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SOCIAL MISHAP IN BALLROOM

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On the night of Saturday September 23rd a first year resident of Lady Dunn Hall fell down a flight of stairs in what appears to be an alcohol related incident. The timing of this is ironic, last week an article was reprinted in the Brunswickian which told of the death due to drinking of a Guelph University student.

The accident occurred as the young lady was leaving the Lady Dunn/Tibbits Hall social that was taking place in the Ballroom of the S.U.B.. Witnesses say that she landed in a very awkward position as her head was twisted one way and her hips were going another.

She was approached by SUB staff and CP's immediately. According to SUB staff present, when questioned as to how much beer she had had, she slurred out: "SIXTEEN"!!! She complained of a lack of feeling in her upper legs. Fearing a potential spinal injury, an ambulance was called to the scene. She refused the services of the ambulance and decided to wait for her brother to take her home. Eventually she was coaxed into getting herself checked out. She suffered only a knee injury and now claims that she had not had as much to drink, that in fact she was wearing shoes with heels. It seems that she rarely wears this type of shoe and was unable to handle them, which lead to her

downfall.

Kim Norris, S.U.B. Director, who's staff were on hand only as building supervisors and had nothing to do with the event,

allowed me access to their report for that night. It says: "These girls were too drunk, Bar Services should have cut them off." This leads us to wonder where did she do her drinking? Bar Services staff assures us that it would be impossible for anyone to get served that much under the drinking regulations of U.N.B.. One must therefore believe that she "frontloaded" (did her drinking at home), if this is the case, then she should never have been allowed into a social intoxicated.

This was the first social to move out of the residence and into the S.U.B.. Ric Cuthbertson, manager Campus Bar Services and Associate Dean of Residence, informed me that moving the socials out of the houses and into the S.U.B. has been a goal of his for some time. As to minimize the liabilities on the part of the university The civil liabilities in a case like this are enormous. If this girl had been more seriously injured, she could have sued:

1. the organizers of the event, for allowing her in and allowing her to leave drunk.
2. Bar Services, for providing the alcohol and serving her past

the point of intoxication.

3. The CP's, for allowing her to leave when she was not in control of herself.

4. The University of New Brunswick, for providing a location which was apparently unsafe.

As this story goes to press a seminar is taking place, sponsored by the Residence office on Civil liabilities of New Brunswick universities. The outcome of this may have long term effects on campus drinking activities.



The beautiful, scenic St. John River. According to Dr. Alan Morgan "There are 700 communities in Canada with one thousand or more people who do not process any of their own sewage..." Is Fredericton one of them? For further information on Dr. Morgan's lecture see page 3.

SMOKING CONCERNS CONTINUE

Danny MacDonald, Manager of the Mega Spot, hopes to see the Mega Spot become a smoking area. He says that ever since the smoking policy took effect last year, he has been losing business.

MacDonald is willing to try to designate an area for smoking but cannot see it working. He feels

that everything would be a "whole lot easier" if the Mega Spot was an official smoking area.

Smoking customers of the Mega Spot are smoking just outside the door of the room, since according to policy, smoking in hallways is allowed. MacDonald has placed ashtrays outside the

room, but to no avail.

At a meeting on Sept. 25, Kim Norris made it known to the SUB Advisory Board of Directors that the Mega Spot is willing to become a designated smoking area.

After Norris explained that no one from the student public has come forward about the issue,

Wayne Carson, president of the Student Union suggested that a space study be done to find out how space is being utilized in the SUB. The deadline for the study is October 6th. Kim Norris feels "quite good" about the study and says it was time for one to be done.

About the smoking issue he argues that there have been no complaints from the student population, so he does not see it as an urgent concern.

But cigarette butts are still dropped outside the Mega Spot and it seems to be growing into a serious problem.

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