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## Local tavern owners exert pressure on NBLCC

By DERWIN GOWAN

Problems in student entertainment was one of the major topics of last Sunday's Alumni sponsored conference of student leaders.

The major entertainment question discussed was the attempt by the Fredericton businessmen to net more of the campus business.

According to Dean of Students Barry Thompson, the local tavern owners let it be known last summer that they were displeased with the business they were losing to the campus pubs in the Student Union Building, residences, and, formerly, McConnell Hall. The New Brunswick Liquor Control Commission let him know they would be enforcing liquor regulations more strictly than in the past.

They told him they were letting "a number of clandestine operations go by," Thompson said. However, he said, they could not continue to do this if the "increasing pressure" from the Fredericton businessmen was kept up.

We discovered we were broadly operating a bootlegging operation by their definition," Thompson said. Campus pubs break the law when they show profits, he said.

Thompson said he was trying to formulate a "package deal" for the campus which would keep the university within the strict letter of the law but still allow alcoholic activities on campus to continue. This would include the faculty club, social club, student union pubs, and residence pubs and bars.

Student union comptroller Wenceslaus Batanyita said the tavern owners were doing this to get student business, but "if students are united" the students can still have their own pubs. "We should be prepared to protect the rights of students as such ... and not be swayed by tavern managers," he said.

Thompson replied that liquor inspectors have the right to enter any alcoholic event at any time and if the event is being run within the letter of the law, then there was nothing to worry about. Therefore, he said, arrangements should be made to continue campus activities.

Chairman of the Student Union Building Board of Directors Dave Miller said the NBLCC was a political organization and, "The tavern owners were really leaning on the NBLCC last year."

He said New Brunswick liquor laws, more than any other province, are designed for profit making. For example, he said liquor could only be bought from government outlets and it was "very illegal" to buy it directly from the breweries.

Student Union president elect Jim Smith said he and the pubs officer were looking into the situation and a meeting was planned with the NBLCC. They were particularly concerned with high school students on campus, he said.

One concession granted by the government last summer, Thompson said, was that residences will be considered private homes so that it will be legal to drink in lounges and common rooms as well

as in private rooms.

Other entertainment questions discussed centered around other forms of entertainment besides alcohol related ones. Student councillor Bram Nelissen said students are "irresponsible" and he pointed out such incidences as the theft last year of the memorial book from the Memorial Student Centre. Student Union vice-president Gordon Kennedy added that the winter carnival banner was stolen three times last year. They both agreed that "taking their beer away" would not solve the problem.

Rather, said Nelissen, "There is a lack of leadership." Rules should be more strictly enforced, he said.

However, Miller said rules should not be too strictly enforced, as a large part of the problem lies in the inadequacy of facilities in the Student Union Building and other such facilities. He said he would rather see facilities used with the rules broken than have the facilities not used.

It was suggested the Memorial Student Centre be opened as a student lounge, although it was remarked that more janitors and policing personnel would have to be employed.

Campus Police chief Darrell Hebb said campus police were being put on duty at pubs due to increasing violence. He said he had no solutions for the increase in vandalism and destruction.



The social club is one of the more popular entertainment areas on campus. It is the only place where you can legally buy liquor on campus.

## SRC speaks on ticket sales for future pubs

By PAT POTTER

Ticket sales took precedence over all else in last Monday's Student Council meeting. After lengthy debate council decided that as a general policy for all events wherein more than 400 students are involved; only bonafide UNBF, UNBSJ and STU students qualify to buy tickets; tickets are to be spread over three days at least one week before the scheduled event, and input on how they are sold is to be made to the chairman of the committee running the event and to the president of the SRC.

Discussion leading up to this motion began with a motion by Gordon Kennedy to have the sale of extravaganza tickets sold proportionately two-thirds to off campus students and one-third to on campus students in hopes that this might make it fairer for off campus students.

Kennedy said later he introduced the motion out of deference to the large number of residence students present.

"There was no malice in fore-thought in bringing this motion forward," said Damian Bone. Residences have common rooms. There is a lot of apathy among off campus students. This was proposed to bring these students together at extravaganza, Bone continued.

No separation should take place between residence and off campus students. Residence students pay SRC fees and this an SRC function,

said Chris Pratt.

This is for the students farther away from campus who may not get in to get tickets, said Eric Semple.

Bram Nelissen entered, if you don't feel that the students are getting a fair deal then cut the amount of tickets into three groups and sell them on different days.

Gary Wood stated that with 350 people allowed at a SUB pub and 1/2 of these people being residence students this means 175 off campus students get to attend an event a week.

One of the underlying problems is the decision not to use McConnell for pubs.

At this point Barry Newcombe chairman of the Winter Carnival committee gave his stand. Newcombe said he would let the SRC's decision go but it should be up to the Winter Carnival committee. "I won't resign but people on my committee say they will," said Newcombe. "It seems that on this campus if people don't succeed the first time they quit."

There is an underlying assumption that residence students are holding McConnell Hall over the heads of other students. This is not so, since neither faction will be using McConnell, said Brian Forbes. "If you choose to live off campus then it is your choice. If you want to miss classes on Thursday to get tickets, then you get up and get tickets."

There was also a general consensus on council that SRC

representative should be present at Winter Carnival meetings. This resulted from the point made by Newcombe that he had not had one member of the SRC approach him with respect to Winter Carnival. Nelissen suggested that the motion be tabled to give council time to consider it. He also suggested a committee be formed to study the matter.

As the final draft of the motion was made, Jim MacLean asked what provision would be made for St. Thomas students.

Kennedy replied that there was a previous policy statement saying that STU has equal rights with UNB.

The final motion as presented at the beginning of this article was passed 9:2:1.

## Dean upset with department

By DERWIN GOWAN  
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Dean of Students Barry Thompson said he was very much against the decision of the Athletics department to not allow an off-campus team to play in the intramural hockey league. He said he was "very upset" that "unethical practices" were encouraged for what is a "very logical" endeavour.

He said this at last Sunday's conference of student leaders sponsored by the alumni.

It was also suggested at the conference that casual workouts in the gym, pool, and rink be given more priority than they presently are.

The position of the Students' Athletics Association was also discussed but no one seemed to know what this organization was, how its members was appointed, or what they were doing.

SAA member Tom Best said this body is presently doing nothing later in an interview.

Intramural and recreational director Amby Legere said the president is elected and class representatives are recommended by class organizations.

President Bryan Pryde was elected by acclamation last year.

## Flights will carry students to Montreal

Students wishing to fly to Montreal for Christmas can get tickets through Gordon Kennedy, vice-president of the SRC.

Council has booked a limited number of seats with some group rates. Flights will be leaving Fredericton for Montreal December 17, 18, 19 and 20, evenings and mornings. Return flights will begin January 5 and end the 6.