

The 'NAME GAME'...a sports editorial.

By MAC BREWER

The 'NAME GAME', a comedy of errors and latest in a string of one-act plays combining all the worst elements of the old time Greek tragedies where the hero falls to the idle and uncaring whims of aloof Gods, despite his/her their best efforts to the contrary. The 'HERO' in this case, being the individuality of our varsity sports teams and the names they now have.

That's what's being played here at UNB this year and for those of you with somewhat longer memories you may recognize it as the self-same symptoms of a lingering illness that infected our sports program way back in the 1931-32 academic year.

At that time a sports committee offered a \$5.00 prize for the person who suggested the best name for the UNB sports teams. The offer was upped to \$10.00 and finally won on January 14th, 1932 by a D. Kingsley for the name, 'UNB Hillmen'.

The committee of prof. G. Jones, Messrs. C. Burden, and T. Coffey selected the name but did not necessarily urge its adoption. They suggested instead that it be voted on by the Council, Union, or a committee of students.

I am happy to say that the name died a fast death due to a lack of student support and was never used or mentioned in the next season.

Now it seems that inter-collegiate director, Malcolm Early, is once again reviving the issue that thus far has been defeated by the students, and/or faculty of the Phys. Ed. Dept. every time that it reared its ugly head. The most recent case-in-point being its defeat at two separate opinion polls last year when 65 percent of the students polled voted AGAINST a name change for the varsity sports teams.

The name suggested that time was "the Loyalists", but pressure from St. John and its Loyalist Day's Committee and the possible fear of offending the French-speaking sections of the province helped arrest that idea. The city was against the use of the name by UNBSJ although situated in the port city they've a much clearer claim on the title.

It was mentioned to me that while he didn't say it at last year's Sports Banquet, Malcolm Early clearly stated that there would be a name change I won't mention who revealed this to me but it surprised me that he would so strongly state his intentions after a vote at the banquet vetoed the idea.

Currently Mr. Early is pushing the name "UNB Pioneers" down our throats. I say that freely, as every student I've spoken to is either against changing the name at all (the majority and nearly all athletes) or wouldn't really protest it

"If" the name wasn't the "Pioneers" (a minority). Not one student I've talked to had the slightest favourable comment on the name "UNB Pioneers". Early has come up with a clever solution to this problem however. You see he's not asking them, he's TELLING them that the name will go through and it WILL BE the "UNB Pioneers".

Being a fair man, however, he broached the topic in some of his classes last week as he strove to rationalize the big drive for a common team name in terms of a unified publicity drive and the easier recognition and less confusion one name would bring.

As the athletic department of this university never seemed to concern themselves about a varsity booster-club before, its ridiculous that adopting Mr. Early's grand dream of a common team name would stir them to action now! As

for easier recognition I fall back on J.J.'s editorial last week to point out the fact that there are very few here at UNB who can tell you the "COMMON" varsity names of such universities as McGill, U of B.C., Bishop's University or the University of Calgary to name a few.

The UNB Red Bloomers are known across Canada in women's basketball circles. Not bad considering there are 47 competing universities! I would remind you that in the closing ceremonies of the Winter Games while each team carried a banner saying "Thank-you Brandon!", the New Brunswick team also carried one that said "Go Bloomers!". The sports commentator KNEW it referred to our women's basketball team at Regina for the C.I.A.U. Nationals.

Indications are that UNB Black Bears would resent inference that they were not well known and respected in AUSA wrestling circles and Nationals alike. Especially considering Leo McGee's narrow loss of a silver, and coming home with a Bronze medal at the Winter Games.

The UNB Ironmen are no newcomers to respect and recognition either. Even now they're preparing for their annual exhibition tour of the United States. It's questionable whether they would be better known if they decided to change their name to the "UNB Pioneers". Quite the contrary! It's good that they are a club and not a varsity team so the name change won't affect them in any case if it does indeed pass Senate.

It is one thing to impose a name change that is supposedly designed to avoid confusion and quite another to implement it without confusing sports officials, teams, coaches, athletes, and fans alike who are familiar with their sport and I mean they KNOW IT! I envision scenes of "Who the hell are the Pioneers? I thought the Red Raiders/Red Devils/Red Bombers/etc. were playing us tonight?"

