

Acadia SU ends Censor Board

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The Student Council of Acadia University recently returned editorial freedom to the Acadia student newspaper, the *Athenaeum*.

Student councillors proofread the newspaper's layout flats and drove the paper to the printer, tasks usually performed by *Athenaeum* staff members.

Editor Kim Munroe reported in the Jan. 29 issue of the *Athenaeum* that some councillors and student union employees consumed liquor in Acadia's Axe Lounge after hours during the Superbowl game on Sunday, Jan. 25, contrary to the conditions of the Lounge's "Special Premise License".

According to their license, liquor can not be served during hours when the Lounge is normally closed, in this case, Sunday. The possible penalty for such an infraction is the indefinite closure of the Lounge.

The situation is compounded by the fact that the Lounge is not open for bookings by

groups, a rule those in attendance overlooked.

Gus Murray, Supervisor for the Inspection Department of the Nova Scotia Liquor Licensing Board, stated that "it does not matter if it was a party for the staff or not. Consumption of liquor (in a licensed premises) on Sunday is against the law."

Craig Kennedy, Acadia Liquor Services Manager, stated that the liquor was not sold, but "given" to those involved, a situation Murray stated required permission from the Chairperson of the Liquor Licensing Board in Halifax. If the violation had been reported to the board, the Lounge could have lost its license.

Athenaeum Editor Kim Munroe reported in her editorial of the Jan. 29 issue that the Axe could lose its liquor license because a "few privileged assholes" violated liquor regulations.

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Administration. The students were approached by UNB Security and SUB Director Kim Norris, asked to leave, and upon refusal, Fredericton City Police were called in.

Kim Norris identified himself as SUB Director to the students and asked them to leave again, upon refusal, Constable Jean Lally intervened and explained that if the students failed to leave they could be arrested on grounds of obstruction.

Michael Bennet and Anthony English then removed themselves and their metal, Province of New Brunswick ballot boxes from the premises.

Editor's note: repeat performance Thursday afternoon met with same frustration. At press time Student Union Inc. members were escorted out of the SUB by the City Police.

The Council's move to monitor the *Athenaeum* followed a one-week shutdown last fall, when council closed the paper because Student Council President Peter Sonnichsen was dismayed by the paper's quality and the staff's failure to elect an editor.

read flats to ensure that no libelous statements were printed in the *Athenaeum*, but Munroe called the councillors a "Censor board" more interested in prohibiting copy that reflects poorly on council than in curtailing libelous statements.

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Sonnichsen said Munroe's article is libelous, and that council could be sued because it publishes the *Athenaeum*.

Munroe, however, said "it's ludicrous to think that anybody would have sued", because the people mentioned in the article would in effect have to sue themselves.

Sonnichsen said councillors

Most of the councillors "know nothing about journalism or libel", Munroe said.

Sonnichsen said Munroe sensationalized her editorial with the word "asshole", although Munroe said councillors are just concerned about their image.

"They don't want the truth to be known", she said.

Acadia students questioned the necessity of a censor board, suggesting a solution to the problem by publishing apologies by Munroe for her editorial and one from those who attended the party. Other students favored the Student Council using the open forum of "Letters to the Editor" to settle the dispute. Most students favored the *Athenaeum* being able to publish free of student council battles.

The issue was settled when Munroe apologized publicly for her editorial of Jan. 29 in the Feb. 17 issue of the *Athenaeum*.

The *Athenaeum*/Student council struggle continues as the *Athenaeum* does not have a constitution, a situation the council tried to remedy by forming a committee to write one without informing the *Athenaeum* of their actions.

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Students go to Mexico positions still available

At a recent meeting in the Integrated University Complex, Dr. Dan Gleason, Professor of Latin American Studies, and members of his group discussed their rewarding experiences living with Mexican families last summer. They participated in a programme sponsored by the Experiment in International Living, founded in 1932 by

American professor Dr. Donald B. Watt. The EIL experience is based primarily on the homestay, living as a member of a family in another country.

This summer's programme (1987) promises to be a special challenge. It is to last six weeks (July 18 until August 30) and will cost from \$1 000 to \$1 200 including travel from Frederic-

ton to Mexico. There will be a three day stay in Mexico City to experience the special delights and attractions of that enormous metropolis. A one week homestay with middle and upper class families in Toluca, capital of the State of Mexico, will be followed by a four week homestay in a nearby village. Community improvement projects, mainly

focussing on upgrading kitchens in the village, will take place at that time. The Group Leader is Prof. Jack Patterson (French and Spanish). Juan Montalvo is giving free Spanish lessons twice weekly (phone 455-4161) and orientation meetings will be held occasionally. Deadline for applications is April 15.