

Campus pubs under pressure to be discontinued

If the time was ever taken to calculate the amount of money students here have spent in local taverns, the result would probably spark Alcoholics Anonymous to establish a chapter on campus.

It cannot be disputed that if students had bought shares in the taverns instead of beer they would own the establishments by now.

But the tavern owners are still unsatisfied.

At last weekend's alumni-sponsored leadership conference it came to light that tavern owners are putting pressure on the New Brunswick Liquor Control Commission to bring an end to student pubs on campus.

This information comes at a strange time - just after the board of dons has decreed that McConnell Hall will no longer be available for student functions

involving alcohol, except on a very limited basis.

Of course, we certainly don't want to suggest there was any involvement of tavern owners in that decision.

Apparently the tavern owners feel they could and should be making more money from the sale of alcohol to students. We fail to see the logic behind their thinking, if this is really the case.

Most of the taverns are packed to capacity early each weekend evening. Where could the extra students go? There certainly aren't any available seats.

The tavern owners allegedly complained about the way pubs and other liquor-orientated events are run on campus. It is possible some problems exist on campus, but we feel it is not really the part of tavern owners in this town to complain about the operation of

events on campus.

The supervision of alcohol sales is up to the inspectors of the NBLCC, not to tavern owners and other vested interests.

Pubs have not even been all that successful on campus recently, even when good entertainment is offered.

The future of pubs on campus looks quite bleak at present. McConnell Hall will no longer be available for alcohol events, and it appears unlikely that the Aitken University Centre will be practical as a pub facility.

It is time for student government to reassess their position regarding student entertainment policy in such a way that students will not have to leave the campus for all their entertainment.

The surfacing of this issue at a leadership conference only un-

derlines the importance of the alumni association to the students of this campus.

The twice-a-year meetings of student leaders are usually the only time students have the opportunity to meet and discuss common problems. Even more emphasis must be placed on the meetings, and also on co-operating with the sponsor.

The alumni association has a lot to offer the students - if we only take the time to listen.

Hopefully the association will have an even stronger voice in university operations in the future - a condition which we feel will be of great value to the students.

We wish the association success in implementing the changes they are striving for - changes which we feel will do the campus a great deal of good.



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