

EDITORIAL

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UNB not Fredericton's entertainment mecca

The University of New Brunswick is not the entertainment mecca for all of Fredericton. Social events on campus are designed for the enjoyment of UNB students, staff and faculty; those both above and below the legal drinking age of nineteen. That is why we have "Wet and Dry" events. Our pubs and concerts are not for the city's pubescents. Their parents do not like that, and neither do we.

In the past, it has happened on numerous occasions that an underage person not affiliated with this university or any university has gained admission to UNB pubs and concerts. The most glaring example, and the one that most cries for stricter regulations, is the reportedly twelve-year-old boy at the Spoons concert last year. The boy was signed in as a guest of a UNB student, which was allowed under last year's rules. Consider what could have happened: The SUB Cafeteria was packed with hundreds of exuberant rock fans with about ten Campus Police officers in charge of keeping the peace and making sure only those with "wet" stamps were drinking. The C.P.s have, let us face it, an impossible task when it comes to the latter. In a crowd that size, anyone could have been buying the boy drinks. He could have gotten very drunk, his parents ask where he was drinking, and the boy, being after all *juste un garcon*, spills his guts, as it were. Father gets on the phone to the University, the Liquor Control Commission, or Everett Chalmer's alcohol police, and before you can say "Jack Daniel's" UNB is drier than a WCTU tea party.

We must remember that the "Wet and Dry" option is a privilege, not a right. The Liquor Control Commission granted us the option due to our unique situation of having events for a certain population, some of whom are not old enough to drink, but are nevertheless members of the university. Since it is a privilege, we are more subject to arbitrary rulings of the Commission. One false move, and we are dry.

There are certain economic considerations. An event that is "Wet and Dry" will not make as much money for financially stressed organizations. People who cannot drink are costing money. It is suggested that bartenders charge the same for soft drinks as for alcoholic beverages. However, a senior bar manager will tell you it is near impossible to control the sale of pop.

Campus Services Limited offers entertainment on campus for less than you will pay elsewhere. They can do it because they are subsidized by a portion of your student fees. It is unfair for numbers of non-UNB people to benefit from the lower prices.

We must re-establish the old rule that limits under-age guests to the spouse of a student or faculty member, or to someone who had university identification (regardless of university). This rule was enforced in the mid-1970's and served the university well.

There once was a time, around 1976-1977, that if a "townie" showed his face on campus, he would almost immediately be beaten up. We in no way advocate such a barbarous situation, but we as UNB students must assert that our campus is for our use. Allowing the UNB campus to be a playground for Fredericton's youth is dangerous, irresponsible, and of questionable legality.



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This year's darling of the media seems to be UNB's own Campus Services Limited (CSL). CSL has made the news countless times in the past weeks. Fredericton's radio stations, CIHI, CBC, and CFNB as well as the *Daily Gleaner* and the Broadcast News service have been reporting CSL's, shall we say, financial irregularities. They currently have an \$11,000 tax bill from the sale of cigarettes as well as many other large debts. In the auditor's report, submitted by Chartered accountant, John Weatherhead, he stated he could not give an opinion whether CSL was in a proper financial situation. That, coming from a professional accountant, is the kiss of death as far as business goes.

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The Winter Carnival is in full swing. I hope everyone is availing themselves of the opportunity to have some winter fun. Congratulations to Mike Cassidy and all his staff who have so far made Snow Bash memorable.

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A note of appreciation is due also to the Physical Plant's Operations crew. They're the fellows who have been plowing roads and shovelling walkways on campus during this recent spell of bitterly cold weather. If you students have to walk from class to class in this cold, think of **working** in it.

Thanks also to the painting crew who have been working in the *Brunswickian* offices this week. They did a very quick, quality job. The Bruns walls are now a very smart bright blue. (Hey, scoff if you will, but this is big news to us. We only get painted every five years, if we need it or not).

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I urge everyone to read this week's feature, "The Yuppies Have Landed." A follow-up to last week's feature, this piece is a report on the debate between Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman that took place at Dal. last Thursday. The 1960's are long past, as is the idealism and social action of that decade. It's a shame we, as college students, no longer have the desire to help our society grow. The climate of the sixties helped bring final emancipation to Blacks, bring women greater equality than ever before, and made a great nation question its involvement in an Asian war. Mr. Rubin and Mr. Hoffman have some choice words to say about the 1980's, Canada, and each other.