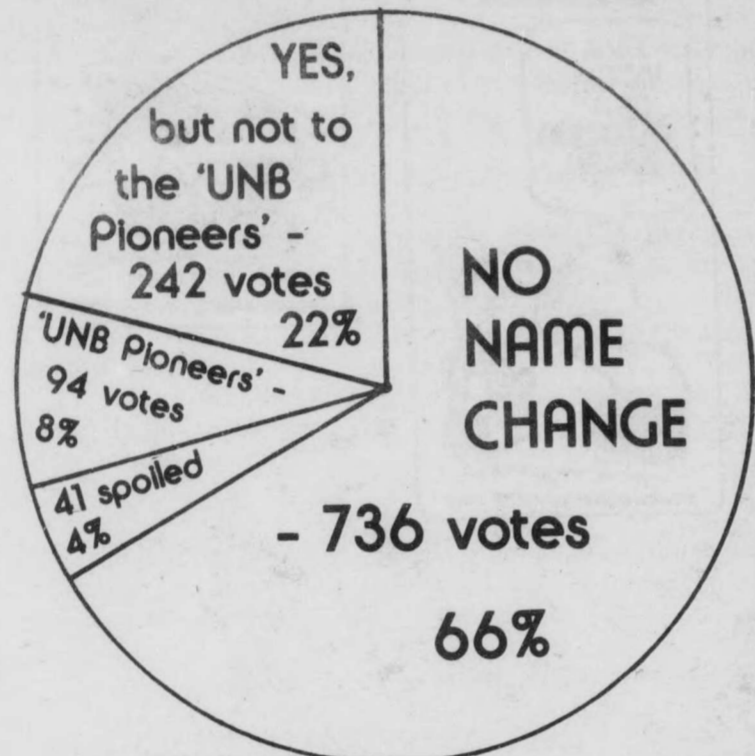


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Students say no, but Senate decides



THE GYM POLLING STATION - students say no to the proposed adoption of the name 'UNB Pioneers' to replace the existing names of the varsity sports teams. Photo by Brewer

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST 1113

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Another coach heard from....

Dear Mr. Brewer:

The name change controversy has suddenly bubbled to the surface once again. It is surprising to me that when the issue was first presented to the student body as a whole (not including the athletes) the response was practically the square root of 0. Sixty-five percent of that in my mind does not amount to an overwhelming statement of rejection or support.

Both yourself and Jo Anne Jefferson talk as if one man, Prof. Early, made this decision. The coaching staff has supported the principle of the name change from the outset. I understand you polled the coaches and it surprises me that you didn't mention the results. The students and athletes are important, but the coaches are the ones who are responsible for selling the program outside the campus. Most of us have made a commitment to the athletic

program that I would suggest requires more time and lasts longer than four or five years. What we are attempting to do is provide the best athletic experience possible for our athletes. If this requires a uniform name then there is ample justification for the change.

Prof. Early is taking All the flak. The name "Pioneers" was arrived at by the hard work of a Committee which involved representatives of the male and female coaches, the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation and the student body. The recommendation was supported first by the coaches, then by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation. It has now been forwarded to the Senate for final approval. I wanted this information to be made public and express my support for Prof. Early in this regard.

I appreciate the opportunity to

express my views. I can live with whatever ultimate decision is made. If the issue stirs students to action and interest in our program then something beneficial will result.

I do disagree with you strongly that the athletes would quit over the issue. They certainly have pride but you obviously don't know how important their sport is to them, regardless of what name they play under. I would suggest that you spend some more time getting to know the nature of the athletes on this campus before you make blanket statements about the demise of the varsity program.

"A rose by any other name..."

Sincerely,
Dr. Phil Wright
Assistant Basketball Coach

...and now 'Da Brunz'

Dear Mr. Wright,

For one thing the statement, "the student body as a whole (NOT including the athletes)" is self contradicting as by saying that, you are insinuating that the athletes are not part of the student body. The words, "practically the square root of zero" is nonsense as in two separate opinion polls last year the students voted 65 percent against a name change. Nearly two thirds in my mind is indeed an "overwhelming statement of rejection".

The results of my poll of the coaches wasn't printed as I was unable to contact all of them and

decided to stand on their decision at the faculty council's vote. Your statement also implies that you consider "selling" the program to have greater emphasis than those participating in it. I agree the coaches make a longer commitment to the program but you're getting paid for it! and the students aren't! If you don't want to listen to those paying your salary fine. Many employers frown on disobedient help.

I'm sorry if you feel that Prof. Early is taking all the flak but he is the major driving force behind the whole name-change idea in the last few years. As he's its major

backer then it's only natural for me to focus attention on him and the decision not to take the matter to the students this year is a low means of avoiding the major opponent of the change, the students and athletes.

I agree that probably very few if any athlete would quit because he didn't like the team's name. They have pride in their sport. Just don't kill it or cause resentment by having the faculty ignore those they are supposed to help.

Equally sincerely,
Mac Brewer

INTER RESIDENCE BASKETBALL FINAL STANDINGS 1978-79

TEAM	G	W	L	T	PTS
Neill	9	9	0	0	18
Harrison	9	8	1	0	16
L.B.R.	9	7	2	0	14
Harrington	9	5	4	0	10
Bridges	9	4	5	0	8
Jones	9	3	6	0	6
MacKenzie	9	3	6	0	6
Neville	9	2	7	0	4
Aitken	9	1	8	0	2
Holy Cross**	9	1	8	0	2

** defaulted from league

INTER CLASS VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFF RESULTS

SEMI-FINALS - Tuesday, March 13
Chem. Eng. 3 vs For. III 0
Phys. Ed. IV 3 vs Phys. Ed. Fac. Grads 0
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS - Tuesday, March 20
Phys. Ed. IV 2 vs Chem. Eng. 3

Congratulations to Chem. Eng. on winning the inter-class volleyball championships.

Psst.....

WRESTLING TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, April 3rd, 5:00 pm

South Gym, 2nd Floor

\$\$ Bring Your Money! \$\$

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