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weekends. LBR students will also be joining the DKT users on the weekend, as the use of their dining hall continues to decrease.

"I don't like how they didn't really come out and tell us that they were taking away supper," said Tibbits resident Meagan Sipprell. "It's going to be crazy there having LBR, Joy Kidd, Tibbits and Dunn there all at once. I think it would get really crowded."

According to Anne McFetridge, General Manager of Sodex'ho at UNB, no one has really lost anything, and it's all about what is gained from this.

"Although DKT has lost those two meals, they've also gained all the other additions, like improvements to the deli bar [and] salad bar. It really is quite a package," she said.

John Craighead, the departing Associate Director of Residential Life, spoke of the money issues behind the changes.

"The money that was saved at DKT is not being given back to DKT, it's distributed everywhere. The deli at DKT will improve, but no more than the deli at McConnell," he said. "We spend and spread that money over all dining areas, not just at one specific area."

For Sarah Butt, also a resident in Tibbits Hall, her response was simple.

"It's stupid. I don't know why they changed it around in the first place. It's a real inconvenience having to walk all the way over there when I'm so used to food being right here," she said.

"Trading a short walk from DKT to McConnell (or vice versa) in order to take advantage of something distinctive, I think, is in the students' best interests to do that sort of thing," said Brown. "It's true you have to walk to McConnell for dinner, but it's also true you can get a breakfast at DKT, which is of value to everyone."



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"Yes, we are reducing the comfort level for students, but we are using the money to improve the general satisfaction for everyone. And if we are not meeting those needs, you should hold us accountable for that if it doesn't happen," Craighead also said of the changes.

UNB has always worked very cooperatively with Sodex'ho, and through the dining survey, it gave both parties more reliable feedback on what students wanted. Brown says that Sodex'ho has been 100 per cent cooperative in meeting those needs.

UNB is basing how successful this new program is on the numbers of card swipes or missed meals, according to Joy Kidd resident and proctor Ryan Fraser.

"I have my doubts, as do others, that the meal quality will improve. Craighead told me that if the decision was a horrible failure by Christmas, then they would bring back the meals at DKT," said Fraser.

A new program this year offered first-year students a chance to tour the dining areas with a chef from Sodex'ho, along with a dietician, to explore healthier dining options.

So far, with the changes being made to all meal halls, McFetridge says that

she is hearing positive feedback, and that students' feedback is number one.

"What we are hearing is very positive and we are encouraged by that," she said. "[The comment cards] allow us to react immediately to students' needs and concerns. We can't be everywhere at once and those cards that students fill out are taken into account, big time."

As for other changes being made, Tim Horton's in the SUB is now going to be open until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, this being the first week for that. The Harriet Irving Library is being renovated to include a Starbucks outlet. As well, Tilley and MacClaggan halls are having their own retail food outlets put in. Sodex'ho and UNB are also offering a promotion for the next two weeks where off-campus students can eat at the meal halls for \$2. They will get a coupon via email, and they can only swipe once throughout the promotion.

In the end, it is about the students' happiness with their dining plans.

"Our interest is to create the greatest amount of human happiness throughout the system with the food service program, at a price people are willing to pay," said Craighead.

dian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Canadian troops are three times more likely to be killed in hostile activities in Afghanistan than their British counterparts, and four and a half times more likely to be killed than Americans. "Canadian Forces are incurring a disproportionately heavy burden of casualties among coalition forces in Afghanistan," said the statement. The study from the non-profit research organization also suggests that Canadian troops are six times more likely to be killed than U.S. troops in Iraq. From the time Canada began the mission in early 2001 to Sept. 8, 2006, it had suffered 27 military deaths from hostile action out of a total of 71 non-U.S. deaths - a ratio of two Canadians for every five deaths.

Wikipedia a poor substitute for old-fashioned research?

by Will Keats-Osborn

VANCOUVER (CUP) - Although Wikipedia continues to be a popular resource for students, a great deal of contention exists over its credibility and its propriety as an academic resource.

Wikipedia is an online encyclopedia that uses an unusual selection process to choose its authors: instead of seeking out experts to write and fact-check its articles, Wikipedia allows any visitor to the website to write entries and make changes to existing ones.

The site received a great deal of positive publicity last winter when a study published in "Nature" found that the accuracy of Wikipedia is comparable to that of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Out of 42 entries, they found that the average Wikipedia article contained four inaccuracies, while the average Britannica article contained three.

Wayne Saewyc, a spokesman for Wikipedia, said the results of "Nature's" study may have been skewed in their favour. He said that "Nature" selected only Wikipedia's science articles for the study, which tend to be more in-depth and accurate than those of the arts, politics, or the humanities. "We got lucky," he said.

While conventional encyclopedias

balance the fact-checking of all their articles, often the accuracy of a Wikipedia article depends on the popularity of the topic, which influences the number of people viewing the article and the number of potential editors.

In addition, political articles are more likely to be tampered with. Even though it is statistically very rare, a number of articles regarding American senators and congressmen were found to have been tampered with by both political parties, in order to introduce particular biases or emphases into the article.

"In general, our prose is not as good, and our factuality is not as good," said Saewyc, comparing Wikipedia to conventional encyclopedias.

The main advantage Wikipedia has over conventional encyclopedias is the speed with which errors can be corrected.

"It's usually fixed within minutes of coming up in a press release," Saewyc said.

Saewyc emphasized that Wikipedia should only be the first step in doing research for a paper.

"Wikipedia is not authoritative, but it's a good place to start," he said. "Don't try to cite any encyclopedia if you want to get a good grade. Any encyclopedia is not appropriate for good research, and it just tells your teacher that you didn't put the effort in."

