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University closes Bar Services

by Gordon Loane

UNB officials have decided to close their money-losing Bar Services business, effective March 1. One full-time manager and 10 part-time student employees are out of work.

The decision does not come as a surprise as Administration officials have been reviewing the bar operation for several years while it struggled to break even. After running a deficit for many years, the university decided last year that it could no longer afford to sustain those losses.

Officials decided to cut back the operation from a full-campus service to a service in the Student Union Building only. Since September, that scaled back operation has also struggled to meet its overhead costs. A decision was taken to pull the plug several weeks ago.

Word of the move does not mean the end of liquor related events on campus. Those events can still be held, but the onus will be on organizers to handle the administrative details necessary to obtain a liquor license for each occasion.

The new liquor licensing arrangement will mean the end of wet/dry student events on campus. Those under the age of 19 will be prohibited from attending any function where liquor is served. First-year and some second year students are expected to be the most affected.

Here is how the new system for liquor related events will work. It will require some time and involve "road work".

First, an application for a special occasion permit must be obtained, either from the office of the Director of Housing and Food Services or from the provincial liquor licensing branch, soon to be relocated in the Centennial building on King Street.

Next it is important to book a room for the event depending on the campus location. Student events in the SUB will require room confirmations from the SUB Director's office; most other locations on campus are available when booked through Judy Barrett or a staff member at the Registrar's office.

A certificate must be signed by the official who books the room and attached to the liquor license application. That application must be delivered 15 days prior to an event to the Liquor Licensing Branch. There is a \$15 fee for a liquor event where the product will not be sold to customers—a wine and cheese for example. But it is a \$35 fee if customers at an event are being charged for beer, wine or liquor.

A certified cheque or money-order for the sales tax for the liquor order must also accompany the application. On the day of the event it will be necessary to obtain transportation to pick up the approved license at the Liquor Licensing Branch, and to transport the product from the Liq-

uor Store to campus.

Since the university is providing no storage facilities, cooling the product is up to the event organizers. Supplying glasses and beverages for mix will be up to organizers as well. Bartenders and the minimum numbers of campus police needed for each event must be arranged. The return of product to the liquor store for a refund will be up to the organizers as well.

If all this administrative work seems daunting, there is an important plus.

"With a drastic cut in overhead cost, we expect student groups will have a sporting chance to make some money at these events," said James van Raalte, UNB Student Union President.

To that end, the Student Union is preparing a proposal which would drastically cut back the number of campus police required at each event.

"The minimum requirement is for one CP at each exit. We'd like to use volunteers CP's inside the event to cut down overhead costs," said Chantal Albert, VP Activities with the Student Union.

SUB Director Kim Noris says

once he receives the proposal he will discuss it with the SUB Advisory Board in March. It is at that time that a firm building policy for liquor-related events is expected to be established.

"I realize students, faculty, staff and our other patrons will be strug-

gling with the new arrangement for a period of time," said Roy Brostowski, UNB's Director of Housing and Food Services.

While the university has withdrawn from the liquor Business,

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UNB's Iona Allen. The women's and men's teams placed in the AUAAs finals. See page 16 for story. Photo by Kevin G. Porter

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Raising Accessibility Awareness

by Cheryl McLean

The UNB Student Union, in conjunction with the Canadian Federation of Students, launched off Physical Accessibility Awareness Week by organizing a celebrity event last Monday.

The event, designed to duplicate the daily problems experienced by students in wheelchairs, pitted university, city and provincial leaders against each other in a race against the clock.

Each participant commenced at the Student Union Building; their task was to wheel from the SUB to the Business Office to pay their tuition, then to the Registrar's Office to make a course change, and finally to the Science Library, where they had to take out some books and answer a question.

The purpose of the event was to show the barriers that students with disabilities must face everyday throughout the campus. The event lasted approximately 45 minutes.

The local celebrities included: Vaughn Blaney, Provincial Minister of Advanced Education and Labour; Brad Woodside, Mayor of Fredericton; Don Kelly, Fredericton City Councillor; Jim Horn, UNB Director of Personnel; James van Raalte, President of the UNB Student Union; and Mike Wallace, a third-year student and Business Representative for Student Council.

All involved realized how difficult it was to get around with no assistance compounded with the

slushy condition of the roads.

Woodside had a few problems with his chair, resulting in a visit with a snowbank and having to walk his chair through the event.

It was Horn who proved to be the overall winner, however.

Vaughn Blaney concluded the event by thanking all involved, emphasizing that much remains to be done to improve accessibility. He said that students have come a long way in making people more aware.



Because they are old, many of UNB's buildings are not accessible. Photo by Roxanne Robinson