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## Brunsbits

What not to say on Valentines Day:

You're the chosen one, baby, meet the "Love Machine"

Here are some chocolates. I hope they don't go to your hips like last year.

I bought dinner, you owe me - wink wink.

You're one of the girls I want to spend the rest of my life with.

Get off me, you geek, you smell like Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Happy Belated B-Day to Marlene B

Hard times come again to pub STU, UNB SU



The financial statement for The Cellar has been released.

**Photo by Paul Mysak** 

By Gordon Loane Brunswickan News

The UNB Student Union owned and operated pub The Cellar is running a \$26,000 operating deficit up to the end of January, according to a report released this week.

The pub began operation in September thanks to a \$30,000 loan from the Student Union to cover the cost of equipment and other start up costs.

The pub requested and received a further \$11,000 loan in January for what Student Union President Paul Estabrooks called cash flow.

Estabrooks points to a \$2,100 operating profit last month as reason for optimism.

He says it is the third month in a row the pub has operated in the black after sizeable deficits in September and October.

Estabrooks chalks up the operating deficits in the fall as part of the learning curve.

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"Obviously we had to learn about hours, sales, products, and staff hours the first two months."

"We were doing a lot of things with a limited number of people," he said. "But we've made adjustments and tried new things."

"For example, we've erected a new sign in the bottom lobby of the SUB and have increased our sales on food by fifty per cent this week," Estabrooks said.

The pub will definitely close by the end of April for the four summer months Estabrooks told the Brunswickan this week.

"There just is not enough business to said.

justify regular operations."

In the immediate term, Estabrooks feels the operating deficit can be reduced by \$4,000 over the next three months.

"I think it's realistic to assume a \$22,000 operating deficit by the end of the academic year," he said.

That would be a far cry from the original optimistic forecast of a breakeven budget as envisaged in last year's Student Union budget.

In the longer term, Estabrooks thinks the two operating loans totalling \$41,000 can be retired in a few years but refuses to say anything more specific.

In the meantime, The Cellar pub manager, Steve Firlotte, has been given a ringing endorsement by UNB Student Union VP Pat FitzPatrick.

"I think he is doing a good job," he

## STU, UNB SU actions "appalling" according to national IS group

Brunswickan News

The International Socialists, a Toronto-based group, is taking the UNB and STU Student Unions to task for comments on posters distributed in connection with the January 25 National Student Strike.

The posters accused International Socialists of trashing high school cafeterias and harassing federal Cabinet Minister, Lloyd Axworthy's children at his home and at their schools.

"These accusations are totally unfounded," the group says in a document obtained by *The Brunswickan*.

"We find it extremely disturbing that these Student Unions would resort to such methods for their own political agenda — which is, as they have stated, to win a referendum in March to disaffiliate from the Canadian Federation of Students."

"At a time when the federal government is engaging in the largest assault on social programs in the history of Canada, including post-secondary education, to attack those who are organizing in opposition to these attacks is appalling," the International Socialists say.

The group points out that the January 25 day of student strike and action was widely supported by over 100 national and local organizations, representing millions of people in this country.

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"Both student unions should know better given their membership in CFS which called for the January 25 action and by the great success of the day which brought out over 80,000 students across the country, including 2,000 in Halifax, 3,000 in St. John's and 15,000 in Montreal."

According to local IS leader Shawn Corey, there were about 80people at the strike in Fredericton.



By Janice McConnell and Michael Drost Brunswickan News

Business students are the guinea pigs for UNB's new on-line registration system.

Students in business who have completed 84 credit hours and have the potential to graduate in April 1996 will be part of the pilot project to computerize registration. Registration for those students begins this Monday with registration for students in all other faculties to start in mid-March.

The new modem-based computer system will eliminate the traditional lining up at the Aitken Centre in the fall. Students will be able to use computers on campus or dial in by modem from any

computer to make their course selections.

"The first step is to seek academic advice," said Rufus McKillop, Associate Registrar, Systems.

Students can only begin making course selections after consulting with program advisors and getting a PIN to access the programs.

"There will be minor problems in that people are not used to the system but we will have trained staff to take them through the process," said McKillop.

He commented that students not used to computers will probably experience the most difficulty.

The pilot program is using the Business students to work out any problems in the system.

"The pilot program will be used to get the bugs out of it. In any new system there is always the possibility that something was overseen," said McKillop. "There are 200 fourth year Business students which is easier to handle than 6000 students."

Students closest to graduation will be given first pick in their course selections with students in their fourth year or above given precedence.

"Students will be allocated the times at which they can register," said McKillop.

"They can register at any time after that, but not before," he added. "Not everyone can be on the system at once."

The on-line registration system is seen as part of the learning process which will

help the development of a on-going joint project between UNB and Dalhousie University, according to McKillop. The two universities are pooling their resources to develop a Student Information System, including registration, which will eventually replace the current mainframe-based system.



Information sessions were held in departments across campus this week to help students choose majors and courses. Providing information in the English department are Prof Martin, Prof Colson, and fourth-year honours students Ted Hamilton and Heather.

Photo by Marc Landry