

Volleyball member cut for long hair

by Paul Creelman

Two months ago, Peter Jacobs was cut from the volleyball team because he refused to cut his hair short. Now, after over a month of activity by the ombudsman on his behalf, it looks like Jacobs is off the team for good.

"At the beginning of the year, I went to the volleyball camp to try out for the team", explains Jacobs.

"I was pretty out of shape at the start, but after the two weeks the coach took me aside and told me I had made the team. But there was one thing — if I wanted to play, I would have to cut my hair."

"So I thought it over and went back to him the next day and said, "Sorry, I guess it means a little more to me than that. Maybe we just have different principles". so he said that if I wouldn't cut my hair, I was off the team. I offered to

tie it back or put something over it, but that wasn't good enough."

"Peter came to us on the first of October," said Cal Miller, the student's ombudsman.

"After hearing his story, we set up a meeting with the coach, Al Scott, and Ken Belmare, director of Athletics. Shawna O'Sullivan, the assistant ombudsman was there to represent Peter. Basically, what happened was that Belmare backed up the coach's decision, and said that his reasons were valid. So after that, we decided to go to the president. He said that he would ask Ken Belmare about the decision, and get back to us. However, the last we heard, Belmare hadn't done so."

When contacted on Tuesday, Belmare still stood behind the coach's decision to cut Jacobs from the team.

"From my point of view, the coaches have to determine the operation of the team. I under-

stand that the length of hair would have some effect on the game. You're not allowed to touch the net, and since there is some action close to the net, the hair should be kept back somehow."

"There are some things that relate to the team, some things that you just have to

give up to be on the team. For instance, we ask that players go to bed at a certain time and refrain from drinking before a game. There are some sacrifices a player has to make to play on a team."

Balmare does not feel that the decision to cut Jacobs was a discriminatory one.

"It would have been very easy for the coach just to have said to Peter that you're not good enough, since he was the 11th or 12th choice. But it was made clear that if Peter would cut his hair, he could play on the team."

Al Scott, the coach, was unavailable at press time.

No Coke-Ice Cream!

by Maura Green

For years I'd heard John Belushi yell "No Coke — Pepsi!" and wondered what in hell was the difference. Tuesday I found out. In the lobby of the SUB a consumer behavior test was set up. The testers were asking people to analyze the tastes of three types of colas — Brands X, Y, and Z. This was the blind test. Then came the brand test — when the taster was told which cola he was drinking — Pepsi, Coke or an unknown brand.

Personally I don't like colas — I'd rather have ice cream any day — but there was no one giving out free samples of ice cream so I settled for cola.

First I had to fill out a questionnaire determining what "type" of person I am. Am I an athlete? Socialite? Studier? Do I like Parties with lots of conversation? Is my life routine? Do I always pay cash? Do I check prices? Do I influ-

ence my friends? Do I hang out at the cafeteria?

Pictures ran through my mind of a typical Coke drinker coming home from his nine to five job to watch *Happy Days* with the family. I could see the Pepsi drinker checking prices and carrying around vast sums of money in lieu of credit cards. And then there are the cola drinkers who drink the unknown brands. They hang around the cafeteria trying to win Pepsi and Coke drinkers over to their side. At parties they sit in huddled groups and ask if Coke does indeed add life.

Someone nudged me out of my dreams by passing me Brand X. I lifted it to my nose — a bad bouquet. A swish around the mouth — too sweet and not carbonated enough. A swallow — leaves a bad after-taste. I gave it a Poor rating — Brand Y was a bit better. The bouquet was of course poor

but there was no sickening sweetness to it's taste. It was carbonated enough but left a slightly unpleasant aftertaste. It was somewhere between Fair and Satisfactory. Brand Z was a little too carbonated and mildly bitter. It did not, however, leave an aftertaste.

I then did the Brand test. I tested the Coke. It seemed similar to Brand X. Next came the Pepsi which had that pleasant, promising taste but still fell short on the after-taste. The Unknown Brand was next which had to be Brand Z due to the lack of aftertaste.

All in all there wasn't much difference between any of the three colas. They all leave your teeth feeling like they've been soaking in a vat of syrup for a week. So the next time you're in a store agonizing between Coke or Pepsi do yourself a favour and get an ice cream cone.

Fire works at X Radio

ANTAGONISH (CUP)—The chairperson of the St. Francis Xavier student council has fired the manager of the campus radio station.

In response, the entire executive of the radio station has resigned in protest.

The firing occurred when the station manager, Michael Ross, and his executive decided that the station would shut down for five days to protest the lack of funding it was receiving.

A referendum on whether to increase radio station funding was cancelled after the "no" side decided against an organized campaign. An obscure clause in the student union's constitution makes it illegal to hold referendums without both sides of a question being heard.

The "no" side did not campaign to protest what they called the lack of information being supplied about the station.

The move incensed Ross, who saw it as a delay tactic which would deny the station their needed funds. When he called a five day protest the student council president, Cliff McCarville, backed by his executive, fired him.

"He intentionally disregarded his job. He's supposed to run the station", said McCarville.

Ross said the protest was called "to get the students' attention and a five day

orderly protest would bring the issue to the students' notice."

After Ross presented a statement to council outlining the reasons for the protest, council met secretly to support the decision of the president to fire him.



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