

# Blood and Thunder

## Rugby Injustice?

Dear Sports Editor:

I am writing in response to the coverage given to the University of New Brunswick Rugby Football Club in the *Brunswickan* of late. In doing so I hope to clarify the article appearing in the Oct. 17th issue, and to voice a complaint regarding the treatment the club received in the Oct. 24th issue and in general this fall.

On Thanksgiving weekend the Ironmen travelled to Bishop's University to compete in the Eastern Canadian Universities' Championships which the club has won the past two years. The Ironmen defeated Bishop's University in a close final match 18-13 to win the tournament for a third consecutive time. The Ironmen did in fact defeat Acadia University 66-0 in a preliminary match, but not in the tournament final as the Oct. 17 story appearing in the *Brunswickan* erringly stated. The article also declared that the Ironmen had won the Caledonia Cup in this tournament which is in fact the Maritime Senior Rugby Championships; the club is currently working toward this goal as N.B. play-offs begin this Saturday. The picture appearing with the aforementioned article was also inappropriate and incorrectly captioned. I fail to realize how so many glaring mistakes could be made by the Sport Department when they are given correct information, well written articles, and are told which pictures would be appropriate to use. However, in almost all cases this fall numerous mistakes in editing and printing have occurred.

In preparation for the October 24th issue of the *Brunswickan* the Rugby Club member responsible for the submission of articles met with Sports Editor Laura Lee MacLean. He asked Miss MacLean if the team picture which was supposed to have appeared in the *Brunswickan* in the previous issue could be used with the current story. Miss MacLean said that space on the sports pages would not permit its use, but she asked if the *Brunswickan* could use some other comical pictures of team members elsewhere in the paper. Assurance was given that the pictures would

not appear on the sports page and would in no way discredit the Rugby club. Anyone reading last week's issue could see that the opposite occurred. The said pictures appeared on the sports page alongside the team's game write up and were captioned so as the slander the team and discredit rugby in general. This was after Miss MacLean had said no room was available on the page for a team picture the club had asked her to use! This seems tremendously inconsistent and deceptive.

I would like to emphasize that the 'image portrayed' on last week's 'sports' page in no way exemplifies that which the club in philosophy or action wishes to portray.

The UNB Rugby Football Club is in fact a very hard working and enthusiastic group of individuals attempting to play their sport to the best of their abilities, as do other "higher profile" varsity sports on this campus. The Ironmen have had as much or more success since their institution in 1968 than most sports on campus, but receive a mere fraction of the financial and administrative support.

Rugby football has received enough bad press in this province and city without the *Brunswickan* adding to it with misinformation and personal opinion. I realize the student paper is a volunteer group and individuals associated with it do their best to produce a quality product. I feel however that in the future a little more care could be taken in the area of good judgement and precision in reporting.

Sincerely,  
Tim Doherty  
UNB Rugby Football Club

## A Note in Reply

Sports Editors Note:

I am compelled to reply to Mr. Doherty's letter regarding past rugby write ups in the *Brunswickan*'s sports section this fall; as I feel many of the above statements are inaccurate and need to be corrected.

First of all I would like to point out to Mr. Doherty that a clarification was printed on

the FRONT PAGE of last week's sports section in regards to the mistake made in the headline of that week and the name of the tournament being played in. If that was not enough I printed a second apology in my column OUT IN LEFT FIELD". What more do you want; a human sacrifice?

The second issue I would like to address is that of the rugby team's picture not being put on the front page; while the 'comical' pictures were used. First of all, I explained to the rugby member responsible for submitting stories the only way I could print the rugby team picture would be to blow it up the size of the entire page because the picture was taken from too far a distance.

However, on this same roll of film were two comical pictures which I felt would be acceptable to put in the paper. I ASKED the rugby team member if he felt these pictures would offend anyone on the rugby team as I did not want to cause any problems between that team and my department. At no time was the location of these pictures in the paper discussed (to MY knowledge).

