

Langara College has one so why don't we? The article below describes the CSU pub night that put an end to all drunken festivities on the campus. Yet even twenty five years before, Cap was a party animal. A responsible, jazz listening, equal rights demanding party animal that behaved itself. In the seventies, nights of local music were held in the Cafetheatre. Advertisements for the mixers were colourfully and humourously laid out to display drink prices of drum roll ... \$1! Imagine a taco and tequila night in association with the counselling department. Obviously the social norms were alot different thirty years ago, as well as the pants. Dare we ask why?

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Was it the smaller population of students? Perhaps disco music and Peter Frampton were helping to reduce drunken animosity.

First Pub Night May be Capilano's Last

Administration Reconsiders Issuing CSU Liquor Licences

By Sherry Peters

There is a temporary hold on pub nights at Capilano College. James Cooke, Dean of Student Services and Foundation Programmes, said that the college will not approve any future liquor licences for pub nights until a full review takes place. This announcement comes as a result of the September 14th pub night held in the Maple Building. Concerns have been raised both about the safety of students at the college and members of the community at large as a result of the event.

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says a different crowd began to show up. Some according to Hansen were very polite and willing to follow the rules of the evening. Foremost among those rules was that as a result of liq-

there three times." It was at this point that several of the confrontations occurred. Carrasco recalls, "I just walked up to people thinking I'll just tell them that this is what is happening and if we don't keep everyone inside that we will be shut down."

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According to Alexandra Hansen, a member of the CSU Executive, "It's like word got out that we were having a wild party and all sorts of people showed up, many of whom I don't think were students. They brought their own alcohol. It was a nightmare trying to control the event."

Cooke explains, "The college has to sign off on any liquor licence that the CSU applies for. We won't be signing off until we have had a chance to have a full review of the situation that occurred here and until we have some way of ensuring it does not take place again."

Magdalena Carrasco, another member of CSU Executive and Women's Liaison representative, said that she wouldn't want to do another pub night. "Some people say a successful night is when we sell a lot of beer but personally if I am going to be mistreated at a function I helped organise, I am not going to do it."

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Hansen says there was a very good atmosphere in the afternoon. "The afternoon was amazing. Over five hundred students attended. We sold out at the barbecue and the CSU collected three or four sheets of names of students that would like to become involved. It was great from my perspective because we got to let them know that the CSU does more than laminate student cards and sell bus passes."

But once pub night began she



uor licensing restrictions, alcohol had to be kept inside the student lounge.

Carrasco, said that, "I can understand that it was a hot day and I can see wanting to get out of that warm room and out into the fresh air but all we asked was that they leave their beer inside. It was not our rule. It is part of our liquor license and security at the college was very clear with us that we had to keep them inside. By the time I came back from shopping for food for everyone, security had already been

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Carrasco recalls that after one man spit at Hansen, Miles Walker, Social Activities Co-ordinator for the CSU came out and addressed him by his first name and asked him to go inside. The man showed no resistance and was polite. Realizing that Miles knew the individual Carrasco asked Miles to tell him not to spit at people. Carrasco says, "The guy just went nuts. He started saying, 'She's a fucking liar. That stupid fucking bitch.' And then the DJ walked by Alex [Hansen] and made a horking sound...Imagine the DJ pretending to spit on his employer. But I don't think he saw her that way. I don't think he could see past the fact that she was a woman standing in his way of having a good time. And all I could keep thinking was that these guys would never even have this opportunity to enjoy themselves if it weren't for us...I kept thinking that if I was a man he never would have spoken to me like that."

Hansen agrees that it was the fact that she was a woman that made her a target for these men. "Towards the men at the door they were absolutely polite."

One man in particular became quite aggressive in his behaviour and as a result police were called. Hansen explains, "I called 911. I was scared because most of us in charge that night were women and there was

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At one point I went to the washroom and while I was in there I suddenly thought, 'what if one of them comes in here and locks the door.'

While Hansen was on the telephone with police the man in question got in his car and left. Hansen says that "he couldn't even walk straight."

As a result of seeing this and realizing both the moral and legal implications of being the organisers of an event in which someone drives away drunk, the police were informed and a road block was set up on Lilloet Road.

"Personally," says Hansen, "I could not bear the thought of being responsible someone leaving an event I helped organise and killing someone's child while driving drunk." Cooke supports this action taken by the CSU. "They did the right thing. There has always been a concern from the College about this type of thing happening but in the past there has never been any problems with CSU events."

According to Cooke the issue of liability is very real and points to one case in which a company had a party and an employee had a couple

of drinks. This employee then left the party and went off to a bar and continued drinking. At the end of the night he drove and ended up in an accident.

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"The court found the company partially liable even though the majority of drinking did not occur at the party... It is very scary. It's very scary for the CSU, for the individual who bought the beer, and the people who served the liquor. All of them are potentially liable."

Walker made an announcement to the crowd warning them that a road block had been set up and advising them that the CSU would call a taxi for anyone who needed one.

Walker describes the event as a success. "It was a great success. By far the best turn-out and best sales in my two years here. About 280 people attended and around 1100 drinks were sold."

Walker feels that he had a very

different experience from the women because he and Rafael "made it more clear who we are."

All members of the CSU, including the women were wearing blue t-shirts identifying themselves as members of the CSU.

Still, Walker says that it was just a misunderstanding. "The guys were coming up to me and saying 'who are these girls that are screaming at us? Who the hell are they? They don't have anything to do with this?'"

Several witnesses have said that they never saw Hansen or Carrasco screaming or yelling at any of the people attending.

Hansen feels that whether the men were aware of her position is irrelevant. "It doesn't matter who was in charge. You don't treat anyone like that."

In contrast to the fear expressed by Hansen and Carrasco, Walker describes the night as "very fun and relaxed." At approximately 9:20pm, after twice running out to buy additional beer, the CSU ran out of beer and after rapping up Walker and some 75 others went down to The Stone Temple to continue partying. He is anxious to

have another pub night only "next time we'll just go for a DJ. The bands are okay and everything but I think people just want a DJ." Walker says he plans to use the same DJ, known as DJ Jial 14, a student here at the college.

Hansen and Carrasco are opposed to the same DJ in the future and would like to see the atmosphere changed.

"In the past pub nights were a place where people sat around and talked. They were very low key. This time I think someone got on the phone and called all their friends." Hansen explains. "I think the point of pub nights should be to build community."

Carrasco feels that what happened at pub night is not unusual. "It is the kind of sexism you see every day that people don't talk about but because of concentration of people and booze it just happened all at once."

One thing everyone agrees on is that if there is another pub night bouncers will have to be hired. Hansen says that this is a dramatic change as past events were so subdued. Ian Robertson, Director of Buildings and Grounds, agrees, "In the past student union activities have been quite good."