

# SPORTS

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## Football Fumbled Again

Let us all pay heed to the age old proverb, "Incompetency shall overcome all hope." For nothing better can illustrate how football has once again slipped through UNB's fingers.

Ever since this university was stripped of its beloved football team (the Red Bombers), nearly five years ago, the students have been in dire need of a football fix.

Back in March of this year we were promised an end to this long withdrawal period; football was returning to UNB in the form of a Phys-Ed sponsored grand match between the Acadia Axemen of Wolfville, N.S., and the St. Mary's Huskies of Halifax, ticketed for Saturday September 7 at College field.

The expense of transporting the two teams and boarding them for two days was estimated at \$7000. The SRC offered to match whatever could be raised from the public sector up to the required \$3500.

It's at this point that incompetency reared its ugly head, resulting in only \$2000 being raised and the games' ultimate cancellation.

The attempt to raise the money was led by Mark Hazlett, Chairman of the Phys Ed-student formed-football committee. Mark initiated the drive for funds by contacting Moosehead breweries to see if they might be interested in contributing. This was back in late February when the plans were in their embryonic

stage. Moosehead said they would be interested and to contact them again when the plans were more definite. Unfortunately, when these plans did finally develop, Mark Hazlett was forced back to Ontario for a back operation. In Mark's absence, Peter Thomas (SRC Council member) volunteered to take his place.

Peter Thomas was heard to say that he's raise the money and would get the assistance of Ray Ang and other committee members to do it.

Before Mark Hazlett left he neglected to inform Mr Thomas that he's contacted Moosehead Breweries or that they were even interested in getting involved financially.

Never was Moosehead, or any other brewery for that matter, contacted again.

I talked with a Moosehead representative and he assured me that his brewery would be very interested in becoming involved with the game. This included the possibility of them donating a certain amount of money to the cause - an amount that would bridge the gap between a failed drive and a successful one. Moosehead and or Labatts.

Furthermore, when I questioned Peter as to where he did go to raise money, he admitted that he had only booked a room for conferences and a series of other little things. He hadn't done a

thing to gather funds. He went on to say that his summer job severely limited his time.

"Then why did you volunteer to do a task you knew you didn't have time for?" I asked.

"I don't know." was his reply.

When I first heard of the games cancellation, I went to Larry Fox (President of the SRC) and Doug Burgess (Vice President-finance) for details, and they both believed Peter Thomas was in charge of the project. I asked Peter about this, where upon he defiantly stated that he was NOT in charge. My supplementary was obvious: "Who was in charge?"

"Nobody."

The absence of leadership resulted in the com-

mittee being unable to divide up specific goals and assign them respectively. It also prevents Peter Thomas, Ray Ang and any of the other committee members from keeping a handle on the groups progress, or lack thereof.

What most likely occurred in the Moosehead fumbling was the classic, "I've got, I've got, you've got it" screw up. The committee obviously had knowledge of the breweries interest, but the

When I informed Mr. Thomas about my conversation with the Moosehead rep., he was incredulous. A curious reaction considering that Helena Rojas, Editor of the Year Book, claimed that she and others had

urged Peter to contact lack of organization and leadership proved to be the stumbling block in the football games eventual demise.

On a concluding note; Peter Thomas, Mark Hazlett, Ray Ang and the rest of this maligned football committee were offered the assistance of Larry Fox and Ron Spurrels (Vice President Services) at the council meeting where the ill-fated game was first proposed. Both offers were declined by Peter and Mark because they felt they had things firmly under control and were perfectly capable of doing it themselves.

Incompetency is blind.

## Red Bombers Remembered

With the possibility looming stronger and stronger that UNB will never see football again, in any shape or form, I thought it fitting we say a final farewell in style. After serious scrounging I managed to dig up the Brunswickan report on the Last Red Bomber game way back on November 14, 1980, and thought I would share it with you.

Red Bombers season ends

By TOM BEST  
1980 AUFC football season is over for the Red Bombers. Last Sunday they fell 41-24 to the Acadia Axemen to complete a 3-5 win loss schedule.

UNB got off to a slow start this year, dropping three straight games to Mt. Allison, St. Francis, and St. Mary's. Following that, they surprised the conference by beating those same teams by respectable margins.

The teams playoff hopes were smashed when they went down 60-11 to the Axemen two weekends ago and with their last game left they were basically finishing out the season.

Statistically, the Bombers had several highlights on the year. Jim diRenzo, who finished third in the scoring race, also kicked 11 field goals, and had a 55.1 yard kickoff average to break conference records.

Steve Carscadden was third in rushing with 643 yards and fourth in passing with 32 cat-

ches. Wayne Lee, a former quarterback, was second in punt returns and third in kickoff returns.

Mike Washburn was second in pass receptions in the conference and third in the nation, while quarterback Greg Clarke was second in passing yards in the AUFC and fifth in the nation. He led the conference in passing percentage with a 62.5 mark.

Three Bombers were named to the AUFC All-Star squad. Washburn was chosen as a wide receiver, Ken Martin was named to the offensive tackle spot, while Junior Robinson took defensive halfback honors.

Till we meet again...