

Women's collective to sue Montreal bar

by Karen McCairley

MONTREAL (CUP) — Eight Concordia university students plan to take a restaurant owner to the Quebec human rights commission for evicting two women who were hugging.

Chris Gore, the owner of Upstairs, a popular student hangout, evicted the two October 25 for "persisting in showing affection in an offensive way".

Charlene Nero, one of the group, members of the Concordia Women's Collective, said Gore's action was inspired by homophobia.

Nero said the collective is also planning to sue Gore.

Since last Wednesday, the women have distributed over 1400 pamphlets outside Upstairs asking people to boycott the restaurant.

Article 10 of the Quebec charter forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Section 15 applies this law to small businesses.

Gore said the women's actions upset the atmosphere he tries to maintain in his restaurant.

"Upstairs is a nice, quiet cafe. We don't like to see it disrupted by people who like to cause a scene and draw attention to themselves."

According to the women, Gore told them, "At Upstairs, men don't hug or hold hands with men and women don't hug or hold hands with women."

Nero said, "We'd like to see Upstairs closed down."

The women say they have turned away over 50 potential customers, but Gore said their actions are not hurting business.

"It hasn't affected business," he said, "but it has bothered me personally. It's exasperating to have to rebut comments that I'm homophobic."

Gore said he will not try to stop the demonstrations outside his restaurant. "It's their right to do what they want. They have their right to free speech and free expression."

Dal alcohol program

by Jenn Beck

On-campus barstaff got a shot of preventive medicine October 30.

Thirty-one campus bartenders, mostly Grawood and residence staff, attended a Server Intervention Program, co-sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee of Dalhousie and the Commission of Alcohol and Drug Dependency of Halifax.

Participants were informed of their personal liability in the event of irresponsible bartending and were taught how to deal tactfully with intoxicated patrons in difficult situations. Organizers presented sample scenarios for the bartenders to solve and presented them with manuals containing additional material.

Tanya Graham, chair of the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee at Dalhousie, said it would be necessary to approach Debbie Brown, the general manager of the Grawood, concerning the University liquor policy. She suggested that once the liquor policy is confirmed, bartenders could be recalled to inform them

of new developments.

Graham noted the absence of a significant number of bartenders from the various societies on campus. She suggested it may be necessary to re-run the program in an effort to give absentees another opportunity to attend. On the whole, Graham was pleased and thought the event "went over well."

Monday evening's program was organized by Cathy Hartigan and Sam Rendell from the Commission of Alcohol and Drug Dependency of Halifax, working in conjunction with the Dalhousie Student Union. This partnership of societies is expected to join again during Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week, November 19 to 26, to present further topics of interest to Dalhousie Students.

Already in the works for January 9 and 10 is a peer education seminar entitled, "Substance Use and You," a lecture designed to employ elder athletes as role models to discourage aspiring players from sampling drugs and alcohol.



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King's gets new library

by Angela Van Amburg

After assessing the factors involved, it is evident that King's must have its own library. The present one has overreached its capacity, and the books are spread over five locations within the college.

A recent engineer's report found the library to be 'structurally dangerous', and there has already been a plaster fall in the room below the library.

The foremost reason for a new King's library is the preservation of its rare book collection, which consists of 20,000 volumes of rare books and manuscripts dating back as far as the thirteenth century. University of King's College President Dr. Marion Fry says, "There must be a rescue operation because the books are abominably housed."

The new library will be the only facility in the Atlantic provinces suitable for storing rare books. Even Dalhousie has no appropriate environmental control for its rare books.

When asked of the possibility of the new King's library moving into the Killam, Dr. W. Birdsall said there is no room for extra books, especially since the

Science library moved into the Killam this past summer. "The Killam could be filled up in five or ten years, and we will have a space problem of our own," he said.

The new King's library will complement the Dalhousie library system. The two libraries will share responsibility for new acquisitions between, with little duplication of books.

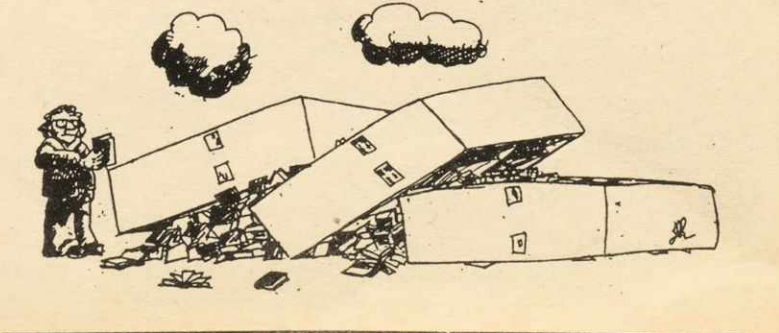
Also, King's is joining Novanet, a system which will further its accessibility for the students of other universities. The added space that another library will create will ease the pressure of overcrowding in existing libraries.

The enrollment at King's has doubled in the past decade, and it must expand to accommodate this growth. In addition, Dr. W.

Hankey, King's librarian, feels it is necessary to provide facilities not currently offered, such as accessibility to the physically challenged. This will aid in serving an even greater student population.

The decision to build the library was made only after a great deal of consideration. It was reviewed by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, which in turn appointed a library consultant to investigate the situation.

After it was resolved that the library was necessary, the provincial government agreed to contribute two thirds of the amount needed. The federal government is contributing \$840,000, and the remaining \$3 million will be raised by the fundraising campaign, "A Rare Find".



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from 8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Registration and payment must be made prior to the day of the course and a confirmation will follow.

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