Like the creators of Wikipedia, many professors stress caution when using Wikipedia as an academic resource.

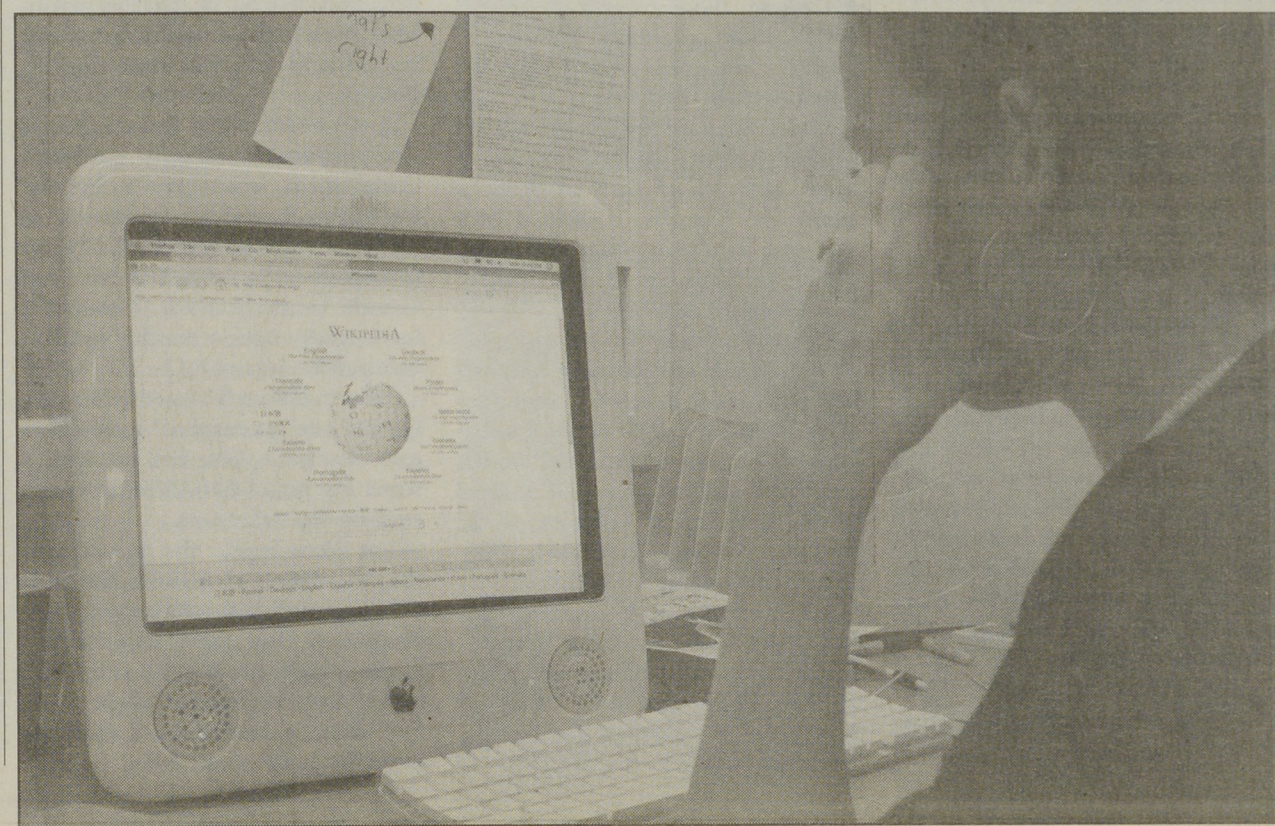
Richard Rosenberg, professor emeritus in the University of British Columbia's computer science department, said that the biggest reason to read Wikipedia critically is that it is impossible to tell what the authors' backgrounds are, or what slant or bias they are presenting in their article. The authors of Wikipedia's entries can remain entirely anonymous, along with their biases and personal agendas.

"I think it is a valuable resource," Rosenberg said, likening Wikipedia to any other encyclopedia. "But I think students should be cautious. They should use it in a careful way, as an introduction to a topic, and it should lead to other resources that are more reliable."

Many students are also wary of Wikipedia's credibility.

"I trust it enough to use it for trivial things, but I don't trust it enough to use it as a legitimate source," said Stephanie Ellis, a fourth-year biology student at the University of British Columbia.

Wikipedia was created in 2001 and now has almost four million articles in 100 languages. It is the 16th most visited website on the internet, according to the online ranking facility Alexa.



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News shorts

*The UNB Faculty of Nursing welcomed a new dean this year. Dr. Janice Thompson comes to the University of New Brunswick from the University of Southern Maine in Portland, where she served as a professor of nursing and the director of the honours program. Thompson's five-year term began on August 1.

*At least 109 people in the United States have become sick due to an E. coli outbreak caused by tainted spinach. The company responsible has denied that its organic spinach is to blame. The death of a 77-year-old woman in Wisconsin has been traced to the spinach, and the death of a 23-month-old

girl is being investigated. There have been reported outbreaks in 19 states, with no cases being reported in Canada.

*"Dry" towns in Manitoba, communities that do not serve liquor, could soon be a thing of the past. On October 25, during province-wide municipal elections, referendums will be held in the rural municipalities of Stanley and Hanover. These two communities are in the "Bible Belt" of southern Manitoba. The question came up when a local restaurant asked to be allowed to serve liquor so it can compete with businesses in the nearby town of Steinbach. The area is largely Mennonite, and has had liquor bans institutionalized for over 30 years.

*According to a study by the Canadian

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