

## SMART PACC conference

by Kayleigh Freeman

The First Atlantic Canadian Alcohol Awareness conference was held this weekend at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

The event, which ran from March 19-21, was hosted by UNB's Student Managed Alcohol Response Team Promoting Alcohol Consciousness on Campus. (SMART PACC).

A total of one hundred delegates attended from 18 different educational institutes across the country. Geoff Davidson, SMART PACC co-ordination, explains that delegates, who were students, administrators, dons, proctors and people involved in the health services, came from universities, community colleges and even from Fredericton High School.

At the conference, delegates participated in a series of interactive workshops addressing various alcohol related issues. Delegates were encouraged to discuss topics presented in the workshops, and then to share innovations and problems involved in the administration of alcohol awareness programs at their individual campuses. Several Speakers came from groups outside Atlantic Canada, including representatives from BACCHUS Canada (a group which co-ordinates alcohol awareness across the country), BACCHUS USA, the Responsible Hospitality Institute, Wilfred Laurier University, Carleton University and the Universities of Toronto and Ottawa. Additionally,

presentations were made by representatives of the city police, UNB Bar Services, and the SWAT Team.

Davidson says the conference "went over really well," and says that "everyone from administrators, to students, to speakers were impressed with the delegates, their participation, the information given, and their knowledge about the issues."

He says several schools, including St. Thomas University, Memorial, UPEI, UNBSJ, and the Woodstock Community College, intend to begin alcohol awareness programs.

It is hoped that the conference will become an annual event.

Davidson points out that the weekend was centred around alcohol awareness and responsible drinking. One of the

points brought out at the conference was that programs promoting awareness are not "anti-drinking; just anti-intoxication." He says it is the problems associated with intoxication-such as violence, unwanted experiences, and property damage-that alcohol awareness programs address.

Focusing on the sharing of ideas and creating a network of contacts throughout the region, the conference stressed the need for an "holistic approach" to alcohol awareness. Davidson says that a successful program "must address the needs of all of the individuals on campus." He stresses that any effective program must deal with underage students, mature students, international students, and faculty and staff.

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alright, but we'll have to move them to the Student Union Building if the current proposals take effect. The only other option is to apply to the Liquor Licensing Board for a special occasion permit but that poses problems. The open House Social would then become the responsibility of Dons and Proctors who would be liable."

Jones says "that puts them in an impossible position. It would be tough to keep track of 102 residents of MacKenzie House at one time, let alone their guests."

"In addition, the special occasion liquor permit will not allow underage residents or guests to attend. The permit will

not allow wet/dry events. This would simply not permit many residents to attend a social in their own house." Jones says.

She cites an additional problem: "Liquor would have to be purchased in advance. Once it's all consumed that's it. There cannot be additional supplies. We could run out of liquor in the middle of an event, something that does not occur under the present bar services license".

Despite the concerns raised, Brostowski says the university hopes to present a new plan for a scaled down liquor related service in time for consideration at the next Board of Governors meeting April 29th.

## News Notes

### UNB History Club executive 1993-94

The 1993-94 History Club Executive will be: President Jennifer Grant; Vice President, Erin Campbell; Secretary, Mary Jane Dubee; Treasurer, Dan Keppie; and Member at Large Ray Plummer. Congratulations and best wishes are extended from the 1992-93 executive. We also thank the club members for their support this year.

### Business and Arts society elections

In other election results, Darren Elliot was elected Vice-President of the Business Society and Cara Scott will serve as Merchandising Officer. Officers elected to the Arts Undergraduate Society by Yes/No ballots include Paul Lenarczyk as president, Stephanie O'Sullivan as Vice-President Internal. Pierre Savoie will serve as Vice-President Finance of the AUS, while Sarah Mercer and Allison Webster will be co-Vice-Presidents Activities. Erin Campbell was elected Vice-President Promotions.

### Caribbean Circle news

by Aurelius Gordon

The executive and general membership of the Caribbean Circle wish to thank all those persons who in any way contributed to making Caribbean Nite 73-93 the grand success that it was! Thanks a million!

The Annual General meeting of the Caribbean Circle will be held on Sunday, April 4, at 2:30 pm, in Room 203 of the SUB. The main items on the agenda are the election of officers for the 1993-94 academic year, and an evaluation of this year's programme of activities.

The Fredericton Caribbean Association and the Caribbean Circle present an indoor games night on Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 pm in room 26 of the SUB.

Please call Keith at 457-1557 for further information.

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