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400 students riot

by Karen Burgess

An estimated 400 students rioted at Bridges House on Friday night, assaulting a campus police officer and causing approximately \$4,000 damage to the male residence.

According to Armand Paul of UNB Public Relations, "the party on Friday got out of hand, UNB security asked the Fredericton city to give them a hand. Three people were taken in to custody, two on assault and one on charges of drunken disorderliness.

Jason Fisher, a witness at the incident and past chair of the Bridges social committee, says that the "demonstration" was a result of a feeling of frustration on the part of the students towards the administration of the residence system. Bridges House had their annual Chuck Cosby social cancelled because of a previous liquor infraction, and were not allowed to present the accompanying "Asshole of the Year Awards".

Fisher believes that much of the damage done to the house, which includes numerous smashed windows, broken showers, and vandalized bathrooms, was done by visitors to the house, and not by Bridges members.

The cancellation of the social and the abolition of the companion awards was said by Steve Williams, BOG member elect, to be the "straw that broke the camel's back. He continues, tension "has been building up for two years. Students on campus, and particularly on Friday night, the students at Bridges House, feel that their way of expressing themselves through legitimate channels doesn't work."

Fisher objects to the way the decisions to cancel the social were made. "I feel personally that we do not have any rights in this residence community. The administration is a dictatorship and it's basically wrong."

The "Asshole of the Year Award," feels Fisher, was beneficial as it "gave certain order to the house. People didn't want to get it so they behaved better."

Dean of Residence, Mary Lou Stirling, does not agree with this opinion she has concluded, from interviews with former residents of Bridges House, that the awards had very little positive value. She says that members of the residence met with Residence Administrators in mid-March to discuss the Chuck Cosby awards and

that they knew "well in advance" the administration's position.

Stirling says that many students have come forward expressing their opposition to this kind of behaviour, and says "we are continuing to look into it and they (those students responsible) will be dealt appropriately."

The Residence Representative Board, in a recent press release, stated "The RRB does not condone the actions of the Residents responsible for the actions at Bridges House and in no way will support any such action in the future."

"A simple compromise by the administration to allow some of the less offensive events that occur on Chuck Cosby Day could possibly have avoided the needless damages that the returning students of '92-'93 could be held liable to pay for."

Decisions on what action will be taken against the House have not yet been finalized but two students have been expelled from residence and two students are facing charges of assault presumably resulting from an incident in where a CP was pushed, sustaining a knee injury requiring medical attention.



\$4000 damage: Numerous windows were broken at Bridges house last Friday night when a party in the male residence "got out of hand".

Jamie Rowan photo

CHSC general meeting held

by Dave Keighley

About 100 members of the College Hill Social Club attended the club's Annual General Meeting last Sunday in the S.U.B. ballroom. Annual reports were presented by the Social Clubs Board Of Directors, and elections were held for three of the five seats on the board.

Elections for these seats resulted in Randy Hickey and Beth Galley returning for additional two year terms on the board, together with Derrick Weaver (1 year term) who replaces Eric Drummie. All three candidates, who were recommended to the assembled members by the boards Nomination Committee, were elected unopposed.

Interest in the elections was

marginally higher than in previous years, probably because of the U.N.B. Student Union's earlier attempts to restructure the club. Outgoing S.U. President, Kevin Bourque, who was at the forefront of the so-called "take-over", was present at the meeting, and was less than pleased with several aspects of the proceedings.

In a later interview, Bourque expressed disappointment with the way the meeting was run. In particular, the meeting did not follow the accepted practices regarding how motions should be adopted (Roberts' Rules Of Order).

Motions were proposed by the chair, seconded by a fellow member of the board, and never put to the members for a vote.

To Bourque the whole affair appeared to be simply "a

standard meeting of the BOD with an audience present, rather than an AGM of members."

He was also unhappy that the lawyer for the CHSC was not at the meeting, because he had wished to enquire how \$8,000 of members money could be spent by the club on the take-over incident when the Student Unions legal bill was \$1,295.

Providing evidence that this indeed was the final expense, he challenged the Social Club to provide details of their expenses, adding that "the whole affair regarding the restructuring of the CHSC board was an attempt to make the BOD more accountable and open to its members" and that clearly this is still not the case. "The CHSC still appears to want to hide something."

Bourque's other complaint regarded the "conflict of interests" which could band certain individuals from standing for the BOD. Confusion existed at the meeting when the chairperson detailed an outdated list of "conflicts", but Bourque was more concerned that this list was discriminatory, and therefore illegal.

In particular it states that no director may be a member of, or hold any executive position with "any other corporation or organisation whose objects and goals may be in conflict with the objects and goals of the Company (Club)."

He plans to have the issue raised at the next CHSC Advisory Board meeting, "If it

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Corrections

A paragraph was missing out of the story about the changes to the UNB sexual harassment policy which appeared in last week's issue.

"Students are particularly encouraged to nominate members of faculty and staff (with their consent). Please contact Maureen McGee at 453-4648."

Corrections need to be made concerning two articles on the front page of last week's Brunswickan.

First it is stated that the employment centre situated on campus can have up to twenty students per day using the facilities, it should have been 200.

In the article, "UNB administration positions filled", John Teskey the new Director of Libraries will be replacing Roderick Banks not Alan Burk.