

Pubs bite the dust



This summer the Residential administration got together to enforce the rules of a policy established in 1976. The New Brunswick Liquor Control Commission rules were apparently broken by houses obtaining profits through house events and cover charges at pubs, houses not buying liquor licenses, not using campus police, and not controlling the number of students attending. Because of these rules being broken, the administration has opted for "closed socials" as opposed to open pubs.

Fredericton High School students attending local pubs have also played an important role in the administration's decision. The high school students created tension and many disturbances while attending the residential pubs. After talking to several house representatives the impression received was that very little damage

was actually done and the money to pay for the damage that did result was to come out of residential house dues.

The decision for closed socials was made during the summer without the student body being fully represented. This is significant because the proctors and social chairmen of the various houses had no input on such a crucial decision. Why was it that these people did not receive any say in this matter?

A healthy work environment is obviously being put forward. The idea here may be to influence the student to drink less in residence. (Is the system trying to control the students' idea of socializing?) Closed socials will not determine whether or not a student has any less to drink. Mind you, diminishing access to alcohol on campus could only persuade students to go off campus to drink.

The most amusing idea behind these closed socials is that they must be controlled with a set theme, invited guests, decorations, entertainment, and food. A social would be held between two houses where a list would be presented at the door with the

names of the students involved and their guests. I feel that it is strange that people our age must be subjected to such childish mockery resembling a sixth grade party, where the attitude runs at a level akin to pin the tail on the donkey.

Off-campus students should also be concerned about the closed socials, for now they will not be allowed to attend residential social functions unless their names appear on the special guest lists (one per customer please!). One suggested method in determining the difference between on-and off-campus stu-

dents is to punch a hole in the residential student's identification card. I feel it is unnecessary to

create this kind of distinction between students, especially when it discriminates against off-campus students.

As of September 1, open licensed liquor events (open pubs) can only be scheduled on campus in the student union building (where a group must use SUB staff), the Aitken Centre, the Faculty Club, and Marshall d'Avray Hall. Act quickly, clubs,

for the ballroom is already booked solid every Friday and Saturday night up until the end of October. It is going to be interesting to see how the rules for these closed socials are going to be enforced.

Could a compromise be made?