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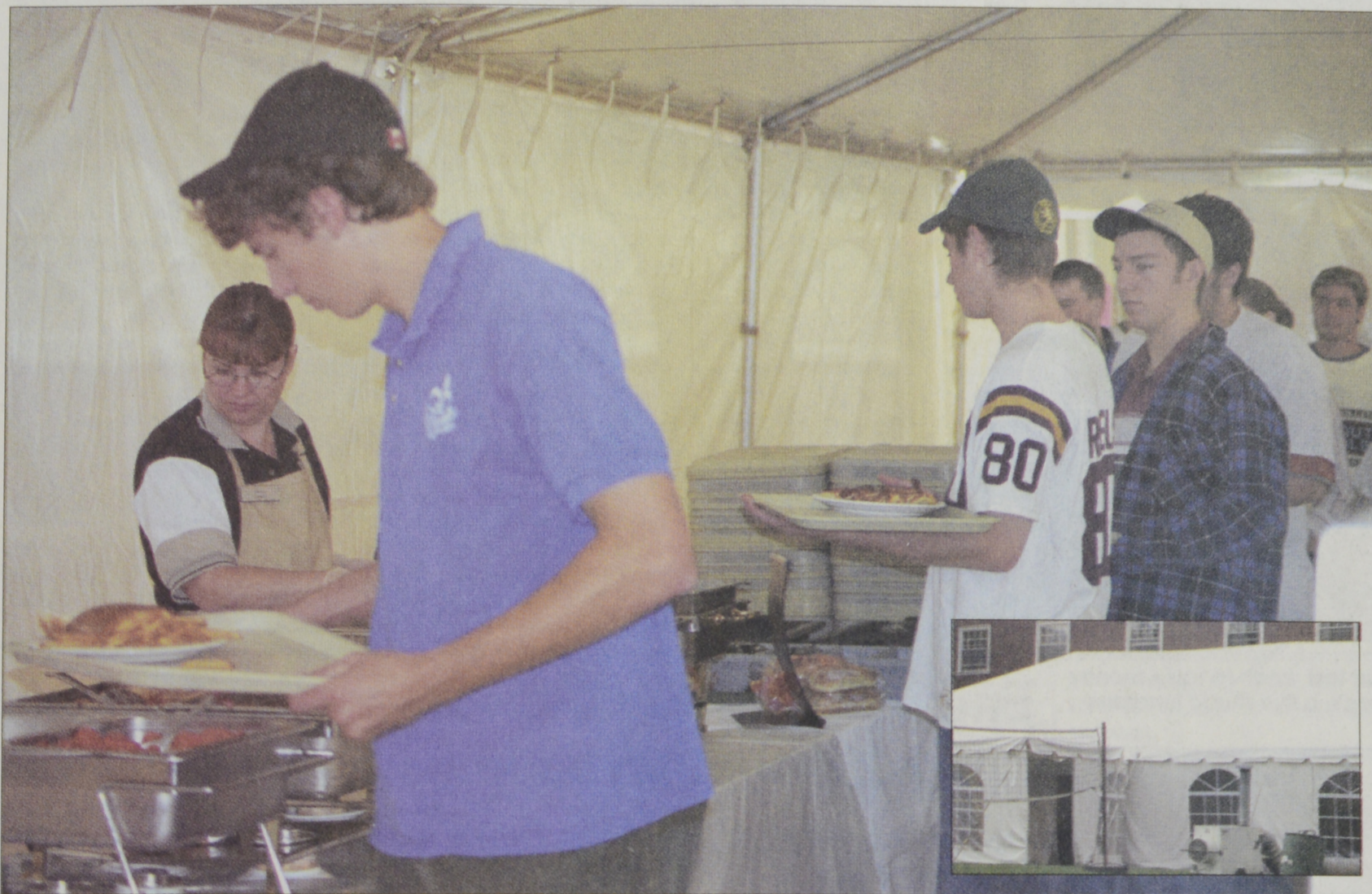
Weather

Today: A little sun, a little cloud; High 12, Low -1.
Thursday: Clouds 'n stuff; High 16, Low 7.
Friday: Fun in the sun; High 15, Low 5.
Saturday: Cold, so cold; High 3, Low -20.
Sunday: Uhm, nice, maybe; High 29, Low 15.

Quote of the Week

"What's money? Man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do." -Bob Dylan.

McConnell Hall renovations still not finished



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Students line up for their meals in a makeshift cafeteria set up in the court of Lady Dunn/Tibbits Hall while renovation work continues at McConnell Hall. Dunn/Tibbits residents feel the temporary accommodations are intruding on their privacy.

Temporary cafeteria upsets residence students

ResLife moves operations from SUB atrium to Dunn/Tibbits courtyard

by Emily Galley

To those residents of Lady Dunn and Tibbits Hall that missed the Tuesday night e-mail, the sight of a large white tent going up mere feet from their bedroom windows came as something of a surprise, to say the least.

The reopening of the McConnell Hall cafeteria has been pushed back again and Dunn/Tibbits (D/T) is bearing the brunt of the inconvenience.

Renovation work on McConnell Hall began in the spring and was scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the 2004-05 school year.

However, as Associate Director of Residence Life John Craighead explains, there were unforeseen complications. The age of McConnell Hall resulted in unpredictable structural issues. Unreliable information from supplier Sunnertime Kitchen Equipment and contractor Castlerock Construction also meant that several target dates were not met. UNB does not include penalty clauses in their contracts, giving contractors no incentive to meet set deadlines.

As for the unpopular move to the D/T courtyard, Craighead points out several contributing factors, including ResLife's presence potentially intruding on the Student Union's activities.

"What it meant if we stayed [in the SUB] beyond the 22nd was in effect... we were going to shove aside other student activities... and we weren't prepared to do that."

