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Following several complaints, UNB restricts campus movements of student

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A UNB student has been served notice under the Trespass Act restricting his movements on campus to class time after a series of incidents in recent weeks.

Christopher Daniel Perley was first approached by UNB Director of Security and Traffic Reg Jerrett last month concerning his aggressive behavior in class.

Two weeks ago Perley confronted staff in the Beaver Foods office in the Student Union Building apparently accusing them of being communists.

It is believed he was concerned about the Chinese flag which flies next to the Canadian flag in the McConnell Dining Hall.

Perley appeared in provincial court in Fredericton earlier this week after UNB Campus Security, City Police and the military asked a provincial court judge to prohibit the UNB student from possessing firearms.

Jerrett appeared in court this week as a witness for the Crown. He testified that Perley felt the military was testing him and planting spies on campus.

Jerrett also said three women staff members at the Beaver Foods office were "upset and feared for their safety," when Perley barged into their offices.

Jerrett told the court he was also worried about Perley's delusions when he recently arrived at the Campus Security office asking for an investigation to be launched into some disturbing behavior by students.

"He was concerned they were going to take over campus, possibly the city, and possibly the government," Jerrett said.

UNB Campus Security received a call from two unnamed female students when Perley apparently walked into their apartment without knocking and began asking them for "the information."

Perley also asked one woman's boyfriend if he could borrow his shovel, explaining he was going to be in a gladiator competition and needed it to dig holes, Jerrett testified.

Perley has also had problems with a Fredericton Military unit, where he was recently discharged.

Provincial Court Judge Graydon Nicholas adjourned the court case until March 20th, until such time as Perley can visit a psychiatrist and undergo some assessment.

He also issued an undertaking restricting Perley from having firearms, ammunition or explosives.

Meanwhile, the UNB Administration released a statement to the press and circulated an e-mail message to students earlier this week that in part read, Perley is not currently on the campus and understands he is under active medical care.

Proposed fire escape relocates CHSC dance floor, sound system SUB patio solution: move Social Club

Gordon Loane

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Discussions now underway aimed at fixing a fire safety concern with the new rooftop patio on the third floor of the Student Union Building will have major ramifications for the College Hill Social Club.

Consideration is being given to extending the corridor along the east side of the SUB Ballroom, which leads from the patio, directly into the Social Club toward the front staircase entrances.

The renovations, if approved, would force the relocation of the Social Club's current dance floor and sound system.

The Social Club's Board of Directors met earlier this week to discuss their options, which were in part developed at a face-to-face meeting last week between UNB

Administration and Student Union officials.

While Social Club officials were invited, but did not attend last week's meeting, UNB SU President Charles Goguen is hopeful discussions with all parties will lead to a solution making the SUB patio fully functional by Spring.

"The last thing we want to do is hinder the operation or in any way reduce the size of the Social Club," he said.

"Obviously, if there is some space lost in some way the Social Club would be given it back in other areas in terms of square footage."

"All we really want to do is try to fix this problem with fire safety at the SUB patio and try to make that functional to make the Provincial Fire Marshall's office happy with us," Goguen said.

An outdoor staircase fire escape leading from the rooftop patio to the ground level is now considered a low option,

Goguen confirmed.

Goguen pointed out that if the current options under consideration see the final light of day the SUB Ballroom and rooftop patio areas would have fire escapes on both ends of the SUB's third floor similar to the original 1969 design for the building.

No estimates of construction costs associated with the proposed renovations have yet been made pending further discussions between UNB Administration, Social Club and SU officials, who have been the major financial backers of the recently completed SUB Expansion project.

Goguen is still uncertain where the funding for the proposed renovations will originate.

"Some sort of funding combination between the Social Club, the UNB Student Union and the UNB Administration are possibilities," he speculated.

Restitution and house arrest Guilty plea in Cellar thefts

Gordon Loane

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A 26 year old Fredericton man has been sentenced to serve five months of house arrest and ordered to pay restitution of nearly \$3,500 for money he stole from the Cellar Pub in the Student Union Building during March and April 1999.

James H. McFarlane, of 21 Eastwood Drive, changed his plea to guilty on two charges of break, enter and theft at the continuance of his trial in provincial court last Thursday.

He also entered guilty pleas on a charge of shoplifting from Zellers and a charge of failing to appear in court for the theft trial.

McFarlane was arrested on a Canada-wide warrant last December 2nd and has been in custody since that date.

Crown Prosecutor Robert Murray told the court that McFarlane entered the Cellar Pub on March 22, 1999, while he worked for ABC Cleaners in the Student Union Building.

