

# News

## CAA warns of trouble brewing

# How many beer did you say you had?

by Cheryl McLean

The Canadian Automobile Association has expressed concerns about new brewer's products on the market which contain a higher alcohol content than regular beer.

The newest, with an alcohol percentage of 7.1, is Labatt's Maximum Ice.

The 7.1% alcohol content is substantially higher than the average 5% alcohol content of other beer.

CAA's main concern is that the new beer has "a dramatic increase in alcohol content," explained Gary Howard, a spokesperson for CAA in Saint. John.

Howard said that brewers should be more responsible and have a distinct alcohol content warning label.

He is especially concerned with the high level of alcohol and driv-

ing. He warns that a person's cut off point is usually two beer before driving, then two of the stronger beer would push that person over the limit.

He said that a beer with a higher alcohol content would take hours longer to get out of a person's system, and many do not realize this.

When asked if the Social Club staff watches the number of Labatt's Max Ice sold to one person compared to regular 5% beers, the assistant manager, Bridget Sullivan, explained, "It is difficult for the bartenders to keep track of what each individual is drinking, especially when there are 200 people and three bars open."

However, the bartenders do have meetings to learn hints indicating that a person is intoxicated. They watch for such things as fumbling

with change, asking repeatedly how much they owe, and so on.

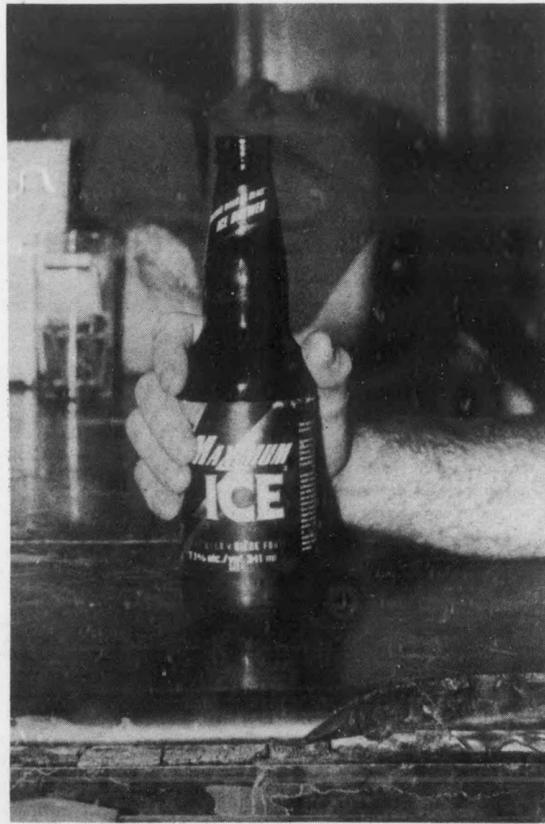
At this point the bartenders will get a bouncer to escort the person outside and they never let obvious intoxicated people into the club, she said.

Lisa Lane, the coordinator of SMART PACC feels that, "kids aren't using alcohol to enjoy it, they're using it to get drunk."

She worries that a person's first experience drinking is with such a potent beer. The beer's alcohol content is "in between drinking a beer and a glass of wine," said Lane.

Of course it is the individual's own decision on what to drink, "I just want them to know what can possibly happen," she said.

Unfortunately, a spokesperson for Labatt's Ltd. was not available for comment at press time.



Two of this brand = three regular beer. Photo by Marc Landry

## Women-only forum on rape-related issues held

by Denyelle Theriault

Building for a forum on rape related issues last Monday.

About 30 women gathered in the lounge of the Alumni Memorial

on such issues as rape, assault, ways

of preventing rape, and safe and unsafe spots on campus.

"We had been looking for an opportunity to have a forum and with the events of the past few weeks, it seemed like a good time," organizer Tristis Bhaird explained to the group.

She felt that women needed an opportunity to be able to meet as women to discuss the issue of rape.

The floor was turned over to the group, who talked about their personal views on rape and why they were at the forum.

"I'm sick and tired of how the police aren't dealing with the problem of rape," said one woman. Another likened rape to "a violation against your being."

There were many comments made and a variety of points were raised by the group.

One person wanted to know what choices were available to a victim other than going to the police, and how many assault victims were violated more than once.

It was felt that with the events of the past few months it is becoming more difficult to know who to turn to when reporting an assault.

A main concern was that people were not doing enough to help the victims of an assault.

There was the feeling among members that the police were not looking at the issue from a woman's point of view.

They see the police treating rape as if it were the same as a break and enter, and treating the victim as though she was the criminal.

A lot of concern also focused on the unsafe spots on campus.

Many of the women said they do not feel safe anywhere on campus; some said they do not even feel safe in a classroom full of people.

## UNB writer in residence wins Governor General's Award

by Jonathan Stone

Ottawa receiving a medallion and \$10 000 from Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn.

UNB's writer in residence, Karen Connelly, has been handed the 1993 Governor-General's award for non-fiction literature.

The 24-year old Calgary native plans to put the money towards a stone hut on the island of Lesbos, Greece.

Her winning book, Touch the Dragon, about a young woman's voyage into a new culture is her second novel.

The Governor General's list was compiled from books written and published by Canadians between October 1, 1992 and September 30, 1993.

At press time, Connelly was in



UNB's Writer in Residence, Karen Connelly. Photo by Kevin G. Porter

## Date rape forum held for No means No campaign

by Cheryl McLean

About 100 people attended an open forum on date rape provided by the Student Union.

The forum, which lasted two and a half hours, was held in conjunction with the 'No Means No' awareness campaign, and as a response to the recent Opinion piece by Matin Yaqzan.

The evening's itinerary included an informative discussion of incidents of unwanted sexual encounters, with guest speaker, Larry Finkelman of UNB Counseling Services.

His discussion was based primarily on a report carried out last year on statistics of assault on campus, where it was found that one in four UNB students will be the victim of an unwanted sexual experience.

Another guest speaker, Lorraine Whaley, of the Fredericton Rape Crisis Centre, informed everyone of

the resources available for additional information.

This was followed by a video, "It Still Hurts," which although was old, was still informative.

The floor was then opened up for discussion, and four people made comments.

One man revealed how his son had been assaulted and consequently promoted the use of body alarms.

SMART PACC co-ordinator Lisa Lane encouraged people to understand their personal drinking habits and when to call it quits. Many unwanted sexual experiences have involved alcohol, and Lane wants students to drink responsibly.

Student Union President Jamie van Raalte asked how men could get more positively involved in helping women deal with assault.

Campus Safety Coordinator Tammy Yates was pleased with the turnout.

*Never engage in a battle of wits  
with an unarmed person.*

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