

# Alcohol Awareness Week observed

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This week has marked "Alcohol Awareness Week" across the UNB campus and with it a number of special events and activities to fully address the issue of drinking responsibly. Not meant to be "preachy" or "anti-alcohol" in tone, the organizing committee is quite pleased with the student response to the events which have meant to portray the theme of Spring Break.

For starters, residences across campus were asked to meet to fill out surveys regarding behaviors under the influence, general consumption, and personal perceptions of alcohol and how it should be handled. Students were informed fully about the workings of SMART PACC, and were shown a movie whose content dealt with drinking in a variety of situations. In fact, one residence was so impressed with the movie, they asked it be shown a second time.

To get the students actively involved, a few contests have been held in which favorable response has been overwhelming. A "Mocktail Contest," whose judges consisted of people like UNB President Robin Armstrong's wife and Anne Ingram from the Gleaner, asked UNB students to bring the ingredients and recipes for their favorite non-alcoholic drinks. Twenty-six persons

entered the contest individually or in a group and cash prizes and runner-up prizes left all entrants winners. The cash prizes were intended to make certain students wealthier for spring break.

The disgraceful wreck of an auto down the hill from the Sub was not placed there merely as an eyesore. Serving two purposes, the car is meant in one sense to symbolize the awful repercussions of drinking while intoxicated and is best associated with its written message "See Dick drink, see Dick drive, see Dick die, don't be a Dick." As well, it is the object of a contest in which students are asked to guess the number of beer cans in the car and can win a round ticket to Montreal in doing so. A thousand ballots have been received thus far. The prize has been sponsored by Air Atlantic.

Local Agencies such as SMART PACC, the City Police, and Alcoholics Anonymous have been donating time to further awareness in the SUB cafeteria over the course of the week.

Residences have been asked to stir up their creative juices and make banners portraying some aspect of alcoholic awareness. Whether it be a jingle or saying, picture or logo, residences have been given free reign on what they can do, and points will be given for creativity, size, and the actual message conveyed.



This smashed up car is part of a display sponsored by Alcohol Awareness Week. Students were invited to enter a contest in which prizes could be won for correctly guessing the number of beer cans contained in the wreck. David Smith photo.

Wednesday night marked the Social Club's contribution to the week. Sponsoring free pop to designated drivers, the definite message here is "a designated driver is not even a slightly, minimally intoxicated one."

Also on Wednesday night,

students going to see "Truth or Dare" were briefly enlightened before the feature by a film entitled "Missing You" which addresses the pain and great sense of grief felt by the family and friends survived by a victim. This is an issue that always seems to capture attention.

All in all, the success of "Alcohol Awareness Week" this year is unparalleled to past events and years. It is assumed that this eager response can only mean that

perhaps students are becoming much more attuned to "drinking responsibly."

## Electoral changes approved

### Press Release

The Report of the Ad Hoc Electoral Reform Commission was received and accepted with amendments after an hour of deliberation at Wednesday night's council meeting.

The Commission proposed several changes to the election procedures and promotions.

Council supported the proposal to have a two day election period in addition to the advanced poll. Faculties will be assigned to specific poll stations, as is the procedure in Federal, Provincial and Municipal elections.

This system eliminates the need to make or puncture student I.D. cards. There will be faculty listings of undergraduate students at the assigned polls in accordance with students' faculties. The

assigned poll stations are as follows: The faculty of Education - D'Avray Hall; Physical Education and Recreation - LB Gym; Engineering and Computer Science students - Head Hall; faculty of Law - Ludlow Hall; Nursing - MacLaggan Hall; Business Administration - Singer Hall; the faculty of Science, Forestry and Forest Engineering - Science Library; the faculty of Arts - Tilley Hall.

Graduate and no-degree students and part-time students who have paid Student Union fees will vote in the Student Union Building.

The Advanced Poll will travel from the SUB to Lady Dunn Hall's main lounge and to McConnell Hall as general poll stations.

Council also supported a change in the promotions aspect of the elections.

A motion to replace the poorly attended "Meet the Candidates" event in the SUB cafeteria with a "Candidates Pub" or an "Election Grog" in the Blue Lounge passed by a slim margin. This wet/dry event will provide an opportunity for an "informal gathering in an atmosphere that encourages a closer examination of what is being said by the candidates," according to the Report.

Troy Morehouse, Chief Returning officer, commented that the two day assigned poll stations, faculty and residence tours by the candidates, advertisement oriented towards increasing awareness of the new procedures and voter turnout, added with the non-destruction of the ID cards will hopefully "increase voter turnout enough to offset any possible loss by the electoral reforms."

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Lockwood replied that he had "no idea." However, he hoped they would adopt his suggestions for changing the method in which the minutes are recorded.

Much of the delay was reportedly due to the loss of several years of Council Meetings minutes, from the late 1970s and early 1980's. These records were stored on a computer disk of such an antiquated design that difficulty was encountered in finding a

computer capable of reading it. After such a long time, much of the data had proven to be unusable in any event due to deterioration of the disk.

Lockwood's research, which produced voluminous amounts of raw information, continued back all the way to the 1920's, which represents the first student government at UNB. The student government of the time was primarily a social activities committee at that time. Lockwood

found the minutes of the Council Meetings to be confusing and incomplete, as well as having "massive gaps". The inaccuracy of the minutes necessitated the use of ancient issues of The Brunswickan as research tools, in an attempt to discover what some of the more arcane abbreviations stood for. Lockwood's research included various items such as fee structures in past governments, and the responsibilities and functions of past governments.

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