There was a discussion that the rugby team not be portrayed in a bad light. That is where the difference in opinion rests. I contend that neither of these two articles were written with ANY malicious intent. Furthermore, I deeply resent Mr. Doherty's image of my reporting as being "inconsistent and deceptive".

Mr. Doherty, look back over the past 7 or 8 issues of the *Brunswickan* how many times has coverage of your team been on the front page or at minimum the second page of the sports section? The 'gaff' in headline you've been screaming about was on the front page. Front page coverage for a team which is not even a UNB varsity sport!

I am sorry Mr. Doherty if you are not pleased with the coverage you have received from this paper; even though it's more than you've had in the past several years!! Any problems which have arisen in the past couple of issues were a result of UNCLEAR COMMUNICATION on both parts; nothing more.

Finally, Mr. Doherty I would simply like to say that I take as much pride in my endeavours as a sports writer as you do in being a rugby player. I feel I have done a great service to your club these

past two months by reporting on their events, and am regretful if your club does not feel this is true.

Sincerely,

Laura Lee MacLean  
Ex Sports Editor

## Thank You From the Foresters

Dear Editor:

The UNB 21st Woodsmen Competition was a great success. Congratulations to our overall winners, UNB Men's A team, and second place UNB C Women's team. Mac C Women were the 1st place team. This weekend would not have been the success it was without the help and support from the following people and companies: a big thank you is extended to them all: Mike Scott (organizer), Red Man, DNR, NB Power, NB Tel, Atmus Tractors and Equipment, Scott Maritime Ltd., Gilles Begin Lumber, Oscar Belanger Lumber Co. Ltd, Newcastle Ltd. Co. Inc., New Brunswick Forest Products Assoc., NBIP Ltee, Dead River Ltd., Fraser Inc., Atlantic Pressure Treating Ltd., Abitibi Price (Nfld), CBR Forest Management Ltd, and all the professors and students who helped in judging and timing, Rob M. and Rob Y. for timers and judges, Kim Mann (head judge), Graham B. (computer results). Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up. Thanks to Tim G., Brian C., Joanne H., Alexandria, Kirby, Wildlife Society, Eric, Les, Rick, Gizz, Travoltas, Woodmens' teams, Beaver Foods, and all the others who helped. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks. I apologize if anyone was missed, we appreciated your help.

Roxanne Comeau  
UNB Forestry Association

## To the people who cared

Dear Students:

This is an open letter of thanks from the UNB India Students Association to the officials of the university. The exemplary care shown in helping a graduate student who has

freshly arrived from India, deserves to be richly praised.

Mr. R. arrived from India in the first week of September to commence his graduate studies in Electrical Engineering. Barely a week later, he was stricken with a rare brain infection which left him hospitalized. It was at this time that the University officials and his Supervisor rallied around to take care of the student who had come half-way across the world to study. Patricia Brooke, the International Student Advisor deserves special mention, as also Prof. Tranquilla of the Electrical Engineering Department, in helping Mr. R. to effect a remarkable recovery. By proving to be a source of comfort and strength they stand out as people who care. Dr. Tingley and Dr. McLeod of Student Health Centre, and other graduate students of the Electrical Engineering Department have extended helping hands. To all of them our sincere thanks.

Gopal Nadkarni  
(for the UNB India Association)

University of New Brunswick

## Respect the Great Pumpkin

Dear editor:

The gentlemen of Harrison in the past have participated in what is known as the Great Pumpkin Sacrifice. Never in its 13 years have we encountered such immature and assanign actions as we have this year.

This ceremony isn't meant to foster hard feelings between the residences and is organized independently of them. But this year a diverse group of people apparently have no respect for damaging our property and the consequences of their actions.

We can't honestly think of any reason why anyone would want to rip down signs promoting the Great Pumpkin around campus, pull down pumpkins decorating the event, smash pumpkins in front of the house and even climbing the front of Harrison to steal a banner!

Harmless posters supplied by MacKenzie are easily tolerated and are part of the fun. If people want a cheap thrill, why do

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