

# NEWS

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## Future of bar service still under consideration

by Mark I. Minor

On December 23, 1992, notices of layoff due to Job Discontinuance were given to the management of Campus Bar Services.

Bar Services Manager, Ric Cuthbertson, Assistant Bar Service Manager Peter Lund and Secretary M. Ellen Hawkins will not operate the existing service after February 26, 1993.

Subsequently, Cuthbertson sent letters to staff informing them of the university's decision to discontinue the service. Cuthbertson, when interviewed by phone by *The Brunswickan*, cited financial loss as the main reason for the move. He said that "although the number of events catered to by Bar Services is up by 25%, consumption has decreased by 50%."

*The Brunswickan* asked Cuthbertson about rumoured loss amounts. He replied that the average annual loss is \$25,000 to \$35,000, and this year's projected loss may be as much as \$130,000, but not without reason.

Cuthbertson explained that

when Bar Services was originally set up it was as a purely operational entity. All costs are treated as operating costs and are expensed in the fiscal year in which they are incurred. Therefore, management salaries and capital expenditures are not treated as fixed overhead.

Cuthbertson said that this causes the cost of capital equipment and renovations for the *Pub in the SUB* to contribute substantially to this year's unusually high loss figure. Cuthbertson also commented that if his and Hawkins' salaries were treated as fixed costs, Bar Services may break even over a normal year's operation.

Cuthbertson also told *The Brunswickan* that discontinuing the existing service does not mean that UNB will become a dry campus. He added that he expected that something good would come out of all the rumoured negativity.

*The Brunswickan* asked Cuthbertson about the future of the *Pub in the SUB* and if new

ideas for a bar service had been discussed. He replied that the existing Bar Service Management has submitted a proposal to the University. The proposal includes the continued operation of the pub and a service which would be limited to the Student Union Building. He confirmed that the Residence system was looking at options open to them and as well, the "Student Union has been doing their homework and may be drafting a proposal."

At the SU Council meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 1993, Councilor Youssef asked President Burchill if a proposal had been drafted. Burchill answered that although information had been collected, nothing concrete had been put on paper as yet.

The RRB and the Residence Dons and Proctors held a meeting as well on Wednesday at which bar service was discussed. *The Brunswickan* contacted Bridges Don Mary Williams, who chaired the meeting, for comment on what was discussed. Williams

said that the committee's priority was to maintain a system whereby house socials could continue. She added that a request would be put forward that the existing bar service be extended until April 4, 1993, the date of the last social which is presently scheduled.

House socials have two formats - open and closed. Attendance at open socials is not limited to house members and their guests but is extended to all UNB and STU students. Williams told the *Brunswickan* that if a bar service was operated in the SUB open socials could be held at locations in the building.

Closed socials are restricted to house members and their guests. Williams said that if a bar service is not available, closed socials would not have liquor sales, would still have C.P.'s and an

admission charge would probably be in effect. Policy and legalities concerning liquor distribution at closed socials are currently under investigation.

Williams also commented on the possibility of obtaining Special Occasion Liquor Licenses from the liquor board. She said that the committee had ruled that option out for closed socials. She said that "after very serious consideration" the Special Occasions Licenses carried too many limitations, the worst being that liability would rest on the shoulders of the House Don of the host house and the Dean of Residence.

She concluded that in light of the urgency of the situation as it currently stands, the "RRB and the Dons and Proctors have worked very well and pulled together" to try to find solutions to the pending problems.

## 5th Bridges' Polar Dip

by Karen Burgess

The 5th Annual Bridges House Polar Dip, to be held next Saturday, February 6th, may include a special guest dipper, Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside.

The members of Bridges House will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the Fredericton Metro Food Bank. If the members collection, reaches 2000 pounds (1 ton) of food for the Food Bank donation, Mayor Woodside has agreed to take the icy plunge with members of Bridges House. Bridges House members will be collecting door-to-door throughout Fredericton, tomorrow, Saturday January 30.

The Polar Dip, which will take place at 2:00 pm behind the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, is an event in which participants jump into the St. John River through a hole cut in the ice. Jumpers are provided with a life preserver with a safety rope attached.

After their jump is completed, participants run to warm up in the hot-tub provided by the nearby Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

The jump started with only 12 participants and has grown to include many more. Last year saw the inclusion of women in the event, Bridges House becoming a co-ed residence, and saw a record number of participants with 60 students jumping.

House President, Bruce Bell, predicts that this year may well be the biggest Polar Dip yet, and says the purpose of the Dip is not only to collect food, but "to raise awareness throughout the community of the ongoing need of the food bank."

## Occupational therapy promoted

by Pierre St. Amand

On Wednesday, February 3rd a presentation on occupational therapy will be held in hopes of generating new interest in this field.

