

Bootlegging at UPEI

By Sarah Murphy

The UPEI Student Union has been accused of bootlegging. It is believed that two kegs of beer were illegally sold to students for a party in Marion Hall on March 3.

The party which was held in the men's residence was a non-authorized event, said Phil Hooper, UPEI Comptroller and spokesperson in this investigation. "The origin of the kegs is an important issue and a serious problem," he said, "and the issue will be pursued."

Marc Braithwaite, director of Residence, Food, and Conferences Services must sign an approval to hold such an event, said Hooper, which was not done. Event organisers must follow Marion Hall's liquor license stipulations which state that only licensed bartenders are to sell the alcohol, there must be no minors on the premises, and there must be no resale of alcohol – only Compass Foods, formerly Cara Foods has the right to resell alcohol at this university.

"The student Union has a separate liquor license which authorises them to sell alcohol only in the lounge," said Hooper, justifying the university's concern.

UPEI Student Union President BJ McCarville defended the sale.

"I assume that we knew that it was for resale, but we also assume that there would be a licensed

bartender and an [adequate] licence," said McCarville, adding that it is common practice for the Panther Lounge to sell certain items to on campus groups if Compass foods cannot.

"Given the situation, we have reformatted our policy around selling alcohol to groups within the university and decided to stop all such sales," said McCarville insisting that the Panther Lounge follows the law. "Every patron that comes in the establishments is ID'd and I would consid-

er it one of the more strict establishments in Charlottetown."

Panther Lounge Manager Aaron Carr, also believes the sale was legal. Carr, who declined speaking to *The Cadre*, told the *Guardian* that it was his understanding that the event was being organized through Residence, Food, and Conference Services, which is licensed to purchase alcohol directly from the PEI Liquor Commission or from the Panther Lounge. "I'm quite sure I

didn't do anything wrong," Carr told the *Guardian*. "They came with a university cheque and paid for this draft. It certainly wasn't out of the ordinary and I haven't been contacted by anyone to say they didn't authorize [the purchase of beer]."

Marc Braithwaite, who was unavailable for comment, has taken proper action and informed the students who were involved in organising this what they can and cannot do, said Hooper.

This will be handled

as a disciplinary issue, he said. "It might have been a misunderstanding, but that is not an excuse"

The incident is presently under investigation by the UPEI Security Police Department, said Department Director Greg Clayton, who also declined to speak to *The Cadre* but spoke to the *Guardian*. Clayton told the daily that this is the first time he can recall such a complaint being made.

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