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by Dave McCurdy

The admission is only 75 cents, there's always music (usually good) and the food is not only good but cheap as hell. Sometimes you can even get booze.

Somebody's wishful thinking for a Saturday night coffee house? Nope, in fact, such a place exists, and on campus at that! It's the Saturday night "Soup Kitchen" at Room at the Top.

Room at the Top changes management on Saturday nights. Gone are the people who run it during the week, replaced by a different crew, headed by former Union secretary Ann McRae, who run the Soup Kitchen.

The Soup Kitchen is a coffee-house-like concept in which a reasonable fee is charged to pay for the band, and low

prices are charged for homemade food (soup, french bread, and salad). Also, under an arrangement the logic of which it is difficult to comprehend, the place can occasionally serve wine and beer.

According to the Powers-that-be on the Alberta Liquor Control Board (ALCB), the Students' Union is to receive on temporary liquor license a

month. However, according to McRae, there's an employee of the ALCB who's "bending over backwards to help us"--he somehow manages to sneak out one temporary license a week to the union. There's a catch, though. Whenever there's a Beer Social, it's tough shit for RATT--the Social gets the license. Fortunately, Beer Social have a habit of being cancelled now and then, and when this happens, RATT gets the license. So far this year, Soup Kitchen has gotten two temporary licenses, and both weeks they packed 'em in.

McRae predicts a major revision of the province's liquor laws when the next session of the legislature gets underway, but "that won't help us for this year. We don't know yet if the liquor we served the last two weeks was solely responsible for the good crowds we had, or if it was just an added benefit. In any event, we'll find out this weekend, because there's a Beer Social going on and we won't have a license."

There have been five Soup Kitchens so far. The first three lost money (though a little less each week), then the last two broke even. McRae is hopeful it will continue to break even, although she admits it will be continued on page 11



RATT--- sometimes they serve wine and beer

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