In a recent interview, occupational therapy field work coordinator Carol Morrison revealed that a 20% vacancy rate exists here in our province for qualified therapists. She explains that the vacancy gap was created by difficulties such as high

entrance requirement, and increased concern by the general public and the medical profession about health promotion and maintenance rather than more conventional medicine.

For those interested, the session will focus on educational prerequisites usually leading to the Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy, Canadian programs of study available to the students, New Brunswick financial aid and incentives, as well as the prospects and

opportunities of employment in this field.

These opportunities include clinical practice, administration, teaching, private practice and consultation. Information concerning this session will be available at room 104 in Kierstead Hall from 12:00 noon until 1:30 pm, with a presentation being held from 12:40 until 1:00 PM.

The speaker will be Carol Morrison of the New Brunswick Dept. of Health and Community Services, and she has indicated that presentations will probably take place on a yearly basis.

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that in the opinion of the SU's solicitor "in a practical sense" its a restricted membership because you're not going to feel welcome, and these are groups you're a member of because you feel that you're part of that, and it's part of your definition of who you are."

She continues "We're not saying those groups shouldn't exist because they certainly have an important function on the campus and in society, but the Student Union probably shouldn't be in-

olved with them."

Dennis McCarron says he feels the Student Union is confusing the terms 'recognition' and 'support' and that recognition of the groups does not affiliate the Union with Party policies.

Chris Reynolds of the NDP feels that the continuing controversy is frustrating and that the time would be better spent if the groups could concentrate on organizing their fledgling memberships.

This sentiment was echoed by McCarron, who says the issue is time consuming to everyone involved. He says because of the conflict, "we're not accomplishing our mandate as a club and we don't feel the Student Union's accomplishing to the maximum capacity of their mandate by this action."

Yates stresses that the reason the Union's solicitor was contacted was to avoid further time-consuming conflicts. When asked if she foresees any legal action taken by student groups in the course of the conflict's resolution, Yates responded:

"That's what we're trying to avoid by following the advice of the lawyer. That's certainly the advice of the executive committee, because we would hate to see students money wasted on a legal battle. That's why we're accepting his advice."

## BoG considers co-operative daycare

by Gordon Loane

UNB's Board of Governors is considering a plan this week that could establish a co-operative day care facility on campus. The facility would accommodate 60 pre-schoolers.

A new building would be constructed with the assistance of a 225 thousand dollar grant from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education and other fundraising activities. Several sites are under active consideration. If the plan gets the tentative go-ahead the facility would open next September.

"It's the culmination of several years of work," says Anna MacDonald, Vice-President of the UNB Student Union. "We've prepared an extensive package for the Board of Governors."

The facility would have spaces for the pre-schoolers of 36 students and 24 faculty/staff members. "It will work on a user pay basis and cost 350 dollars a month which is below what is being charged elsewhere in the city," MacDonald says.

A nine member Board of Directors will operate the facility as a co-op. It will employ a Director and two teachers full-

time. Seven or eight other part-time jobs will be created.

The Architect Design Group of Fredericton has been hired by the university to create the facility. MacDonald says three plans at various total costs were developed: "While one plan has been picked it's still tentative pending approval of the Board of Governors," MacDonald says.

The university will be assisting the co-op with maintenance, heating and cleaning. The UNB Student Union will be looking at two funding requests in the near future, MacDonald says.

The Daycare will need initial funding to equip the facility and a play ground. "In addition, we're looking at subsidizing the facility on an annual basis to help reduce the 350 dollar monthly user fee for student clients," MacDonald added.

Fundraising drives and contributions from Campus, UNB graduate students, campus and Saint Thomas Student Union and administration will be sought. "We expect to approach the faculty association as well," she says.

If the Board of Governors gives it tentative approval this week, final approval would be

expected by March. "That's the current time table," MacDonald says. "There'll be plenty of work to get the daycare up and running by September."

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belief that the university attrition rate is too high." But what is even more concerning, according to the Commission, is that few statistics are being kept which point out the extent of this problem. The Commission says the situation needs to be remedied.

The Commission also recommends that universities in New Brunswick continue to set their own tuition levels. Several briefs to the Commission suggested that the provincial government should set tuition levels each year. The Commission also rejects a suggestion that the cost of tuition should vary depending on the program a student registers in. In the long run, tuition levels will continue to rise, the Commission says. And somewhat more pessimistically, the Commission says "in the immediate future, there will be a requirement for students to pay a larger share of instructional costs."

## Amateur Radio Club Update

In the article on the UNB Amateur Radio Club's participation in International Development Week, the *Brunswickan* left out some pertinent information. The release should have read as follows:

The UNB Amateur Radio Club will be participating in an International Development Week Ham Radio Event, on Wednesday February 3rd. The event is part of the Canadian International Development Agency's International Development Week, which will be from February 1st-7th, inclusive. The UNB Amateur Radio Club will be contacting amateur radio operators for twelve hours, beginning at 8:00 AM, in the Blue Lounge of the Student Union Building.