

makes recommendations and asks some fundamental questions."

However, Bourque might not have to wait any longer. According to Randy Hickey, chair of the CHSC Board of Directors, the board is trying to get a meeting set up for next Monday.

Hickey claims that they are getting in touch with the various parties "to finalize things."

Representatives from various groups will come from the Graduate Student Association, the UNBSU, the STU-SRC, and the Dean of Students.

Hickey is hoping each group will send a representative, thus the committee will then have an acceptable representation of the student body and the administration.

At the first meeting, Hickey hopes that certain allegations and other various factors are

resolved and then the committee can then become a permanent group working with the BOD.

"Hopefully we can (become) more in touch with the student community through this committee, says Hickey.

Hickey feels this committee can act in the various university group's best interest concerning the running of the club. Although he does not foresee the committee having any voting power, he feels they still will have a "major voice" in how things are run at the club.

One example Hickey gave in which the committee would have a major voice in, would be screening proposals for donations to other organizations.

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