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UNB's Caribbean Nite '89

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The Caribbean Circle of the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University will be hosting their annual "Caribbean Nite" on Saturday, March 11th 1989 in the SUB Cafeteria. The event which will commence at 7:00 pm, will feature a delicious Caribbean dinner; a colourful and spectacular show which will include dances, folk songs, skits

and other surprises; and the night will end with a grand dance during which patrons can move to the rhythms of a wide range of Caribbean music.

Students are encouraged to complete their university experience by participating in this event. In light of the overwhelming support of students for the "Reggae Jam" held in the Social Club last fall, the organizers are confident that

"Caribbean Nite" will be a great success.

"Caribbean Nite" is an old tradition at UNB and it epitomizes the purpose of the Caribbean Circle at UNB which is to share with other students and faculty something of the culture of the Caribbean. In the past, guests have been entertained by the witty folk songs and calypsoes while being challenged by the informative address given

by the guest speakers.

This year's speaker Dr. Russel McNeilly is a Trinidadian professor in the Education Department and the vice-president of the Multicultural Association of Fredericton.

This year's theme "Come down to we land" is an invitation to all to come and explore the eclectic character of the Caribbean through exposure to the cuisine, music, dance and ideas of people

from the archipelago in the Caribbean Sea. As has been demonstrated by millions of Caribbean people living away from "home" it is possible to create a sense of tropical environment through the very distinctive music and food of the area even in a distant land. It is this magical transformation that the organizers of the Caribbean Nite hope to achieve in the SUB Cafeteria in early March.

Caribbean Nite '88 was sold out more than a day before the actual event and there is every indication that their year's event will be just as popular. Patrons are advised to purchase their tickets as soon as possible as the Cafeteria has a ceiling on capacity. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Help Centre in the SUB, Dari-Shoppes in the Skyline Motel and from Caribbean Circle members. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. All are invited to attend this event.

Smoking Update

By Stephane Comeau

The SUB board has passed a motion regarding smoking in the Student Union building.

The motion, passed at a meeting in September 15th, recommends that the smoking area in the cafeteria be temporarily expanded to include the area immediately surrounding the stage until June 1st, at which time the cafeteria should become entirely non-smoking.

The motion was proposed by Matt Hickey and seconded by Shaun Jackson. The vote, however, was less than decisive with three for, two against and one abstention.

A vote in the policy was only taken after the board heard from a few students who had come to the meeting to express their views on the issue at the invitation of board chairman Wayne Carson.

The motion is effectively only a recommendation to SUB director Norris. Norris told the board he would "take their recommendation to heart" during



UNB Lady Bloomers played for a capacity crowd last weekend at the UNB Main Gym. See UNB Sports, p. 17

the discussion, but in an interview on Wednesday, he expressed doubt about the motion.

"I'm uncertain about enlarging the area, it seems like a step backwards", he said, "although I will defend the idea of setting a date to eliminate smoking in the cafeteria entirely."

Similar doubts were expressed during discussion on the motion by board member Richard Scott, who felt the motion had no purpose.

Student Union President Dean Frost, who is an ex-officio member of the SUB board because of his S.U. position thinks that the "board's opinion should be adhered to. Cutting back the smoking area to just the stage was too drastic an action."

President Frost admits that the cafeteria will eventually be non-smoking, but thinks it would be better to wait until June, when

students aren't around, to even begin reducing the area.

Norris told the Brunswickian that he would only be making a decision on the motion after consulting with UNB's Associate V.P. Eric Garland.

The SUB board made no recommendation regarding smoking in the remainder of the building, although the possibility of an alternate smoking area was discussed.

50/50 Draw

The Orientation Committee held a 50/50 draw last week in an effort to raise funds for its operation and activities in the fall of '89.

The winner of the draw, Joel DeWolfe, took home a grand total of \$706.75. The winning ticket was sold by Lisa DeWolfe. (Could they be related?)

Tara Jones sold the most tickets with 18 books. Close runner-up was Melanie Hawkes who sold 17 books.

The Orientation Committee's next general meeting will be held near the end of March, all those interested are encouraged to attend.

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