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We now have a new blanket liquor license and there are many questions concerning how it will effect socials. Of the three socials held last weekend, not one made money. It cannot said lack of turnout was the problem because even those socials where the turnout was good, no profit was made. Here we have the major problem with the blanket liquor license. With the increased costs resulting from hiring bartenders, CP's, renting a room and paying the eight per cent administrative fee on top of the cost of the alcohol and tax, you can see how it can be difficult to make money, especially if you don't get a complete turnout.

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In this week's issue of the Bruns, on pages 20 and 21, you will find the first issue of Radioactivity, and no it is not about nuclear waste. This newsletter will appear once a month and provide information on CHSR, record reviews and music reports. Just another of the many new features we will be bringing you this year.

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I would like to now turn my attention to the most useless and meaningless of phrases in the English language, 'How are you?'. How many times have you passed a friend (?) on the street and have them ask you that exact question? Being naive enough to believe in their sincerity, you begin to explain just how you do feel. Much to your chagrin, your friend politely but quite emphatically rejects your first few words and proceeds on. You vow never again to answer that question.

Why is it we are so often greeted in such a manner when the person asking of your health really doesn't care? The question has become just another of the many meaningless phrases with which we are greeted. When we do run into someone with genuine concern we have become so skeptical we reply vaguely and the ensuing conversation is empty of meaningful content. Only those who like to chatter on endlessly are unaffected.

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It is good to see the Blue Lounge is finally blue. I must say the renovations do add a lot to the place, but I have to wonder just how long things will last. How soon will it be that the newly upholstered chairs have their coverings ripped and cigarette burns in the arms? How long will the carpet remain unburned and unsoiled? I hope that this time around, the Blue Lounge will be treated in a better and more mature manner.

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I have heard a few women around the campus complaining about the Chicago Knockers, a team of female mud-wrestlers, putting on a show in the ballroom of the SUB. Now I realize it would be easy to write off what I am about to say as the ravings of a sexist but here goes anyway. To begin with, the Knockers is one act brought in by CSL that is sure to bring in money, if only because of the sexist nature of it. Also, the chances of a non-wrestling male being able to beat on of the Knockers, who happen to be professional wrestlers, are quite slim. I understand that one of the Knockers was able to toss Sam Moon, a rather hefty individual for those of you who don't know him, from one side of the ring to the other. Should be interesting entertainment.

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The USA was asked, by Lebanon, to send troops just after the Israelis invaded their country. This attack was not aimed at the Labanese, but at the PLO which had been harrasing the Israelis from inside Lebanon. Immediately after the attack, Syria became involved on the PLO's side. Thus began an international conflict involving the PLO with the Syrians, the Israelis, and the Lebanese army trying to create order again.

Recognizing the Lebanese government's inability to restore order, the discontent Muslims took to the streets. Known as the Druze, they, as any normal revolutionary organization would do, fought the Lebanese soldiers. Also, they found themselves in a loose alliance with the PLO and Syria because of both a common religion and similar romantic revolutionary goals. The Muslims were discontent because they were under-represented in Parliment, and because the land and wealth of the country was inequally divided in favour of the Christians. With this new development, there became a direct enemy to the Lebanese army, with had been a police force, whose result tended to push the Israelis and themselves closer.

As the Americans were invited by the Lebanese government, they must support that cause, which means that they must oppose the Druze. And, as the Druze were in a loose alliance with the PLO and Syrians, the Americans must oppose both of them, leaving the Americans in support of the original aggressor, Israel. Also, historically, the Americans have always supported Israel against the PLO. Hence, the American position, although strictly peacekeeping, was inherently in favour of the Lebanese status quo and Israel, and opposed to the Druze, the PLO and Syria.

Now, to judge the legitimacy of American involvement.

In this explosive situation where two armies were willing to fight inside Lebanon, and the Lebanese government had shown itself vulnerable to revolution, the American military presence definitely had a sobering effect.

However, merely to sooth an area may not justify military involvement. Due to circumstance the Americans were supporting the Lebanese status quo and Israeli intentions, and opposing the Druze, Syrians, and Palestinians. So, if there was anything wrong in their alliances, then perhaps they should have allowed change to occur naturally: through violence.

The Druze had some legitimate complaints, but were unable to do anything about them partly due to American involvement. Hence, the Americans were allied with the wrong side in this case, but perhaps through recognition and reform the problems will be solved in the future, which the latest reports indicate.

The other question was the Israeli one. As American and other Western powers created the Jewish state, it would be unfair to leave them entirely to defend themselves. By creating Israel the Western Powers, right or wrong, have present responsibilities to the nation,

So, because of the sobering effect of the American peacekeeping force, and because of the West's historic responsibility to aid Israel, which both outweigh the incidental momentary alliance with the Lebanese status quo, their military involvement was right.

After numerous sensationalized newspaper and television reports concerning the attack at McLeod house 2 weeks ago, the fact still remains that many UNB residents (predominately female) are questioning the effectiveness of the UNB security system - not so much the 'force' of 30 or so odd 'UNB Security' ('intimidating' - looking fellows), but in the building security of the female residences themselves.

Take one building, add 216 girls and one 65 year-old security guard. Certainly, the odds favour a security breach of some sort. This is not to say that McLeod or Dunn or Tibbits have an open-door policy - anyone who has ever gone through the sign-in procedure can attest to that - however, besides one female working at a front dest, what sort of deterrent exists to prevent X number of unsavory male visitors from having a 'free-for-all'?

Dunn and Tibbits at least have an intercom system whereby the female residents are called down and required to escort their male visitors to and from the front desk.

McLeod has no such procedure - although a tightening of sign-in practices goes into effect today.

So security within the residence itself is improving. Good. That is long overdue. The fact still remains that a female proctor should not have to break up a drunken brawl on her floor at 2:00 a.m. while a security guard looks on. Isn't there something wrong with a system that allows such occurences?

There needs to be an increase of Campus Police protection at the female residences. In the past, they have proven their effectiveness in quelling such acts of violence and in intercepting 'peeping-toms'. Ideally, an entire overhaul and revamping of building security is

needed at the women's residences.

The University of New Brunswick operates on a 65 million dollar budget. Surely some of that money can be allocated to the protection of over 700 female residents. You owe it to them and to the parents who read the papers and watch the news every night and worry.