

Subterrain on ice until January

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SubTerrain, a coffee house with an intimate, relaxed atmosphere, doesn't exist now and may not be

opened up again until January in a new location, said Howard Goldberg, SUB director.

It was situated in the basement of the SUB and the room could hold about 160 people. The

concept of SubTerrain was to provide an alternative to alcohol and "beer swilling" for students who wanted a place to relax and talk. Entertainment was provided, either piped-in CHSR or live folk

music, but the vast majority of students didn't even go near the place. The room lost \$3000 in the eight weeks it operated last year.

However, Goldberg said, this loss is not why SubTerrain doesn't exist this year - in fact, the SUB has even budgeted \$4000 for it. The major holdup right now is the fact that the Social Club is supposed to move downstairs, but for several reasons has not done so as yet. A new kind of SubTerrain would be started in the present Social Club room.

Goldberg said it's important to the SUB to get the Social moved. It will enable the SUB to close earlier, saving money it would be paying to staff, thus allowing more funds to improve the SUB. He

mentioned the possibility of purchasing a giant-screen telejector with this extra money.

So far, the Social Club has experienced financial problems, with their tentative move. As well, physical plant has priorities over the renovation of the SUB basement, and certain members of the administration don't feel that the Social Club has provided enough information to warrant their permission on the move.

Goldberg also said that a substitute SubTerrain can't be formed because of a lack of money, so students will just have to wait until things get straightened around January of next year is the tentative date for things to start happening.

Education cutbacks

Education cutbacks seem to be an international trend. Last week The Bruns discussed the provincial education cutbacks to the tune of 3 million dollars.

Total spending on education by the government of Great Britain is planned to fall by 338 million pounds (roughly 680 million dollars) in the next two years, according to the public expendi-

ture Blue Book published early in February. The Times Higher Education Supplement commented on this news as follows: 'It hardly comes as a surprise that a five year cycle of public expenditure has been unable to survive the assaults of inflation austerity.'

Total public expenditure on education will fall by nearly 5 percent both this year and next.

The Blue Book also shows that education spending by the central government is planned to drop at a proportionately greater rate than spending by local authorities. This could indicate that some bodies will face cuts in 1978 over and above the 4 per cent fall in their income expected in 1977-78 (IUS).

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