No, Mal, the students don't want it. The fans don't want it. The ATHLETES on the teams DON'T WANT IT! It's been defeated every year it was ever proposed and rightly so! It was defeated just last year. UNB is the only university in the country to have different names for each of their varsity teams, but this does not have to be a drawback. It's possible UNB just might

be proud of that fact! Perhaps UNB doesn't want to be a carbon copy of every other university? We're individuals! The teams are proud of their unique standing and want to keep it. Every basketball player is proud to be a Red Raider or a Red Bloomer. The football players are proud to be a Red Bomber. The rugby guys are Ironmen each and every one!

Another thing is the "defeatist" attitude currently hanging over the gym. A lot of the athletes are mad at what they think is an irreversible decision to change the names to the "UNB Pioneers."

Not so! It hasn't gone through yet! It has to be voted on by the Senate at

their April 10th meeting. This is an "open" meeting in that all interested can come

and watch as this issue is decided.

If you want to have your petition or group represented or placed on the agenda

then you must contact your student senators and gain their help!

Opinion poll Wednesday

ATTENTION ALL PHYS. ED. STUDENTS and varsity sports fans! A special opinion-poll is being set up to run concurrent with the CHSR-FM referendum on Wednesday, March 28th. It will be for the express purpose of determining student reaction to the proposed changing of the names of our varsity sports teams to the 'UNB Pioneers'.

A separate ballot box will be available at each polling location for the poll on the NAME-CHANGE alone. Your UNB Student I.D. card will be required for the poll just as if it was an SRC sponsored referendum.

The results will be published in the Brunswickan next week on the lead sports page and will also be presented before the Senate on April 10th when they vote on whether or not to accept the name, "UNB Pioneers".

REMEMBER! The issue to be voted on at the Senate meeting is NOT whether they are in favour of a name change to a common one for all varsity teams. It is on whether or not they accept the name UNB Pioneers as that common name. Oromoct's feelings on the matter don't seem to count

They are: Dave Mallory, Anne Langerels, Andrew Wawer, Perry Thornburn, and Donny Ross. They are there to help you and to represent your opinions. Make use of them. They can help you win.

The Saltos, Red Rebels, Reds, Red Shirts, Red Harriers, Red Devils, Red Blazers, Red Sticks, Beavers, Mermaids, all cry out their uniqueness! Listen to the students' Malcolm Early. Take away their pride and you may find yourself without a varsity program to be the director of.

for much and Mal Early doesn't seem opposed to appropriating their name for our use. It was just the same when St. John proposed us using THEIR name, "the Loyalists" last year. Remember that by voting 'YES' you are stealing the established name of Oromoct's 'Pioneer Days' and the name of their sports teams. They're only 12 miles away.

Special thanks should be given to SRC vice-president external, Claire Fripp who arranged the printing of the ballots and the use of the ballot box when approached with the matter. Her attention was prompt and I must say I couldn't have done it without her. Thanks a million Claire!

[That's all I can do to allow your opinion to be heard. If you don't want a name change all you have to do is use a little ink on a ballot. Other than that I strongly urge you to seek out the petitions being circulated by some of the athletes.]

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Dr. Love Race a success!

By JACQUES JEAN

There was a good turnout for the annual Dr. Love Race which was held last Saturday on the Russagornish Road. Eighteen

runners dared the cold to cover the 10,000 meter loop. The winner of the race was Jacques Jean with a time of 32 min. 57.8 sec. Second position went to Joe Lehmann who was twenty seconds behind Jean with a time of 33 min. 37 sec.

Peter Richardson covered the distance in 35 min. 4 sec. to take third place.

UNB race/walker Paul Guimond was also part of the field covering the 10,000 m distance in a personal best time of 54 min. 16 sec.

The only woman to run the race was Nancy Freeze. She finished eleventh with a time of 39 min. 34 sec.

Results with place and time — 1. Jacques Jean (UNB) 32:57.8 (2) Joe Lehmann (UNB) 33:37 (3) Peter Richardson (UNB) 35:04 (4) Peter McAuley (UNB) 37:01 (5) Fred Steeves (FTC) 37:11 (6) John McCarthy (UNB) 37:19 (7) Doug Davidson (UNB) 38:03 (8) Brian McEwing (FTC) 38:37 (9) Dave Vost (UNB) 38:55 (10) Vern (UNB) 39:25 (11) Nancy Freeze (UNB) 39:34 (12) Don Hall (IND) 41:08 (13) Ricky Hull (IND) 42:46 (14) Doug Mullaland (IND) 42:46 (15) Harold Dolan (IND) 45:29 (16) Dave Wiggins (IND) 47:13 (17) Chester Gillan (UNB) 48:41 (18) Paul Cincurak (IND) 52:48 (19) Paul Guimond (UNB) 54:16.