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UNB students face charges

SUB beer theft investigation closed

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Two UNB students will be charged in connection with the December 4 theft of three flats of beer from the Student Union Building.

Police Constable Shane Clowater, the investigating officer, said the two came forward and will be charged, but "no court date (has been) set yet."

Inspector Sheldon Geldart said "The information will be laid within the next week." Neither Clowater nor Geldart would identify the parties involved.

The investigation into the December 5 theft of 54 flats of beer from the university's Bar Services storeroom in the SUB has also been closed.

The eleven people involved in that incident also came forward said Clowater. All are UNB students.

The two break ins were related said Clowater. "Some were involved in both breaks,

but not all," he said.

On January 9 a meeting was held "to clarify what course of action to take," said Rick Cuthbertson, Bar Services manager.

The police, Cuthbertson, Assistant Dean of Women, Mary Lou Sterling, and several residence dons were at the meeting. (All students involved lived in Bridges and

Neville.) Sterling acted as liaison between the administration and the police.

We (the administration) wanted to know how to handle the problem," said Sterling. The police sanctioned the university handling the situation but demanded it be done in a responsible way, she said.

There was "concern on the part of the university that with so many young people involved

(we should try) to establish a program of some kind that would not be so harsh (as the courts)" said Sterling.

Sterling said it was decided that non-academic punitive action be taken.

"They (the police) insisted we demand restitution, fines, and service to the university," said Sterling.

The exact amount of restitution is not known at this point,

however, "it will be for the complete cost of the beer, plus damages; total restitution," she said.

Sterling said the fines "will be an appropriate amount; it will probably match what they'd get in the courts."

Each student will have to perform twenty hours of service for the university she said, but the nature of this service has yet to be decided.

82% vote 'yes' to strike

UNB-STU Workers eligible to walk tonight

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After six months of waiting for a collective agreement, the maintenance workers at UNB-STU voted to strike.

The workers are members of the General Trades and Allied Service group of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, local 1326.

82% of the 152 members of the group at last night's meeting decided the 2 packages offered by UNB's personnel department were not good enough to keep them on the job.

President of Local 1326, Joan Blackquiere says the union's main

concern was job security.

"The employees on campus now are in the position that it wouldn't matter if they got \$100 an hour, that if tomorrow we signed an agreement with the way it is now, (the university) could contract out the jobs and we wouldn't have a foot to stand on.

Members of the group were given 3 options to vote on last night. In the first, the university offered a 3 year contract with wage increases of 3.3 & 4%.

The second offered 3 & 3 over 2 years. Neither contract would offer retroactive benefits dating from July 1, 1985 when the

previous contract expired.

The 3rd option was to strike. Blackquiere says wages were of little importance in the negotiations though. "Wages are sticky, but I think we could have met in agreement on that period."

According to the N.B. Industrial Relations Act, the union must give management 24 hours notice before they walk off the job. That notice was to be given to UNB Staff Relations Officer, Bob Hughes early this morning.

Blackquiere says she is still willing to go back to the bargaining table, but "not if they're going to play

games."

"We're not saying we're going in 24 hours," says Blackquiere, "but we're going to be prepared."

Union local president Mancer Langin anticipates support from all other unions on campus including the Association of UNB Teachers and the Faculty Association of the University of St. Thomas.

A.U.N.B.T. vice-president Richard McGaw says UNB professors will have to cross the picket line. "According to the Act, we can't encourage anyone to not cross it." He adds, however, that picketers will have moral support from the union.

STU SRC says no to Aquinian

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The Saint Thomas SRC decided Tuesday that its publication, the *Aquinian*, should not become autonomous this year and that a constitution committee shall revise the *Aquinian* constitution.

Troy Cloney, STU SRC Vice-President Internal and Chair of the Constitution Committee, said there are a number of specific problems with the present constitution that must be addressed.

He says members of the editorial board say they represent the students but are not elected by the student body.

"With a school newspaper, the editorial board does represent the students, so the executive should be elected by the students. With organizations like Theatre Saint Thomas, executive is elected from within its membership because it doesn't directly affect students."

Aquinian Editor Neil Toner said to elect an editor from outside the organization would be "a mistake. The people that really know who has the at-

tributes to make a good editor are the people that work on the paper. And these are the people that are going to work with this particular person for the rest of the year."

The possibility of electing a student at large as editor, establishing a quota for campus content, and constructing an "unamendable" constitution were all mentioned in presentations to the ad-hoc committee struck by council in October to investigate the feasibility of incorporating the *Aquinian*.

Two of the committee members resigned their posi-

tions on that committee in December, SRC Entertainment Co-ordinator Mike Kovacs and *Aquinian* Editor Neil Toner. Kovacs quit for academic reasons but Toner quit on principle.

"I withdrew at the request of the staff. The report was going to come by consensus. I withdrew because I could see that the report would be something that I could not agree with. And I didn't want my name put to it as a representative of the *Aquinian*."

The constitution committee plans to bring a revised *Aquinian* constitution to the February 4 council meeting.

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