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Liquor licensing litany

by Gordon Loane

A new system is in place this week for student groups who want to hold liquor-related events on the UNB campus.

The closure of university administered Bar Services forces groups to apply 15 days in advance for special occasion permits from the New Brunswick government's Liquor Licensing Branch.

Already, the new system has raised a concern about advertising. Student leaders feared that advertising would not be permitted at all.

"While certain restrictions do apply, advertising will be allowed if posters are approved by our office in advance," said Antoine Pelletier at the Liquor Licensing Branch. "Approvals usually come quite quickly."

Chantal Albert, VP Activities for the UNB Student Union, tested out the system this week while preparing advertising posters for the upcoming Jimmy Flynn Comedy Night.

"The approval came quite quickly, but under a special occasion permit we cannot mention liquor or prices. We are restricted to advertising just the event," Albert said.

But posters must be approved in advance or they cannot be used.

"Campus groups are advised to supply a sample advertising poster at least 15 days in advance of the event or provide even more lead time if that is possible," Pelletier continued.

Just whether student groups will be able to advertise liquor events in *The Brunswickan* is still up in the air.

"We're checking into this and should have a definite answer quite soon," Pelletier said.

The reason for the advertising restrictions has everything to do with the intent of the permit.

"Special occasion permits are intended for functions at which only members and guests over the age of 19 are allowed," Pelletier said.

Meanwhile, it appears liquor-

related student events could become a money maker for clubs and organizations. Overhead costs will be substantially less because volunteer bartenders and less campus police are expected to be involved.

"The maximum price that can be charged at each event is \$2.25 for beer, 2 ounces of wine or 1 ounce of spirits," said Darlene Harnish, a secretary at the Liquor Licensing Board. "There are no minimum price restrictions."

For example, a 12-unit case of beer at NB liquor now retails for \$14.85 or \$1.24 a bottle. After provincial sales tax and GST are added, the total cost rises to \$1.61 a bottle. The profit on each bottle, before other overhead costs for the event, would be 64 cents if the maximum \$2.25 per beer is charged. Profits would be even larger on spirit and wine sales.

If all the administrative load associated with organizing an event for a group seems cumbersome, a Fredericton man with experience at Bar Services is willing to help out.

For a fee, depending on the level of service requested, Frank Delph will do everything including pickup and return of liquor, refrigeration and chilling of the product and provide liquor liability and security.

"I will supply bartenders and provide other extras as requested," he said.

Bartenders Unlimited, led by Delph, hopes to expand its service not only on campus but throughout the Fredericton community by organizing special events.

"The one service that I cannot provide is applying for a special occasion permit," he said. "That is up to the organization or student club involved," he concluded.

Applications for special occasion permits should be taken after Monday of next week to the sixth floor of the Centennial Building on King Street. The liquor Licensing Branch has regular hours from 8:15am to 4:30pm, noon hours included.

SU concerned: BoG not taking Health Plan results seriously

by Brunswickan staff

Student Council has reacted strongly to a decision by the Board of Governors to conditionally approve a \$100 health plan accepted overwhelmingly in a referendum last fall.

SU President James van Raalte likened the BoG decision to a slap in the face.

"The Board of Governors is questioning whether the new plan is a good idea even after students voted to accept it," said van Raalte. "I'm concerned about the precedent this creates," he said.

According to him, concerns at the Board could be classified into three general areas. Some questioned the low voter turnout—just over 20%. Others wondered whether the costs of the health plan would quickly get out of control. Still others questioned whether oral contraceptives should be included in a health plan

at all.

"Given all these concerns, the Board decided to ask the SU Council to re-affirm the Student referendum," van Raalte said.

It was the call for a new vote by council that sparked the council uproar. One councillor demanded to know why two votes by students were needed before the Board of Governors gets the message.

In the end, council agreed to pass a motion and forward it to the university. The final wording summed up the debate: *Be it resolved that the UNB Student Union Council fully recognize the democratic results of the 1993 Health Plan Referendum as the "wish of the majority" of its students.*

But van Raalte did not let the matter rest there. He promised Council to send a second letter to the Chair of the UNB Board of Governors expressing concern about the recent motion and the

precedent it set.

SU Vice-President Pat FitzPatrick says despite BoG manoeuvres, the \$100 health plan will go ahead.

"We've had productive meetings between UNB officials and the insurers of the CFS health plan," FitzPatrick concluded.

In other business, Council will decide in three weeks whether to eliminate yes/no ballots in upcoming elections.

In addition, council will consider whether to end the secret process whereby candidate lists are only revealed when nominations close. If council approves, candidates running for various positions will have their name posted as soon as they file nomination papers.

Both moves follow criticism from students and editorial comment in *The Brunswickan* in recent weeks.

A unique opportunity to study the Third World

by Melanie Messer

How many students on this campus are aware of an opportunity to study the Third World in terms of its historical, cultural, social, economic, and political significance in shaping our present world?

The Third World Studies program is an interdisciplinary one administered by professors from a variety of departments in the Faculty of Arts. It is this option that makes it unique among Canadian universities.

"During the last 10 years, 16 students have graduated from the program: six from honours and 10 from majors," said Professor Dexter Noel, the program's director. He also said that a number of students have ful-

filled the minor that is offered.

"For example, a student may choose to do a major or honours program in Anthropology or Political Science, and complete a joint program in Third World Studies at the same time," Noel said.

He suggested that many people are still unaware of the interdependence between Third World countries and the rest of the world.

"Few people know that 35% of the world's raw materials come from these countries or that the majority of the world's population lives within them."

Some of the courses that were offered this year were taught in Anthropology and Political Science. Economics, History, Sociology, and various language disci-

plines were also involved.

Students and faculty involved in the program are presently working on a newsletter which will provide some of this information and perhaps even evolve into a journal over time. The response to this idea has been great.

"Some of the students here communicate with students in South Africa and those students are excited about the idea," Noel said.

He feels that this program will indeed be useful to students at UNB.

"With knowledge of the Third World becoming increasingly needed in national and international settings, such a program can only aid us in understanding what is occurring around us," he said.

UNB water main ruptured

by Jonathan Stone

The lack of water on campus Wednesday was caused by a major leak in a corroded flange on an eight inch water main located on the southside of campus.

Murry McEachen, of Physical Plant, said that university and city crews had the problem corrected by replacing the flange while re-routing the water flow through the northside main.

The northside main, which is at the

bottom of campus, had to handle water service for all of the university.

The lack of pressure was attributed to the fact that the northside main had to force water uphill, so some of the taller buildings up the hill had no water at all.

McEachen said by 5:30pm Wednesday night, water pressure was returned to normal.

"The university performs regular maintenance, but this was an emergency situation," McEachen said.



Third World Studies Group: Back Row; Professor Gustavo Argaez, Professor Joan McFarland, Professor Gail Pool, Professor Dexter Noel, and Lenzi Aziz. Front Row: Janise Johnson, Faraz Velji, Julie Ferguson, Stephanie Kuttner, and Donna Helmbecker. Photo by Mark Bray