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Campus Discovery Calendar Contest: Were Underage Contestants Told to Use False I.D.?

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Several female U.N.B. students who were to be contestants in the Annual "Search for Perfection" calendar contest were disappointed when they attempted to get past the doormen at the event held earlier this week at *The Hilltop Pub*.

Alan Mockler of *Campus Discovery Calendar Inc.*, the company who organized the event, confirmed that "6 or 7" of the expected forty-two contestants were turned away from the event

Mr. Mockler had asked them to help him recruit contestants in the UNB residences and had told them that it didn't matter if the young women weren't of legal age.

Also, the three would be contestants professed that they were each told by Mr. Whalen of *Campus Discovery Calendar Inc.* to bring false identification cards, not necessarily picture ID, to the event and to fill out a false entry form conforming to the ID they would be using. The women claim that a meeting was held in the Blue

on duty at *The Hilltop Pub* during the contest said that he got the impression that the Management of the pub was being pressured by Mr. Mockler to not screen the contestants so rigidly.

When asked about this pub manager Keith Newman admitted that Mr. Mockler did get "argumentative" when so many of the girls were refused entry on Monday night, but Newman added "we've got standards to uphold" and that "we wouldn't stand for that sort of thing."

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by the staff of *The Hilltop Pub*, the establishment hosting the contest. Pub manager Keith Newman stated that the women were turned away because "they were unable to provide sufficient identification [of age] and that he was "surprised at the number of underage girls that showed up on Monday night."

In interviews with *The Brunswickan* three of the women who were refused entrance to the event admitted that they were 18 years of age, below the 19 year minimum demanded by NB law. But they claim that Alan Mockler and Derrick Whalen, representatives of *Campus Discovery Calendar Inc.*, told them previous to the competition that they would be able to get in regardless. One of the women also said that she was told "not to worry...[about getting in to the contest]...because they had ways around it".

This allegation was supported by two other women who said that

Room of the Student Union Building a few hours before the contest on Monday when Mr. Mockler and Mr. Whalen collected these forms from the underage contestants. One also said that Mr. Whalen actually attempted to get her in to the contest by showing a doorman at *The Hilltop Pub* the false form in conjunction with the fake ID she had brought with her.

When asked about these allegations Mr. Mockler denied them flatly, stating that "none of this has occurred" and that "we [*Campus Discovery Calendar Inc.*] made it [the age requirements] clear to the contestants at the meetings". He felt that the underage girls had attempted to lie to get in because they "wanted to win the trip to France" that was being offered as the grand prize of the contest. Mr. Whalen told *The Brunswickan* that he "didn't think our information was totally accurate."

One of the doormen who was

Mr. Newman also told us that on the second night of the event, Tuesday, the contestants weren't being checked for ID at the front door but were instead sent to a private room for this to be done. He said that this was to avoid embarrassing the contestants as had happened the previous evening as well as allowing for a more thorough check of the ages of the contestants. On Tuesday night only one girl was asked to leave because of lack of proper proof of age, but Mr. Newman added that two of the contestants didn't show up at all.

Both preliminary rounds and the final round of the contest, held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at *The Hilltop Pub* were well attended. Of the thirty or so contestants that did participate twelve finalists were chosen. These twelve are to be featured in a calendar that will be sold in the Fredericton area later this year by *Campus Discovery Calendar Inc.*



Alan Mockler of Campus Discovery Calendar Inc.

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