

# Smoke Shoppe fed up, will get heavy with shoplifters

By DAVE SIMMS

Two book and parcel bunks will be installed "immediately" at the Smoke Shoppe's (Fredericton) Ltd. branch in the Student Union Building on the University of New Brunswick campus.

A store official, Jim Belding, announced last week one five-foot square bunk would be placed at each entrance and students would have to leave their books there before entering the store. Valuables could be left under the counter.

"We're sorry about the inconvenience," he said, "but in the end it's for their own benefit."

Belding said shoplifting—mostly of a petty nature—was responsible for the bunks being constructed. Theft in the past had reduced their profit by two to three per cent.

He said he was sick of seeing one envelop removed from an instant soup package or finding half-eaten chocolate bars. Significant losses were reported in magazines. He said for every one stolen, it usually took the sale of five more to break even.

"We take the initial loss," he said, "but eventually we have to pass it on to the students."

The theft of five or six newspapers from outside the store each morning, he said, ran into \$2-300 each year. Loss on magazines due "at least in part to shoplifting" totalled half his fixed profit. Belding said if the loss continued he might be forced to discontinue sales of the magazines.

"If they're going to rip us off, we'll pull the service," he said.

He said management hoped the bunks would eliminate staff having

to "hassle and accuse people." He said it was also possible that theft could be reduced to the point where the saving could be passed on to students through lower prices. Not having to carry books around, he said, should also make it more pleasant for students.

Belding said they were also negotiating the hiring of private security. These would be bonded

persons, he said, so the store wouldn't fear law suits from offenders being mishandled. The personnel would act only with reasons however, he said.

Experience had shown that warnings or being prohibited from returning to the store didn't work said Belding, so all cases will be prosecuted. This means going to city police or the UNB board of

deans, he said. They will not take cases to the Student Disciplinary Committee—which would penalize an offender but not effect the police record.

"It's not very pleasant," he said, "and it might mean having a police record for a stupid magazine—but we will prosecute."

## Chinese junket planned

Saint Mary's University has announced that it is planning a four week study-and-travel visit to China as part of its Asian Studies Program. The trip will be part of a full credit course to be offered under the auspices of the Saint Mary's summer school.

Students from other Maritime universities are being invited to join the Saint Mary's group.

The course will take students into China to view developments in that country at first hand. The students will be given an intensive week of orientation prior to entering The People's Republic of

China, and on departure another week will be devoted to analysis and interpretation of individual experiences. This study of China's development under communism will be undertaken from a variety of disciplines including history, economics, geography, politics, sociology and the arts.

The itinerary will include such places as Canton, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Yenan, Sian, Shih-chia-chuang, Peking and Kueilin.

The course will be conducted by Dr. Mary Sun, Chairman of Saint Mary's Asian Studies Program.

## No Africa Night this year

There will not be an Africa Night this year. Due to delays in the arrival of materials ordered from Africa, the annual production cannot be produced. The production was originally planned for February 1, but due to the delays it was hoped that it could be squeezed in before the end of the year.

Afam Ogbechie, President of the

African Student Union, told the Brunswickian that "the rumor that it is not on because of lack of enthusiasm is not true. On the contrary, members are very enthusiastic and very disappointed that it cannot be held this year. I hope that next year we will have a very successful Africa Night."

Africa night has always been a popular attraction at UNB.

## Work on Aitken resumes soon

By LORNE PARKER

"Work on the Aitken University Centre is scheduled to resume around the middle of March," said project manager Eric Garland.

At present the only people working on the project site are plumbers who are working inside the tunnel. All outdoor construction had to be closed down in January due to weather conditions.

General Sound representatives from Toronto and St. John met Tuesday morning with Garland.

During the meeting the topic of inadequate acoustical systems was discussed and General Sounds agreed to revise the present contract.

In an interview Wednesday Garland said there are no problems between him and the SRC. He stated that the reason for the previous misunderstanding was an "unfortunate situation and was caused by a lack of information between the two parties."

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