

Neill House camps out for charity

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Patrons of Nicky Zee's probably noticed a big brown tent sitting on the bar's balcony this weekend.

The tent was part of an annual fundraising effort put on by UNB's Neill House. Every year, a select group of students from Neill House take some time out of their busy school schedule to camp out above the bar in an effort to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

The house raised \$1136.95 from the camping on the roof effort this year.

This year's group of campers included Neill House president Janik Petersen, Alumni Rep Justin Leblanc, and Vice President Katelin Kienapple.

"Neill House's house charity is the Canadian Cancer Society, and this is one of our major events to raise money for them," explained Kienapple on the Saturday night before the event ended.

"We have three of us that sleep in the tent for the Friday and the Saturday night. We get here at about 5:30 on Friday and stay until Sunday morning."

The three campers weren't the only Neill House members that worked hard to raise money for charity. There were also house members that took shifts panhandling below. They collected money from the people passing by, and ended up doing well.

"It's usually a good turnout. We've gotten a couple of twenties and people have been really generous," said Kenof.

\$1136.95 was raised in total.

The students had to deal with some chilly weather conditions, however, and a lot of boring downtime.

"We have some army sleeping bags so it's not too bad," explained Petersen.

"Yeah, sleeping is the warm part," Leblanc chimed in. "The standing on the patio is the cold part."

The trio was forced to find some creative ways to keep warm and pass the time. Their iPods got a workout, and a game of Monopoly was played more than once. But one of their more



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Students of Neill House camped on the roof of Nicky Zee's to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society this past weekend. \$1136.95 was raised in total. Pictured above are Katelin Kienapple, Justin LeBlanc and Janik Petersen.

interesting activities turned out to be people watching. "It's fun to stand on the balcony and watch the drunk people bellow falling and dropping their pizza and still eating it," laughed Kienapple. "Or the girls trying to wander in the snow with open toed heels and dresses that barely cover their ass."

Mealtime turned out to be a big event for the campers. They ate well with catered meals from The Snooty Fox, Caribbean Flavas, and Huskins'

Marketplace. All of the meals were donated.

Neill House's work for the Canadian Cancer Society was the latest charitable effort from a UNB residence. UNB residences boast a strong connection between its residences and charity, and as the students from Neill House proved this past weekend, they don't mind having to suffer a little bit if it means helping out those in need – even if that includes camping out on top of a bar.

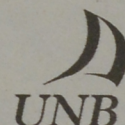
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