

Letter to the Sports Editor

Regarding the articles in the Bruns Feb. 9, 1990 "Raiders Drop Two Games in Nova Scotia" and "Raiders Win in OT", I demand a retraction. The articles were full of inaccuracies, and harmful misinterpretations of the circumstance surrounding the game with U. Maine Presque Isle on Wednesday night Feb. 7, 1990.

With regard to the St. F.X. game, Kelly said that the game was not even close, and just the opposite was true. We only trailed by 9 at half time 54-45 instead of 54-15 as she reported. This was against the 3rd ranked team in the nation, and we played with just eight players. The game was a contest until well into the second half.

I also take strong exception to the use of language in the article. My players give their very best every time out, and in my mind they are never humiliated and no outcome is hopeless. We have made progress this season, and with the exception of the first game with UPEI and the home game with St. FX we have been in every conference game. The team is very young and for us to do as well as we have is a tribute to the tenacity and character of a very fine group of young men.

In the second article "Raiders

Win in OT", Kelly made some serious mistakes that need to be clarified in print. The first half was not "pathetic", and the UMPI team played very well to lead by 8. Most importantly however, was the allegation that some of the Raiders were involved in a brawl after the game. The altercation was started by the UMPI coach and the scuffle did not involve any of the UNB players. Also to report something as untrue that "some of the Raiders were fighting among themselves" is not only harmful to my program, but discredits the Bruns as an accurate source of sports news.

Kelly and I have had a good relationship, and she is entitled to her own opinions but she must also report accurately and investigate to make sure that she has all the facts available.

Phil Wright
Head Basketball Coach



Ed. note: The error in the score was a typographical error. This was entirely my fault for not noticing. For this I apologize. As to the "brawl" following the UMPI, it does seem that the word "brawl" was too strong. Perhaps "altercation" or "scuffle" would be more accurate. I do however, feel that it would be inaccurate to state that the Raiders were not involved in the incident. They were more than mere passive observers, even if they were not actively fighting. Also, I have had it confirmed by three independent sources that there was also an altercation between members of the Red Raiders after the game. Thus I do not feel that this "discredits" the Bruns as an accurate source of sports news. Lastly, I would like to make it clear that the paragraph referring to the "brawl" was written by myself and I take sole responsibility for its inclusion to the paper. Kelly has responded to this with an article entitled "A Dispute Settled" to be found in this section.

Mark Savoie

A Dispute Settled

by Kelly Craig

The UNB Red Raiders have been steadily struggling to be a force in the AUAA Conference. Playing with only nine players, they have shown that they should not be taken lightly. Despite certain rumours that occurred as a result of the Maine Presque Isle game, the Raiders are a hard-working, close-knit group who perform effectively together on the court.

Last week, a paragraph appeared at the end of an article entitled "Raiders Win in OT." This paragraph was added to the article just before it went to press. It was brought to this reporter's attention that the paragraph was inaccurate and erroneous.

Further investigation has clarified the events mentioned in the paragraph that stated the Raiders were involved in a brawl immediately following the Presque Isle game. The circumstances involving the dispute at the end of the Presque Isle game were hazy.

The altercation occurred at the end of an extremely emotional game against Presque Isle. It appears that the dispute was between the UMPI head coach and the officiating staff of the game. According to Coach Phil Wright, the UMPI coach had

felt that the officiating of the game was biased.

Upon the ending of the game, the UMPI coach stormed towards the official's locker room. Several members of the UMPI team followed. The UNB team apparently were on their way off the court when they got caught in the rush of UMPI players. The Raiders themselves had nothing to do with the dispute. They were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The dispute was quickly suppressed by the Campus Police who were present at the game. No contact was made between the head coach of UMPI and the officials. The officials had no interest in a fight and merely kept to their locker room to avoid any kind of confrontation.

Also, with regard to the walking off the floor by co-captain Yaw Obeng, that has turned out to be a misinterpretation. Yaw Obeng did leave the court but left for reasons of a personal nature.

It is unfortunate that such a fantastic game such as the Presque Isle game had to be moved by such a dispute. The Raiders played fifty minutes of heart stopping basketball. Some great performances were put forth by the Raiders' team and they should be commended for the comeback effort.

Hear ye Hear ye

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Monday, February 19, 1990

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persons purchasing Calhoun
sportswear will
be given a DISCOUNT of 10%**

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

(Graduate or Undergraduate Students)

Two seats -- 1 July 1990 to June 1991

FREDERICTON SENATE

(Undergraduate Students)

Four seats -- 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1991

One seat -- 1 July 1990 to 30 June 1992

ELECTION DATE

Wednesday, 21 March 1990

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

Wednesday, 7 March 1990, at 4:30 p.m.

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