In addition, dissatisfaction with the food in the SUB atrium meant that large numbers of people were already choosing to eat at Dunn/Kidd/Tibbits (DKT), and ResLife wanted a space that could be completely controlled by their own administration.

"We hope you can appreciate that it was never our intention to go to DKT," continues Craighead, but given only a two day notice by contractors that McConnell could not open on the 22nd as planned, DKT proved to be the best of all potential solutions.

ResLife has attempted to reduce the impact of the move on D/T residents by eliminating morning service in the meal tent and providing funds for a joint D/T project. But other promises,

such as the removal of tables from the Pitt lounge, the provision of speakers in the lounge to compensate for the increased noise and the setting up of a third floor study lounge in Tibbits have yet to be fulfilled.

ResLife has earned itself many enemies amongst the women of D/T.

"I didn't pay to have a ***ing tent in my backyard," complains Allison McCarthy. "We didn't pay to be invaded in our privacy and in our house."

Girls have had to keep their blinds closed because of the constant stream of people outside their windows and locks have been on doors leading to the Dunn Pitt. The new locks have led to complaints that keys are now necessary to use the TV lounge and do

laundry. This has already led to several incidents of girls being locked out of their houses, once during an evening fire drill, where two Dunn residents were forced to fight their way through the sealed off meal tent in order to exit the building.

However, if the doors are left open, non-residents become free to wander D/T, something that has also proved to be a problem.

With doors shut and blinds closed, little air moves through the hallways and the smell of the cafeteria stagnates in residents' rooms.

"My room stinks like the meal hall!" wails Kat Spencer, who adds that the increased noise levels have forced her on several occasions to sleep elsewhere

than her room in order to get the sleep she needs to get up at 6:30 a.m. for Woodsmen practice.

Those in the Tibbits Pitt used to a scenic vista of the Saint John River now see a solid, white plastic wall and residents no longer have access to the courtyard, D/T's largest community space for house activities, study and recreation.

McConnell is scheduled to reopen Thanksgiving weekend, but should the date be pushed back again, Spencer plans to begin a petition for D/T residents to be have their residence fees partially reimbursed.

"We pay a lot of money to be here, to be comfortable," asserts Spencer. "[These arrangements] make you feel like you don't have a home."

UNB Women's Centre reopens

by K Brookland

Women on campus had reason to celebrate last Friday.

On the first day of October the University Women's Centre reopened its doors. Joanne Barr is Coordinator of the Centre and is also a member of the UNB Campus Ministry team.

From the moment the Centre opened Friday morning women began to stream in. *The Brunswickan's* interview was delayed for 45 minutes as one woman after another came in; the first to offer her volunteer services, another to discuss a personal problem with Barr, the third to look at the various resource materials, and the volunteer returning to ask even more questions.

Finally free to speak, Barr said, "We do not provide services here per se; we are a referral service, we're a drop in centre, and we're a resource centre."

If a woman has issues with addiction, homelessness, violence, grief, employment, academics, or finances, to name a few, the Centre is there to refer her to any number of resources available on campus or within Fredericton and the surrounding areas.

The Centre also has what is referred to as a quiet room.

"Women can come in, close the door to the quiet room, and if a mother is breastfeeding, she has the opportunity to do so in a quiet, calm environment,"

said Barr.

Barr also says that the Centre wants to connect with the community outside the university. To that end, bonds have already been established with the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre, the UNBF Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, and the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation.

Asked what she thinks the first step should be, Barr says they have to find some volunteers. "The hours the Centre is open will be determined by the number of volunteers," she said.

Some of the things that will be offered in the near future are videos on issues important to women, programs surrounding violence against women in recognition of November as Family Violence Prevention Month, and in December Barr says they will participate in the annual memorial of the victims of the Montreal Massacre.

The year 2005 is open to a lot of possibilities. "We respond to the needs and requests of the university community and the community at large," said Barr.

Barr feels the University Women's Centre can play an integral part of women's experience while attending university. She stresses, however, that

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Province-wide smoking ban hits

by David Shipley
The Baron

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CUP) -- The smoke may have cleared from many New Brunswick drinking and eating establishments October 1, but the heated debate over a province-wide ban on smoking in public places continues to rage on.

At O'Leary's Irish Pub on Princess Street in Uptown Saint John, the after-work crowd filled the front of the pub at 5:25 p.m.

"I love it," said Ed Lester, a 60-year old regular of O'Leary's, of the newly imposed ban.

A non-smoker, he said he's looking forward to his clothes not reeking of cigarette smoke.

Less than a block away at Melvin's Bar on Canterbury Street at 5:25 p.m., jazz band Tremblay, Kindred and Leek filled the bar with smooth sounds while a small crowd socialized. Outside, on the bar's patio deck, two patrons were less than impressed with the smoking ban.

"It sucks," said 38-year old Wayne Berube, from St. Anne. A smoker for 25 years, he doesn't think the smoking ban will cut down on the amount he smokes. The ban may cause him to go out to bars less though, he said.

"We came to this bar because we knew this deck was here," said friend Kevin Thorne, 47, a construction supervisor. A smoker for 38 years, he said the ban would cause him to pick the bars he goes to more carefully.

"I can have a cigarette without having a beer, but I can't have a beer without having a cigarette," he said.

Farther down Canterbury Street, at D'Amico's restaurant, Carl Trickey, 46, and Jim Crooks, 60, enjoyed a bite to eat and something to drink with friends.

Both said they were glad the province finally instituted a ban on smoking in public places.

"I think it's wonderful, but it should have been five years ago," said Trickey.

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Joanne Barr, coordinator of the University Women's Centre, speaks to a new volunteer about the Centre's services.

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