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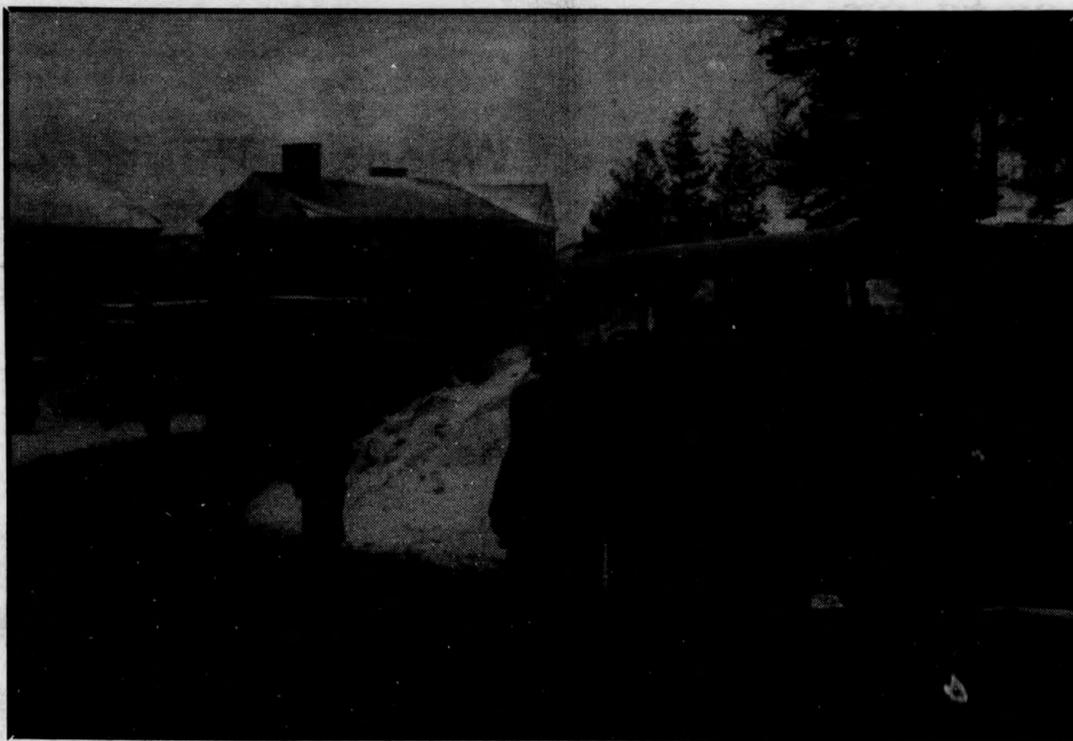
## Where there's smoke, there's fire

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Two recent fire alarms at the College Hill Social Club - one Saturday night and the other Tuesday night during St. Patrick's Day festivities at the Social Club, are no shock or surprise to Chief Williamson, head of security on campus.

The two alarms, however, had a direct impact on business the two nights they occurred. Apparently a sizeable number of the Social Club's patrons opted to end their stay at the Club after the alarms, not due to life threatening circumstances but the sound of a fire alarm, as one patron put it, "just seems to ruin the fun and atmosphere of the club!"

Allyson Woodside, Social Club Manager, was certainly not impressed with the two fire alarms, especially as they occurred during peak periods of the evening (close to midnight) when people decide to either make or break the evening.



A firetruck outside of Tilley Hall Monday, the 16th - a scene which is becoming all too familiar on the UNB campus. At last count, 8 fire alarms in the past 6 days have had the Fire Department here on a regular basis.

and they get tired of waiting. The atmosphere of a lively fun time simply dies out and people don't get happy waiting to return."

The sounding of fire and other security alarms seem to be quite a recurring event as of late, according to Chief Williamson. Several alarms a week are not uncommon, he says, but this week has seen an unusually large number of false fire alarms - and even one bomb threat at Head Hall on Monday afternoon.

Supposedly a large number of false alarms originate from the residences on Campus, "usually due to someone's immaturity, an uncalled-for prank", Williamson described it. Although a lot of people would like to attribute the alarms to "high-school" kids who have nothing better to do, and despite the fact that the penalties for pulling false fire alarms are quite severe, the majority of cases here on campus go unsolved by the Security Department.

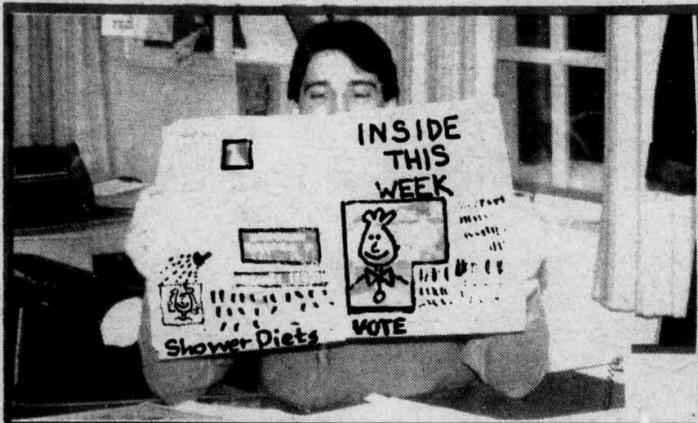
As is the common occurrence, by the time the alarm is checked the culprits are long gone - only the innocent victims standing outside of an evacuated building are left to complain and wonder how irresponsible such actions can be.

The Social Club had hired a band, Shakedown, as well as additional staff to help with the extra patrons expected on St. Patrick's Day.

"We lost a lot of bucks," Woodside said in an interview with the Brunswickan. "I

would estimate that it cost us between \$500 to \$1000 - it just killed us."

"It's only natural," she continued, "People are forced out of the club, have to leave their drinks and belongings behind,

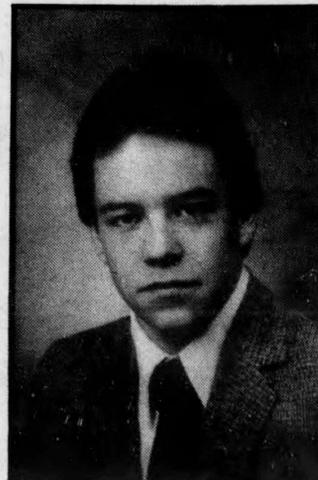


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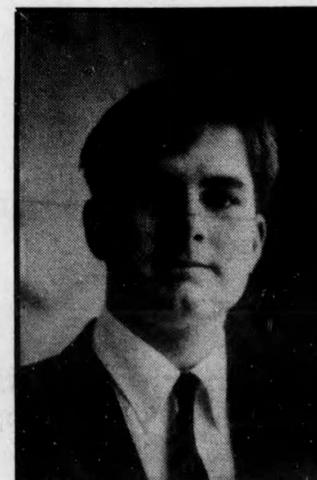
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