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Over six hundred students attend concert

Broken table legs and an assaulted campus police officer

by Allan Carter

Broken table legs, heat exhaustion and assaulted Campus Police are a few of the ways you could describe the Tragically Hip Concert.

Last Friday night over six hundred students crammed into the UNB Student Union Building cafeteria to listen to the 1991 Juno Award Winner for best entertainment.

The concert was sponsored by the UNB Student Union in conjunction with the Arts Undergraduate Society.

During the concert, students surged forward and crushed tables which were turned on their sides and placed against the stage. The pressure on the tables cause the legs to snap and the tables collapsed.

Jason Burns, VP Activities of the Student Union, asked the band manager to get the band to ask students to move back. But Burns says the manager told him that this happens all the time and if things really got out of hand the band would finish earlier.

The band did finish early. And they didn't do an encore.

Burns says that "bar sales were phenomenal" and because a lot of alcohol was consumed, he

told Bar service to shut the bar down a bit early.

Although none of the crowd was injured during the show, a few people were taken out because of heat exhaustion.

One campus police officer had to get stitches after being assaulted by a student who refused to identify himself and also refused to leave the premises.

Rick Peacock, director of Campus Security, says the matter is under investigation and he assumes the parties involved in the assault will have to appear before the Student Disciplinary Committee.

It is an offense under the Student Disciplinary Code not to produce ID or identify yourself when asked by the campus police or security.

Peacock is concerned about what happened at the concert and he was discussing the matter with the Student Union earlier this week. He would like to see some type of mechanism set up to prevent people from getting hurt in such large crowds.

Burns is also looking into implementing some measures that could ensure student safety. For one thing, he thinks tighter control over the doors might help, preventing additional

people from getting into the cafeteria.

Apparently the tables which were placed around the stage had been standing upright before the concert began. Burns feels that if the tables had been left like

that they would not have been broken. But, he says, something would have to be done so people would not get hurt if they were pushed up against the edge of a table.

Burns thinks that until a

bigger venue is found, something between the size of the cafeteria and the Aitken Centre, there is not much more they can do to ensure students do not get hurt.

Taking action against poverty

by Gail Anthony

Last Thursday the New Brunswick Research and Resource Center at Saint Thomas University held a conference on poverty. One of the sessions included a panel discussion on taking action against poverty.

The panel consisted of four speakers and was chaired by Tom Good, Vice President Academic at STU. Eric Keating, a professor of Social Work at STU, says he has struggled with the question involving poverty for a long time.

"In my opinion we're all poor, but in different ways, . . . The answer I believe is to look inside ourselves. We tend to look outwards at the problem. What I decided is that I had to look inside myself before I could do anything. I'll conclude by saying that self empowerment is the answer not having control of others," states Keating.

Bonnie Perley, from the

Fredericton Anti-Poverty Organization, says one out of six children rely on foodbanks and one out of ten people receive welfare benefits in New Brunswick.

She asks why poverty exists, and why limited action has not been taken by the governments. In addition she expresses concern with the stereotype image often associated with the poor.

"Poverty has no criterion for its next victim and in a capitalist society the poor are constantly reminded of their situation," Perley says.

According to Perley, the Department of Income Assistance offers little financial support to single mothers with no source of income. She points out that there are a number of single mothers attempting to go through university and that it is financially difficult to continue on what the Department of Income Assistance provides.

"In some instances a single mother would make more

staying home. There are few incentives to take them out of the poverty circle. Does the government want them to improve themselves or does it want to keep them entrapped," she notes.

Perley points out that welfare recipients often feel overwhelmed by the infrastructure they have to deal with at the Department of Income Assistance. She also says that welfare rates should be increased to reflect the true cost of living. Perley calls for long term solutions to get people off welfare rather than the current "band aid solutions."

Jane Barry, Minister of Childhood Services, agreed that poverty was an extremely complex situation and says the provincial government is trying to address the problem through a number of programs.

"One way the government is addressing the problem of unemployment is through a

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Student falls from building

by Allan Carter

A university student received no injuries when he tried to jump from a window into a tree last Friday night.

The student fell to the ground from a third floor window at Lady Dunn, a female residence at UNB.

According to Campus Security, the student who had been drinking was from Mount Allison University and was visiting a resident student at Lady Dunn.

The student was taken to the Fredericton City Hospital where he stayed overnight.

Axworthy to speak at UNB

by Murray Carew

Lloyd Axworthy MP of Winnipeg South Centre and liberal critic for the External Affairs Department will be speaking at UNB next Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Ludlow Hall.

Axworthy will be discussing what Canada's role should be

during the post-war era and also will be speaking about "New World order".

Axworthy is one of three MP's who went to Baghdad during the Persian Gulf war to lobby for the release of Canadian hostages.

The lecture will be held in Rm. 2 of Ludlow Hall. Admission is free.

Elimination of discrimination:

If we really want to address racism at the university, we must address openly the nature and power of our disciplines.

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Alcohol Awareness Week: The Student Union recently held a Mocktail contest in the SUB. Winners were (from l-r) Christine Deschenes, first place (\$125); Pat Johnston, third place (\$50); and Joann Sparks, second place (\$75).

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