

# More Blood & Thunder

## Spiking Editor

Dear Editor:

As a member of the UNB Reds Volleyball team, I feel obligated to express my disappointment of Greg Hoare's March 27th article entitled "Lady Reds lose in CIAUs". His article leaves the impression that our women's team, after struggling hard and coming back from fourth place to win the AUAA's, left for Winnipeg with an "I don't give a damn" attitude. I seriously wonder if Mr. Hoare attended the same CIAUs we did. We entered the tournament seeded eighth and were scheduled to play the number one ranked team in the nation. After not playing in one single tournament outside our Atlantic conference this season, we were definitely at a disadvantage, but hopeful that we would play the same quality ball that enabled us to win the AUAA championship. Unfortunately, we lost both of our matches three games straight, finishing only eighth in the country. Mr. Hoare forgets to mention that the second placed University of

Manitoba also lost three straight to the Wesman women in the finals. Was it because of "extremely poor defense" and "little inspiration and coordination" to use Hoare's exact words describing our play. I suggest that the next time the Bruns decides to send a reporter, all expenses paid, to the CIAUs, he should at least have a basic knowledge of the game he is covering.

Hoare's last paragraph is especially insulting. We, the UNB Reds, made it to the CIAUs finishing in the top ten, yet we received negative reports from the Brunswickan. It will never cease to amaze me how other UNB teams receive an abundance of positive, optimistic reporting in the Bruns when they possess records that, to say the least, leave something to be desired.

I wasn't looking for an article blaming officiating or poor seeding for our losses, but an objective article about our matches and a positive summation of our impressive accomplishments in the AUAA league would have been more appropriate. I don't expect a pat on the back, but at the same time, I don't expect to be

belittled in front of my fellow athletes and students just for losing at the CIAUs and finishing in the top ten. No apologies are necessary; printing this letter will suffice.

Sincerely disappointed,  
Carolyn Campbell  
Co-captain, UNB Reds

## Second Serve

Regarding Carolyn Campbell's highly critical letter concerning my coverage of the CIAU volleyball tournament, I feel it necessary to set the record straight.

Firstly, the impression I received from the Lady Reds was not "I don't give a damn," but, "We don't have a chance." In addition, I found dissension among team players in regards to who should be playing and who shouldn't.

It is my opinion that a combination of these factors will inevitably lead to a team's defeat, no matter how much talent there is. And I honestly believe that the Lady Reds had the talent to do better than they did. How else could the Lady Reds win the AUAA's?

Secondly, as for Miss Campbell's remark about my neglecting to mention the second placed University of Manitoba, my priority was to cover the UNB Lady Reds. But if Miss Campbell feels that the University of Manitoba deserved the coverage rather than the Reds, I'll understand.

I don't know if the Student Union will though.

Thirdly, I will readily admit that my basic knowledge of volleyball is somewhat limited to the dimension of the court; the height of the net (women's and men's); the size and weight of the ball; the number of players allowed on the court and their positions; as well as the rules and regulations of the game.

Finally, Miss Campbell questions the reasons why some teams received an "abundance of positive, optimistic reporting in the Bruns when they possess records, to say the least, leaves something to be desired." Again, it is my opinion that statistics are merely a short sighted spectrum of an athlete's true ability.

I feel that if an athlete can say he/she gave it all they were worth for themselves, their team, and their university, then that is the true essence of a champion.

I must admit that I found it

amazing how some team members could party almost every night and still be able to play volleyball. But then again, the Reds lost, did they not?

No, Miss Campbell, I will not apologize for my article. However, I do apologize to those team members who were dedicated to the team's cause for a CIAU title.

Greg Hoare

## Apathy on way out

Dear Editor:

This is my last year of Mechanical Engineering at this university. I would like to make some comments on my five years here, particularly on the aspects of student government.

I have kept every issue of THE BRUNSWICKAN that has been published since my time here began in the fall of 1982. Five years ago, the apathy of the students at UNB was a big press topic. Every year since, this topic has occupied the pages of this fine student newspaper. I can't pinpoint the cause of student apathy nor will I try. I will say that I think that apathy is on the way out due to the recent election that took place on this campus.

With the election of Jane Arnold as Student Union President, and with the acclamation of Larry Hansen, James Small and Armand Vaillancourt for the other executive positions, I can't help but feel that the Student Union is on strong ground and can go

nowhere but upward very fast. Jane's landslide victory over a heavily backed Bosnitch candidate clearly indicates the direction that students want to go in. The voter turnout was as high as it has been during my time here. This provides an even greater message as to what the students really want. The students of UNB want a stop to meaningless power struggles and want an effective student government to provide the services that it should. Students want to be able to take pride in UNB and its student government and really be able to enjoy the time that they spend here.

I really feel that with Jane Arnold as President, the students will get what they want and finally deserve. Let's just hope that the new Student Union government is not plagued by the problems that this year's Student Union had (ie. lawsuits from feeble minded individuals).

I think and I hope that school pride and spirit is on the way back. I wish Jane Arnold and her new government all the best and extend that wish to the leaders that will follow her. Things are looking up though, eh? Go Jane, go!

Sincerely,  
Brent E. Smith  
Engineering Rep.  
S.U. Council

## Democratic Habitation II

Every year upperclassmen book rooms in residence for September. These people then fail to return, having changed their lifestyle plans over the summer. What they neglect to

do is inform the residence office of their new plans. To compensate for this, rooms are overbooked while the office waits for these people to not show. Every December people finish their degrees or move off-campus for various reasons (not usually yours, though, Ms. deVos), thus causing an abundance of space, which would then give double rooms to deserving upper classmen as singles.

This system works and should be attributed to the dedication and hard work put in by the residence administration of Dean Dr. Dwight G. Scott and Associate Dean Dr. Mary Lou Stirling. No plans are in the works for making the system more co-ed at this time and, though the rules may be strict, it is obviously because of the attitudes of residents.

Disciplining is done, to the best of my knowledge, quite fairly. Usually when rules are broken, as in your case, Ms. deVos, the residence system has an obligation to see that some sort of punishment is taken. Other universities would have expelled you; however, these compassionate and educated administrators dispense discipline in a just and democratic manner, as outlined by the Board of Governors.

Therefore, it is my belief that the only people who should criticize the residence system are the residents and their representative board, of which you were once president, and not those evicted from residence.

Richard J. A. Renaud  
Public Relations  
Residence Representative  
Board

## Applications and Nominations are invited for the **ALUMNI STUDENT AWARDS**

These annual awards will be presented to UNB graduating students, who in the opinion of the Committee, have made an outstanding contribution to student and university life during their years at UNB.

Applications and inquiries should be made to the director of Alumni Affairs, Arthur Doyle; at the Alumni Memorial Building, UNB Campus.