He hid inside the pub and then stole \$1,100 from a cash box and video lottery terminal, then replaced door hinges he had altered and keys he had used to their usual places.

McFarlane then returned to the bar again on April 7, 1999 and in a second break made off with \$2,368 in cash.

Defense counsel Jonathan Green told Provincial Court Judge Hazen Strange that McFarlane takes full responsibility for the thefts.

Green said McFarlane used the stolen money for car repairs and insurance as well as food and beverages for himself and his friends.

He also said the accused always had jobs, contributes money to his family and drives his father, who is ill, back and forth on errands.

Judge Strange considered McFarlane's time served as seven months and ordered him to serve the other five months of a year sentence in addition to the order to pay restitution to the Cellar Pub, owned and operated by the UNB Student Union.

Parr-Johnston strongly opposes any talk of UNBSJ separation

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UNB President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston has voiced her opposition to recent suggestions in Saint John business, legal and political circles calling for the university's Saint John campus to become a separate university.

In a guest column which appeared in the New Brunswick *Telegraph-Journal* last Saturday, Parr-Johnston said neither the UNB Fredericton or UNB Saint John campuses would profit from a breakup.

She referred to the extensive shared benefits from programs, the electronic libraries, basic financial and administrative services, the experiences of more than 2,500 faculty/staff, and research initiatives.

Parr-Johnston pointed to other collaborative initiatives such as the international student recruitment program located on the UNB Saint John campus, the Ontario recruitment project based at UNB Fredericton and the bi-campus enhanced scholarships program.

"We have combined strength in image building, especially in distant markets," she said, referring to her recent trip to China where UNB's name was recognized and valued.

The UNB President also referred to the "considerable autonomy" at UNB Saint John since the establishment of its academic Senate in 1984, annual operating budgets which are formulated at UNBSJ and the retention of any surpluses which are then used as the Saint John university community "deems appropriate."

The annual operating grants for both UNB Fredericton and UNB Saint John are

distributed using the same formulas based on the provincial operating grant and student enrolments, Parr-Johnston indicated.

With the world trending toward economies of scale, critical mass and greater efficiencies in service to the customer, Parr-Johnston said a move toward separation of the two UNB campuses would be "counter-intuitive."

"UNB Fredericton and UNB Saint John are partners in a single enterprise," Parr-Johnston stated.

"To call UNB Saint John a "branch" is old terminology and "old think" - not how the university looks at itself today," she continued.

"Each campus has a different culture and composition; each adds something important to the whole and to UNB's overall identity."

Parr-Johnston said the National Research Council E-commerce Centre is a case in point.

"I would have been as pleased to have the Centre located in Saint John as I am to have it in Fredericton - because as long as it is in one of those two places, our two university campuses and our two communities will benefit," she stated.

In recent weeks, Stephen MacMackin, Enterprise Saint John's Chair and CEO, has asked mayors in the greater Saint John area to lead a crusade for UNBSJ's independence.

He also wants all municipal councils, Boards of Trade and Development Commissions from St. Stephen to Sussex to join in.

Prominent Saint John lawyer John Barry also believes the time has come for Fundy communities to push for UNB Saint John

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This kind of laptop computing is no longer necessary thanks to a new initiative at the Harriet Irving Library. By the way, don't try this yourself.

Wireless laptop program begins at Harriet Irving Library

Cindy Brown

The Brunswickan

The Harriet Irving Library has started making wireless laptops available to students registered at the University of New Brunswick - just in time for the mid-term paper rush.

The Director of Libraries in Fredericton, John Teskey, said the project was initiated in an effort to provide students with an area in the library where they can use regular UNB network applications. With the wireless laptops, students will be able to write papers in the library, where, in many cases, they will be closest to their sources.

A concern raised about the current machines at the

library, is they do not allow students to use e-mail and in many cases, professors are transmitting assignments in this manner.

The computers currently provided in the Harriet Irving Library only allow access to the library's search engine, Quest, and there are other restrictions on applications as well. The wireless laptop program allows students to use the same applications they would find in the university's computer labs, including word processing, e-mail and on-line registration.

The Harriet Irving Library currently has 10 IBM Thinkpad with network cards available for loan, as well as 10 additional cards for use in student's

personal laptops.

Teskey thought that with the growing technology, it made sense to provide students with it for in-library use. He also said that since the library does not have room for an in-house computer lab, the wireless laptops seem to be the best solution.

In order to provide a workable wireless system, the university had to install base stations which work as a transmitter to the network cards. If the laptops get too far away from one of these stations, the internet applications won't work. In order to alleviate this problem, the library is providing maps which clearly show where the

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