

Puppet towers over group at City Hall

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on the inhumanity of war. Also, Canada's peaceful role in the war against Iraq was mentioned.

"Across the world, we are standing in solidarity against American imperialism," shouted a dissenter of the war on Iraq.

Another theme was the discomfort of troops being so close to civilians. With Gagetown's military compound so close, Fredericton may begin to see more military activity as well, another protestor told the crowd.

After about forty-five minutes of protesting, the approximately 300 people marched behind a banner that read "Wage Peace!"

The march, escorted by two local police vehicles, began at City Hall. The march made a half-an-hour circular walk through downtown and caused

bystanders to look upon them, wondering what they were doing on this Saturday afternoon.

After losing some of the demonstrators to the wind chill, Rashid told everyone to look around the crowd. "So many people are standing around you; that alone can keep us together," he told the demonstrators.

When asked if there may be a future protest, John Maccoomb (one of the protestors holding the "Wage Peace" banner) hinted at the possibility of another demonstration.

After the peaks of protesting waned, Rashid exclaimed, "This was amazing; this was awesome, wasn't it?"

George Bush, depicted as a massive puppet with outstretched arms, chased an enlarged globe throughout the two-hour protest. Satirizing globalization, one could not miss these larger-than-life icons.



Brendan Doyle/The Brunswickan

Two well-known icons symbolize the crowd's dislike for the impending war on Iraq.

Although unable to attend the protest, Dominic Watson oversaw the

completion of the symbolic Bush puppet. He said that the puppet would

add to the fun and friendly nature of the disapproval of U.S. war on Iraq.

Chestnut to stand at liquor board over charges

"We didn't do anything wrong," said proprietor

by T.J. Essensa

The Chestnut must answer to charges at the end of the month due to an incident on December 4th when 21 underage individuals were caught inside the bar during a random inspection.

"The adjudication is set for the end of the month but we're not sure it's going to be on that date, it may well be postponed," said Dave Hutchison, Chestnut manager.

"They haven't provided us with their evidence to our lawyers yet and legally you're supposed to present the evidence that someone's being confronted with."

If convicted the Chestnut faces the possibility of suspension of their liquor license and a hefty fine.

"We don't think we've done anything wrong so we don't think we're going to be convicted," said Hutchison.

The Chestnut is fighting the charge, blaming it on the problem of rampant use of fake identification and the easy access thereof.

"We're fighting it because we think we've done a very good job of preventing underagers from getting in here," said Hutchison.

Hutchison explained some under age people have identification bought off the internet or straight from Service New Brunswick that are "foolproof."

Last year, the Chestnut seized 320 fake identification cards from underage

people.

"It doesn't matter how many ID [cards] we seize we're still not going to get them all because some of them are too good."

"We catch the obvious ones, the ones that have altered dates of birth or the ones that the picture doesn't look right or things like that. These ones off the internet are perfect copies. They have holograms on them and everything else, what are you supposed to do?" explained Hutchison.

"You ask the pertinent questions like what's their date of birth and what's their postal code, things like that and they have the answer to all these questions, it leaves us where we have to assume that they're telling the truth."

Hutchison believes both the liquor commission and the government need to become more involved in helping to solve the problem of underage people with fake identification getting into bars.

Ban is cause for alarm

by Nannette Soucy

On November 25th, 2002 the city of Fredericton passed a by-law banning smoking in all public places. Fredericton is the latest of 45 cities to enact such a ban, and one of 31 who have outlawed lighting up, not only in restaurants, but in all bars, pubs and pool halls where

people gather. The city of Fredericton is confident that this by-law, No. S-12 is a step in the right direction.

"It's basically a law that ensures workers aren't exposed to a harmful environment," Says Wayne Knorr, Communications Coordinator for the city of Fredericton.

Despite the seemingly common-sense appeal to a ban on harmful second-hand smoke, there are those who are dreading the advent of July 1st, when by-law S-12 is set to come into effect.

Karen Wood, Day Manager at O'Malley's Restaurant & Pub at the King's Place Mall has been told by some of her regulars that they are planning to start frequenting bars outside the city limits. The idea of losing regular customers to the anti-smoking by-law is a cause for alarm.

Bar owners across the country can

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catch everyone "when they don't do anything to penalize the people for having fake identification."

"We have ample evidence that we have been asking [for identification], security cameras that tape out front doors area and show our doormen checking I.D.,

plus the 320 we seized in 2002 strikes me as pretty fair proof that we've been checking everybody too," said Hutchison.

At press time the compliance branch liquor inspectors were unavailable for comment.

Briefly, the news

Member of UNB running for NDP

Kay Nandall, the International Students Advisor and CIDA co-ordinator at UNB, announced her intention to seek the NDP nomination in the riding of New Maryland.

A teacher, counsellor, cultural and anti-racist educator Ms. Nandall has extensive experience in international education and development issues and serves on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Bureau of International Education.

"I decided to seek the NDP nomination because I realize that to bring about real change you must be in the legislature. The only way to make New Brunswick a better place is to elect more democrats," Ms. Nandall said.

UNB security guard caught with cocaine

UNB security guard, Paul Murray Patrick, was in court Thursday to be sentenced for stealing money from an office in McLaggan Hall in September of 2001.

When he was arrested, a small amount of cocaine was found in his car, according to The Daily Gleaner.

Judge Hazen Strange said that he would be lenient because it was a first offense and Patrick has taken steps to get his drug problem under control.

Patrick was sentenced to four months of house arrest and two years of probation.

UNB launches new FITness program

On Thursday, January 23, the College of Extended Learning at UNB launched FITness 2.0: Fluency in Information Technology.

The program is available to all persons who want to improve their information technology skills whether their needs be professional, educational or recreational. A FITness certificate is available to individual who complete the seven tests.

St. Thomas Aquinas lives on in spirit

St. Thomas University will celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of the university on January 28 with special guest lecturer Rev. Dr. Alfred Wilder, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome.

Throughout the morning the administrative staff will continue the annual tradition of serving complimentary snacks to students at several locations around the university.

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