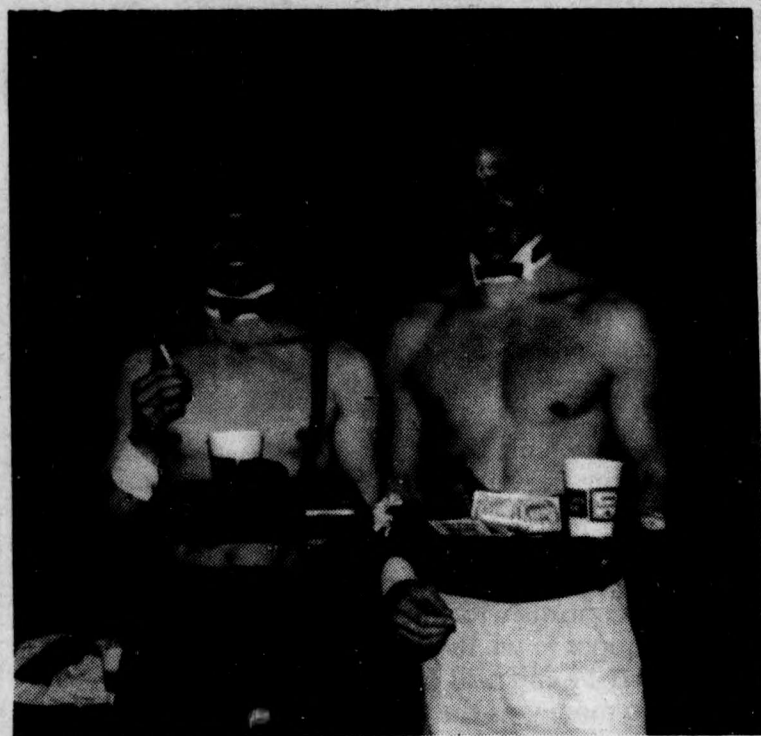
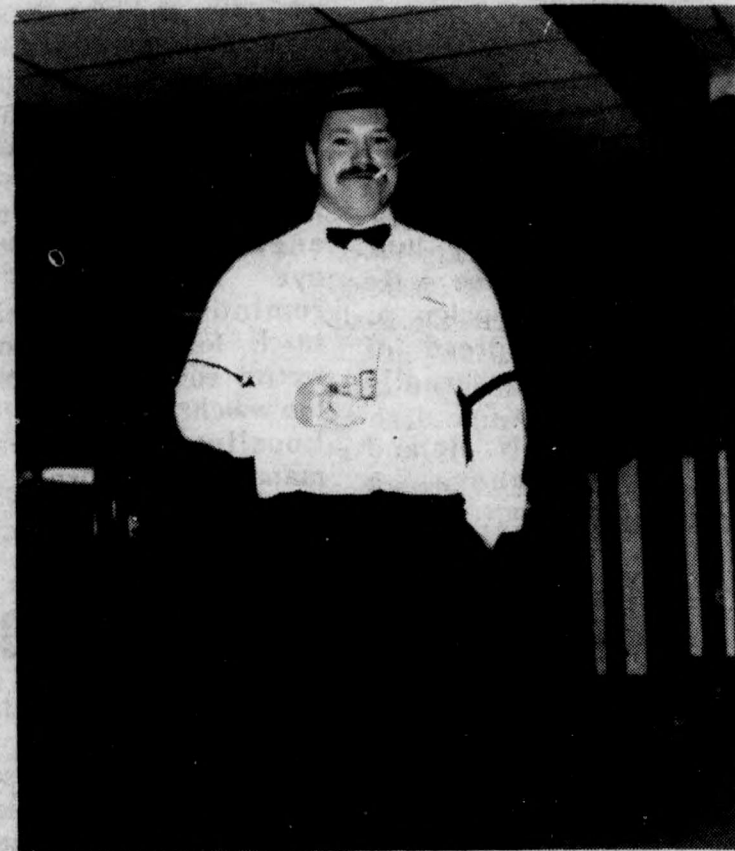




# UNB Foresters present Monte Carlo



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Way back in the early 1950's, the students of UNB were treated to their very first Monte Carlo Night. "Who came up with this novel idea?", you may ask. The UNB Foresters, of course! Some enterprising young Paul Bunyon must have decided that it was high time to bring some of the fun and excitement of Las Vegas on up to Fredericton, while raising some major funds for the Forestry Association in the process. The rest of the Foresters decided to take a gamble on Paul's idea... and did they ever luck out! The annual Monte Carlo Night turned out to be one of the biggest events on

campus! Every year in March, hundred of students would fill the old STUD (Alumni Memorial Building), or even the labs and corridors of the Old Forestry Building, to see what fortunes they could amass at the various games of chance.

Armed with their four leaf clovers and lucky rabbits' foot, they would enter the smoke-filled room, shrewdly survey the scene, and decide which game they would first accumulate their wealth at. Would it be the good old faithful black table, and then crown-and-anchors, or should they opt for "rainbow" roulette, or the log roll, or even the "over-and-under" game?

But then again, what mortal gambler could long resist the temptation of the electric horse race game, with its maze of wires and flashing lights (created by one of the faculties own electrical wizards back in '65).

Looking back, the 1965 Monte Carlo could be viewed as "the Year of Temptations", not just because of the wild, hand-crafted games... no, there was much more to the event than that in '65, for it was the year in which the young-and-eager Monto Carlo chairman of the time decided to introduce bunnies, cigarette girls, and roving photographers to the scene. For

some unknown reason (?) this new concept seemed to entice even more ready-made gamblers to the casino, and the tradition has continued to this present day. (But not to worry girls-Chippendales have recently become part of the custom too!).

Enough of the old stuff- on to the new! The current Monte Carlo nights have a very special purpose, besides all the whoop-ia. They are put on by the Forestry students in order to raise money for the Leader; which is the Foresters' yearbook (a worthy cause, wouldn't you say?!). There are still loads of great games (black jack, crown-and-anchors, roulette, horse rac-

ing, etc.) at the present day Monte Carlo, along with refreshments at reasonable prices, multitudes of bunnies and chippendales, and a big auction of donated prizes at the end of the night at which you can converted all your winnings into some great rewards.

So, if this years' Monte Carlo Night is anything like those of the past, a good time should be had by all those who are adventurous enough to check it out. Admission is only \$5, and you get \$5,000 in free Monte Carlo money at the door (you can always purchase more for a small fee if your luck needs a little boost).