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Campus Briefs

Frenette to be on Campus

Interim provincial leader Ray Frenette will be on campus for a "free-wheeling bear-pit session" with the students of UNB and STU. This is not a speech-making session, but a chance to listen to the students.

The program is to begin at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, in Tilley Hall, Room 303 on the campus of UNB, Fredericton. History professor Steve Patterson will moderate the session.

Word Soon on 3CF Rebates

John Bosnitch expects to have word by the end of the week about continuing the Third Century Fund rebates. Payment of the ten dollar rebates has been held up by the Business Office. Many students have expressed disgust at not receiving their payments. Some have no idea what the money is meant for, just that they want it back, asking "Where's my ten bucks from the Twentieth Century Fund?"

CP's have new execs

The Campus Police have a new Chief and three Assistant Chiefs. Greg Dickie takes the helm with Steve McGill, David Vautour and Barb Whitenect assisting for the 1984-85 school year.

Snowstorm cancels class

Classes at UNB were cancelled around noon on Wednesday as a storm enveloped the campus. The storm was expected to lump 20 centimetres of flakes on Southern New Brunswick. Saint Thomas University was open for business as usual.

STU SRC Suspends Aquinian

A confused St. Thomas student body woke Wednesday to find a familiar paper under a different banner lying on their doorsteps. *THE AKWINYAN* is just the latest chapter in the ongoing saga of a disagreement between the St. Thomas Student Council and the editorial board of the St. Thomas student paper *THE AQUINIAN*.

The decision to publish their paper under a different banner was made by the Aquinian staff after the newspaper's printer, Henley Publishing contacted the Editor, Peter Boisseau, to inform him that SRC President, Barry Power, had told them not to print the Aquinian. Arriving at an accommodation with Henley it was decided to go ahead and publish under a different name, the ownership of the title being the subject of some concern. While the result of this decision made its unhealed appearance Wednesday morning, the decision to go ahead and publish was made Tuesday afternoon before St. Thomas' regular SRC meeting Tuesday night.

After holding an in camera discussion the St. Thomas SRC voted on a motion to suspend the Aquinian constitution and dismiss the entire editorial board of the paper. Council passed the motion voting 12 for and 1 against with no abstentions. In a statement released after the meeting the Council cited failure on the part of the Editorial Board to "manage a financial responsible operation" and "deal frankly and honestly with the student body at all times", as being the reasons for the closure. The appointment of a new Editorial Board is being left until after the seating of the new Council at St. Thomas on March 20.

When contacted, a current Council member would not elaborate further upon the proceedings of the meeting other than to reiterate the official communique. Tim Desmond, when interviewed on the CBC Rolling Home Show, provided

no greater enlightenment on what was meant by a failure to provide frank and honest dealings with the students. In a note to Boisseau, Power informed him that he was standing on the February 7 decision of the Council that the Aquinian could only be published when they - the Aquinian - had sufficient funds to cover the printing in the bank. Boisseau and the rest of the editorial staff say

they have the monies necessary in accounts receivable to cover the costs of publication, citing, \$1600 in revenues coming from Campus Plus, the advertising arm of the Canadian University Press, and a further \$1000 from local advertisers. Boisseau points out

that the \$1800 debit in the Aquinian's account is easily covered by the outstanding monies and the Aquinian

has not violated good book-keeping or business practices.

Boisseau feels the reason behind Council's action is their fundamental disagreement with the manner in which the Aquinian covered SRC news, preferring instead a paper to act as a SRC newsletter. Further he promises to continue to publish a newsletter with the aid of CUP and local supporters.

Liquor Fees go from 8% - 18%

By CHRIS CHAPMAN
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Student leaders were shocked and outraged this week as rumours circulated about an increase in the administration fee on liquor sales from 8% to 18%. No official notice was given to students about the proposed increase although its effect will be felt mostly by students. It is likely the increase will come into effect immediately.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) condemned the increase. Past vice-president of the Forestry Association, Laura Ann Andrews, said that even now pubs are lucky to just break even. With an increase, "there's no way on earth you can make any money."

Pubs used to be a major source of funds for student organizations. Bob Leachman, president of the Forest Engineering Students Association (FESA) expressed his concern: "It'd be pretty near impossible for an organization to break even on a pub."

Several residence house committees are also worried about the proposed increase, since it perhaps spells the demise of socials.

The increase has been proposed because of the loss of \$2,366 from September to December by SUB Holdings Ltd. on the administration of liquor sales on campus. SUB Holdings was set up last year by the

Student Union Building (SUB) Board for this purpose.

A memo from university vice-president James O'Sullivan noted the responsibility for any loss on liquor sales falls upon the SUB Board and therefore upon SUB Holdings. On March 7, the members of SUB Holdings voted to increase the fee to 18%.

Brent Bartley, chairman of SUB Holdings, defended the increase. The company could be declared legally responsible for a loss, he said, so an increase is necessary.

The increase must still be approved by the Special Events Committee and the university administration, however all those involved seem to feel the increase is inevitable. Dean of Students, Barry Thompson, says he will try to keep the cost to students as low as possible, and try to delay implementation of the increase until the term is over.

Vice-president O'Sullivan indicated he was willing to wait until figures for the Spring term, and the beginning of the coming summer were in, to see if there was any change. SUB Holdings chose to apply for an immediate increase.

Students will feel the increase the most, although the new fee will apply to all events where liquor is sold. But because student organizations set their own

prices, they are charged the fee on the product cost (eg: approximately 69 cents for a beer), plus the bartender's wages and the price of glasses. Non-student events charge fixed prices, (\$1.65 for a beer), which already includes wages and glasses and that price will go up by 10%.

O'Sullivan has the final approval or disapproval on the matter, and feels the group which has not been paying its share of the administrative costs is the student population. He said he will have to decide if the students alone will face an increase or if the increase will apply to non-students as well. He noted that this group has paid slightly more than its share of the costs.

It is likely an increase will go into effect immediately, since that is what SUB Holdings asked for. This would presumably not apply to events which are already fully booked, but it could adversely affect the operation of the remaining pubs and socials planned for the rest of the term.

With Pubs-in-the-SUB already having trouble competing with the Social Club's liquor prices, especially when admission prices are considered, some see this as the end of pubs, which have steadily declined in profitability. It is possible the few remaining pubs of this year will not be too badly harmed, but next year may be a lot quieter in the SUB and in residences.