

Renovations in SUB Nearing Completion

by John Murphy

Returning students and freshmen will notice two major renovations taking place in the Student Union Building this year.

First, the Garden is undergoing the final stages of what is referred to as "Phase Two" of a plan initiated last year to upgrade the quality of the food services operation. The first phase was the Garden itself, which entailed installing a greater variety of seating arrangements, different colour schemes and visual levels, and the plants, which are the most innovative aspect of the renovation.

The intent was to provide a place where students could sit and eat in an inoffensive, even pleasant environment, and thus attract them away from the Green Room, which does not have the facilities necessary to cope with a lunch-time crowd.

Phase Two encompassed the remodelling and restructuring of the production aspect of food services. All of the functions of the food services are now compartmentalized along an uninterrupted path.

First, the Deli Bar has been incorporated into the area serving sandwiches and

soups. Next is the pastry area immediately followed by the Repas Complet. Last, but by no means least, is the grill, completely renovated.

The financing of the renovations was a joint venture between the university and the Student Union: approximately \$60,000 came from the University and \$10,000 from the Student Union. The renovations also managed to increase the seating capacity of the cafeteria from 434 to 485, and more students are taking advantage of this improvement. Volume in dollar terms has increased by about 30%, or in real terms by approximately 20%, given summer price increases.

The other major change is to be found in the Grawood Lounge on the third floor of the SUB. The most significant changes here are not necessarily the most visible. An Easy Bar system was installed for internal control measures, with the added benefit of providing better service to students. It cost just over \$12,000 and is expected to have a payback period of about two years.

This has had an immediate impact on Bar Services profitability and product mix—



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liquor to beer sales ratios have increased significantly. Such a system also allows the bartenders to mix or pour a drink much more easily and efficiently, allowing supervisory staff to devote more time to other duties.

Other renovations include the refrigeration system, cash registers linked to the Easy Bar system, and a storage closet at one end of the bar for

flats of bottles, etc. The counter itself has been fixed up a bit as well. The total cost of these renovations is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$18,000.

Naturally, quite a bit of thought and preparation went into the plans before they were adopted to insure that the proposed solutions would in fact adequately solve the problems.

Two Members Of SUNS Executive Resign

TRURO (CUP)—Two key members of the Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) steering committee have resigned, but the organization's chairperson says SUNS will continue to exist.

Janet Mrenica, public relations person; and B.J. Arsenault, treasurer, announced their resignations

during the organization's conference at the Agricultural College, September 28.

Mike McNeil, SUNS chairperson, said, "If an organization is going to continue to exist you have to prepare for turnover, but of course the loss is going to be felt."

Mrenica said, "Student or-

ganizations should have a cause behind them, student unionism, not just people."

"People were looking to me as the official voice of SUNS, as the backbone of the organization", she said.

Arsenault, the former chairperson of the organization, told the steering committee his duties as president of the Student Union at Acadia and his course load were leaving him too little time to do SUNS' work.

The steering committee members are: Mike McNeil of St. Mary's—chairperson, Dino Kubik of the Agricultural College—external affairs, Geri Geldart of Dalhousie—internal affairs, public relations person—vacant, treasurer—vacant.

The two vacant positions will be filled at the next SUNS conference slated for November.

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