

Face Lift

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Grawood's previous lack of diversity in regards to the food menu.

"We have a much expanded menu. We've got two pasta dishes, a lot more vegetarian dishes, and I think we're a lot more health food oriented than we were before. We're still greasy, but we also have health food if you don't want grease."

The new menu items were made possible by the recent purchase of a new grill. This allowed Kellow and his crew an alternative to the deep fryer for creating sauces and pasta.

The Corner Pocket is the SUB's most noticeable change. Over the past two years, Halifax has been the recipient of a pool hall boom. The DSU wanted something different while still remaining competitive.

"The Corner Pocket is pink. We decided to go for a sort of funky disco kind of thing. We saw a rather large drop-off of in business in the Corner Pocket over the last couple of years due to the

number of other pool halls in town. They [other pool halls] are all the same; sort of green and wood and conservative, so we decided to go completely in the other direction," says Chiasson.

The cosmetic changes to the SUB is an attempt by the DSU to keep themselves relevant to the average student.

"We've mainly tried to make it more accessible and friendly to students," said Chiasson. The changes are also an attempt to bring more money into the DSU coffers, as more businesses jockey for position in the lucrative student demographic. All told, it will still be up to the students to decide if they like their pool pink and their food healthy.

Mega-Classes at the Cohn

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Kimmins, who was Dean of Science when the decision to use the Cohn was made, also added that the department has hired a number of teacher's assistants to be in the lecture hall to help any students be-

fore, during, and after the lectures.

"It's a benefit for the department as well, as it releases professors to concentrate on upper year courses," said Kimmins, adding that there will also be more spaces available for other departments in the main lecture theatre in the Dunn building.

When mega-classrooms were discussed last year, other spaces such as the MacInnes room in the Student Union Building and Park Lane cinemas were studied as options. The Cohn was chosen both because of it's accessibility to campus, and for it's competitive price.

The Cohn classroom is being viewed as a pilot project for the proposed Arts and Social Science Building, which should be opened by the year 2000.

"What'll be critical will be the student evaluations," said Kimmins "If they are not positive, then we will have to look at this again."

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NDP leader meets with DSU executive

BY MARK REYNOLDS

New Democratic Party Leader and Halifax's newly elected member of Parliament, Alexa McDonough, dropped by Dalhousie's Grawood Lounge on Tuesday to acquaint herself with the Dalhousie Student Union executive.

McDonough chatted with DSU President Chris Adams, vice-president academic external Kevin Lacey, treasurer Ted Chiasson and executive administrator Amy MacIsaac for about an hour over lunch.

"The purpose of the meeting was just to touch base," said Adams, adding that the executive has been in contact with McDonough's office several times this summer to discuss issues such as student loans, rising tuition, and funding formulas for Maritime universities.

"We've been really happy with the reception and time that she and her office has given us" said Adams. The topics discussed ranged

from the NDP's plans for the upcoming session of Parliament, to the recent death of Princess Diana, to issues of student concern.

McDonough voiced her problems with the current government's approach to research and development, criticizing them for their reliance on the private sector.

"Industry doesn't do pure research," said McDonough. "They're kind of a parasite on the side of university and government research programs."

McDonough added that without more pure research happening, development opportunities will dry up.

McDonough also re-affirmed her commitment to unemployment and accessible education.

The current tuition/loans cycle, "is like a treadmill...this is a real priority for us."

McDonough also attended a function at the Weldon Law School later Tuesday afternoon to discuss related issues.



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