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Pub in the SUB opens Thursday

Facet of Bar Services' new financial structure

by Karen Burgess

Thursday, September 10 will mark the opening of UNB Bar Services newest venture, a pub on the bottom floor of the Student Union Building.

The name of the pub, which is currently referred to as "the Pub in the Sub" by those involved, will be chosen as part of a contest to be held within the next few months.

Rick Cuthbertson, manager of Bar Services, explains that students will be given the chance to suggest names for the establishment by filling out ballots which will be found in copies of the Beaverbook and at the Pub itself.

The Pub will have food service available and will serve standard Pub stock such as draft, bottled beer and coolers. Residence food vouchers will be accepted on menu items, which will include popular pub dishes such as nachos and chicken wings.

A section of the establishment will be available for booking for university groups and functions, but regular pub operations will not be completely interrupted.

One special feature of the Pub in the Sub which sets it apart from other establishments of its kind is its smoking policy. It will come as a pleasant surprise to those bothered by second hand cigarette smoke that the new Pub will be totally smoke free.

When asked if he foresees difficulties in competing with the SUB's other establishment, the College Hill Social Club, Cuthbertson says that he sees the relationship as being one of "peaceful coexistence" instead

of competition. He explains that part of the concept of an on campus pub was to catch the overflow of weekend customers from the Social Club.

"We'll help them and they'll help us. Instead of someone going down to the Dock to party before going to the Social Club, they can save themselves the taxi fare downtown and just come to our place" he says.

The pub is just one facet of a restructuring of Campus Bar Services, which has been losing money in past years.

Cuthbertson says that the Bar Services "Roadshow", the section of the organization which sets up at different locations around campus to provide bar services at concerts and other functions, has also undergone changes which, if successful, will make the venture more commercially viable.

In the past, if Bar Services hosted an event they required a guarantee from event sponsors that unforeseen expenses would be covered if bar sales were lower than expected. Now, those putting on the event will arrange for known expenses, such as hiring campus police, and will keep all receipts from ticket sales, while Bar Services will keep all receipts from bar sales.

In addition, Bar Services have restructured their price system and, at the new pub, it will be possible for university groups to arrange for their members to pay reduced beer prices.

Cuthbertson says that the idea for the pub has been around for several years but has only been in the forefront for serious consideration for about a year.



Shown amongst the construction of the new pub is manager Peter Lund. (Dave Smith photo)

Community based policing begun in UNB area

by Karen Burgess

The Fredericton City Police have begun an innovative new community based policing program which, for the next few months, will be centered in the area surrounding UNB.

The Mobile Community Police section has, as its mobile office, a city-owned RV painted by local artist Ron Sajak.

The four officers serving in this section, Constables Errol Phillips, Katherine Alchorn, Tim Durling and Barry MacKnight, also patrolled Fredericton city streets this summer on mountain bikes.

Constable MacKnight explains that the whole idea of the community based office and the bike patrols is to increase the public's access to their police force.

Part of the new program includes holding public meetings with members of the targeted community to find out what

problems should have priority.

MacKnight comments that the University community is a prime example of an area where dialogue is important between the inhabitants and police. He says that as students are often only temporary inhabitants of a city they often do not feel they are a part of their surrounding community.

To rectify some of the problems caused by this lack of identification with the community, such as loud parties and vandalism, the Mobile Community Police section will be visible at various university functions, including Frosh Week activities at the Aitken Centre. MacKnight feels that this involvement will be a positive way to welcome new students to the Fredericton area.

However, MacKnight points out that the section was not established primarily for public relation functions but to be involved in "problem solving policing". He explains: "We have community meetings to see

what problems residents see as pertinent. We can do whatever the people want us to do (to solve those problems.)"

MacKnight says much of the time the problems facing community members can be worked out with some association with the police, but are not actually police matters.

He sees the dialogue between police and residents as empowering the community to solve its own problems. MacKnight cites the establishment of the College Hill Neighborhood Association, and its campaign to reduce the number of unsightly or unsafe premises in its area, as an example of successful community organization.

The Fredericton Police Force's community based program is different than any other in North America.

The four-member section is made up of officers of the same rank who work together as equals. MacKnight explains that

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Geologist discusses effects of explosion

(UNBPRI) A geologist visiting the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton will give a public talk on the massive scar structure, which is located just outside Johannesburg, South Africa, and was created on the earth's surface 2,000 million years ago by an explosion of unknown origin.

Uwe Reimold of the Economic Geology Research Unit at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg will speak on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 3:30 pm in Room F-24 of the Forestry and Geology Building. His talk is entitled Geology of the

Vredefort Crypto-explosion Structure, South Africa.

The Vredefort structure, named after the small farming community near it, measures over 100 kilometers in diameter. Dr. Reimold will discuss the viability of theories accounting for its creation. One widely held theory attributes its origin to a massive volcanic eruption. Another theory attributes its origin to an impact with a very large meteorite. Meteorites can travel from 20 to 30 kilometers per second after entering the earth's atmosphere and can measure up to 10 kilometers or

more in diameter. On impact with the earth's surface, such a meteorite can pressurize rock, melt and vaporize it, and make it rain down in glass shards. The effects on the rock are not well understood and are of particular interest to geologists.

Dr. Reynold's talk is sponsored by UNB's department of geology. John Spray, a professor in the department, and some of his graduate students are conducting research on a Canadian structure very similar to the one at Vredefort. Located in Sudbury, Ont., it contains one of the world's largest nickel deposits.

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