

# MT. A Fans Are Poor Winners

Dear Sir:

This past weekend the UNB Hockey Team played the St. Thomas Tommies in what proved to be a very closely fought contest by players and fans alike. The fan support at these inter-campus games is always excellent and the students should be highly commended for their overactive participation. But last Friday was the worst show of ignorance by a few select "supporters" that has been seen in many years. I, nor the players, like to see what the STU Tom-Tom calls "squirrel Juice" on the ice. You can be assured that players on both sides get very high strung during a game but never go out on the ice with the intent to injure anyone. However these are a few select individuals that attend these games in order to see fights and as much blood as possible shed by the opposing team. I can say that I myself have felt this way at times, but never resorted to pulling a trick such as running across the ice to participate in one of a number of free-for-alls occurring in the stands. There are also what I would call "deranged idiots" amongst the actual supporters who think that throwing beer bottles on the ice is a great joke. If the half-wits that claim the honor of this brilliant stunt (and probably do) think it is smart they should put themselves in a player's position who might be hit by such an object. The results could be quite disastrous to say the least, in the loss of an eye or even worse.

It is my feeling that fans can go to a game and support a team without resorting to what this generation seems to be against-violence. And that's just what it is. I'm not saying that UNB students are to blame nor those from STU but some people on this campus (a very small minority) seem to have their claim to fame by being total idiots. But the other 90 per cent of the student population at UNB is really keen on

supporting teams and are definitely worth going everything you have to win on their behalf.

The campus police should not go unnoticed either since they have an extremely difficult task to do and as I will mention shortly, do a better job, if not the best, of any rink in the Maritime Intercollegiate League. The fans should try the job sometime. They work pretty hard for the little amount they receive.

I made mention of the Friday game with St. Thomas, in some detail in order to form a comparison for the same type of incident which befell the Red Devils the next night down at Mount Allison University. But it must be noted before reading this that I by no means am advocating retaliation by UNB fans for the actions of the supporters of the Mt. A Mounties.

It can always be expected by any athletics team going to Mt. A that the welcome will be far from warm by what have been dubbed UNB's "perennial rivals". However, what we encountered last Saturday was a bit too hot to handle.

To begin with, as soon as the team came on the ice to start the game, about 30 or 40 select, extremely drunk "idiots" from Mount A noisily took up their battle stations around, in, and behind the UNB bench. Right from the time the national anthem was being played and even during it, these so-called people, began yelling the famous four letter words and similar adjectives for all to hear. This usually will not bother a team very much, but when it continues not more than two feet from you for an entire game, it becomes rather irritating, to say the least.

I can honestly say that I have heard this at home games too, but not by 30 or 40 in a group sitting behind the opposing team's bench. One fellow in particular was bent on saying every dirty word he could think of in calling down the

players and coach. The part that bothers me is that the so-called campus police behind the bench made only feeble attempts at stopping this guy, and in actuality did nothing about it as far as we could see. Now I'm not saying that swearing can lose a hockey game, but 60 minutes of it is bound to have some effect. These students seemed to take a great deal of pride in singling out coaches and players one at a time and giving them the once over with their filthy language.

However, it did not stop at language. It wasn't long before spitting became the order of the time and we took a few splatterings from that. Then pieces of paper and bits of odds and ends somehow ended on the bench. Between the time the game started and the time it ended we were somehow short four or five hockey sticks even though I was assured by the campus police that they would be watched.

Then in the third period a fan grabbed one of our players beside our bench, who was skating past, and we almost had a nice rumble with the fans to finish a very hectic evening. While some of the players were involved in this, I had my hands full at the other end, keeping extremely drunk fans from making off with the rest of our sticks. I was, however, pleased to receive support from the father of one of our players, who resides in Moncton. I should mention here that this gentleman and his wife sat in the middle of these idiots throughout the game and don't ask me how, but they were of no concern to the campus police, as was the case with others, it seemed. These fine people were thoroughly disgusted with what they saw and heard and were strongly contemplating written notice of same to the college President.

When it gets to this point, I believe something should be done. I can honestly say that for the first time in three years

# Op-ed

## Inside The Bruns

What happened to the fall?

This is the last Brunswickan for 1970 and with it marks the end of the first half year of production by the staff of students who layout and design this news paper.

We made a lot of changes in the paper some that worked and some that bombed, but this 28 page Brunswickan is the result.

This being the last issue before Christmas the staff of the INSIDE went beserk with Christmas spirit and devoted it to the season of jollies.

The articles on the Canadian economy and foreign investment are a preview of what is to come after Christmas with this paper. We are encouraging other professors who are specialists in their field to submit articles to us to bring the paper closer to the campus and the students.

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as the manager of the hockey team. I heard players talking about protecting themselves from the fans or going up into the stands to do something to remedy the situation. Any person who wore a UNB jacket into the rink, deserves a lot of credit (and there was only one I saw) for he was putting himself into what seemed to be a very precarious position.

I've seen some pretty poor things happen in rinks around this league in the past three years but anyone who attended the game in Mount A could consider them very minor in comparison.

I was of the opinion that Friday's game against STU was bad, which it was, but it seems kind of slack after Saturday's encounter with the swamps. I must again emphasize that I, the coaches, or the players are not advocating revenge or sticking up for any of the select odd balls that made themselves known on Friday or Saturday night but am waiting in order to make the facts known and to

make the student body get some idea of what the players representing THEIR University have to go through in a situation such as that in Mount A last weekend.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Morell

(Manager UNB Red Devils)

## ipse dixit

finished the year with a paper that almost finished us, cept' in no one including the new brunswick power commission could break the spirit "santa has his own bag" or so they say. ed the house virgin is nearly bananas because santa has promised hotter things for christmas everyone going to it lose come the grand commune in armanda b.c. simons, anderson, thompson and stevens are headed for the slopes and lottsahighs. mcpherson going to live in a hairy cover... hold the bus ...all vacation. beaton - the dex kid and her 14 days in a week sidekick boyd have full reverse eyes this week since the commercial santas downtown layed it on us with ads. constantine consumed the spirits of profit motive while the paper colated and he.... rumors are that rudolphs a red and has been barred from entry into quebec this season gail will take a course in heads many thanx to her for her work while jo will have a clock to meet him by instead of intuition. santa says collum is getting a instruction kit on junior businessman and post-cards from greece ... again. kimo who is our miss brooks around here is receiving a crash course in how to win friends and influence their problems with a free subscription to decongestion nasal. fact - santa is really an unemployed toymaker from the Bronx. rudnikoff our mad photog will get a part of his daddies empire for xmas and with any luck will own half the canadian national railways. jomini our defender on the right guard of all that clean pure, simple and symmetrical will blow his lens on the rockies. Rumors to the effect that wink has asked santa for a lawnmower to cut his newly seeded grass are true olafson has asked santa for an even tighter pair of jeans and sweater to match. santa is a u s draft dodger hiding out at the north pole. macmullin the office habadasher stud is hoping to get eds memo on how its done in every position. jonah just wants to suspend the pope and the catholic religion its a drag. on a clear day you can see forever.....

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