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By GORDON LOANE

Well where else can I begin this week...Last Sunday's national soccer final at College Field was nothing short of exciting. Despite the bone chilling temperatures we all really saw history in the making. Congratulations to the Red Shirts who have brought good old UNB our first ever national Championship. There can be no doubt that this tremendous accomplishment reflects not only on the team but on our students, faculty and athletic program. The UNB Red Shirts - 1980 CIAU National champions...all right!

Speaking further of the Red Shirts...The SRC is planning an event of some sort to honor their accomplishment. A nice touch indeed.

This week's Board of Governors meeting is now history. Two important events happened. The new student disciplinary code was passed by the Board. The original proposal has been modified somewhat and rather than pass judgement on its contents, I guess time will only tell if the new code is fair and is administered properly. The administration of the code really bothers me and I wonder whether the process is unnecessarily bureaucratic. I hope not.

The Board of Governors has decided not to hear the appeal case of Kevin Ratcliff. The Board is apparently satisfied that the special committee appointed in October has heard the case and made a fair decision. Our story on page four of this issue indicates that Kevin is contemplating legal action. I'm certainly not going to comment on that. What I will say is that the appeal process in this whole case has been nothing short of interesting. Due to the unprecedented nature of this appeal, people in high places have had difficulty in deciding how the appeal process should take place. I am still confused about the procedure and I wonder if a student appeals to the Board on some matter again, will the same process be used? Perhaps the Board of Governors or the administration could appoint a committee with the view of permanently establishing how the appeal process will take place. This should not be treated as an isolated incident.

Elections are taking place next Wednesday for the 1980 Graduation Class executive. The candidates have been interviewed for this week's issue. The choice is yours, but if this is your graduating year get out and vote. There are several good candidates running and the results will be interesting.

I have heard several complaints this past week from both students and staff about the lack of parking facilities next to the bank on campus. This appears to be a legitimate concern as many off-campus students and the general public use our banking facilities. I have a suggestion...why not make the parking lot behind the bank a general parking lot...this may be partial solution to the problem. By the way at the moment the parking lot is designated for staff and faculty only.

Last week we printed the final exam schedule. The Brunswickan has several extra copies of last week's edition. Many students come to our office during exam time or before to get an extra copy. I can assure you there are plenty still available and our office will be open during exams. Drop by if you need the schedule.

Several people are also wondering when the student directory will be available. There have been several problems with this year's edition, the largest of which is a huge problem with the computer program being used. The directory should be available soon I am told. For the past several years the directory has been coming out late. This is a real problem area and somehow it need to get solved.

Finally something is being done about the doors leading into the office wing of the Student Union Building. Locks have now been installed to prevent people from entering the office wing. Vandalism has been a real problem. The doors will be locked between the hours of 12 midnight and 7 in the morning according to SUB director Cindy Stacey. People coming from the Social Club after midnight will have only one exit and cannot walk through the building apparently. This move is certainly a step in the right direction in my view and should cut down on vandalism.

As usual I have something to tell you about the SRC. Office hours have been shortened effective November 24th. Tuesday and Thursday the SRC office will not be open to John Q. Student until 10 a.m. instead of the regular 8:30 a.m. or so. This is being done as an experiment according to the executive. It remains to be seen whether it will work or not, but will certainly free up the time of SRC employees for a couple of hours to do their work uninterrupted. Besides 8:30 a.m. is too early for me to be in the SRC office anyway.

Since this is my last column before Christmas good luck on exams Have a Merry Christmas and a good holiday!

soundoff

Face up to rape

Dear J. Knechtel:

I am inclined to express that the article that you wrote, "Rape: what to do if it happens to you" is

generally well presented. Actually at F.R.C.C. we feel public exposure to rape and its implications is the first step in effective public education.

However, there are a few points that cause discomfort, for me in particular, as they do not clearly represent our view. This may seem like nitpicking but it is imperative that our perspective as a rape crisis centre justly appears before the public.

Stylistically, I understand the stress and emphasis within your journalistic voice, but the heaviness of it could appear threaten-

ing and defiant, hence: Are they willing to take up the challenge?"

Should women be challenged? Yes, they are responsible in becoming more aware but words such as 'avoid' and 'prevent' are not allowing them responsible action especially if they are then placed in a passive role (ie. "The men of Neill House offer an escort service...") That is a gallant action on the part of men but women can no longer be protected nor must they "avoid walking alone at night." Avoiding reality-running away or around it does not cure rape. It must be confronted realistically but not too optimistically. In essence, rape cannot be prevented or avoided by individual women-certainly not within our present social system, which perpetuates rape. FRCC can offer precautionary measures for that person. Even self-defense courses are not a guarantee to survival. What they provide one with is - a better chance.

do have that right, will become easier. Rapists seek out the jumpy woman - she is the likely victim. But hiding in her apartment does not guarantee protection. Rape happens indoors as well, more often by husband/boyfriend/casual friend.

I suppose I am grinding the point home, but yes, it is important that women do take the responsibility to become aware; to learn precautionary tactics according to their lifestyle; to organize on the issue -- demanding better lighting, secure living facilities and challenging men on their rape jokes, sadomasochistic pornography and macho, aggressive behavior.

For women to become assertive, more confident (less fearful) -- walking the streets alone, and we

Then, maybe together, we will work out a better system to live in - devoid of rape.

I wish you luck on your future articles regarding related issues.

Susan M. Clancy, FRCC

Lady Godiva, again!

Dear Ms. Dicaire:

In response to your letter in *The Brunswickan* on Halloween condemning "Lady Godiva's ride" as "degrading and that it implies that women are playmates and not colleagues," we would like to make a few comments. Sorry to take so long to reply but, at Head Hall, other things have priority.

Firstly you claim that your letter is not an objection to "harmless college antics," yet it is our contention that that is exactly what "Godiva's ride" is. Riding through campus (for less than 10 minutes) atop a car can hardly be considered harmful. It's definitely a "college antic." It's simply a tradition that has been carried out at universities across Canada and provides a little relief from what we engineers call work.

In the statement that "this event is the exploitation of a minority group" to which minority do you refer? If you mean the female engineering students, surely they

have enough gumption to speak for themselves. Also, since when does the minority rule, anyway?

If you think the ride is a form of "Depersonalization," what do you call student ID #'s, drivers license #'s, social insurance #'s etc. We are all exposed (sorry) daily to a world of depersonalization where we are listed by numbers and codes. Whether we have clothes on or not has nothing to do with it.

We find it difficult to believe that the event was "A degrading experience for all" because it was the best attended event of Engineering Week (regardless of the EUS executive's lack of participation.) And every citizen of the university community which participated did so voluntarily.

"Lady Godiva is a symbol, but a symbol of what?" We don't know and freely admit it. She's a tradition. WE have Christmas trees every year - what does a Christmas tree have to do with Christmas other than being a tradition and part of our cultural heritage.

Probably the main symbol of engineers is the iron ring worn by both male and female graduates.

We strongly disagree with your statement that this event "implies that women are...no more than physical properites," "playmates, not colleagues." The female student in engineering receive better treatment because they are so noticeable (70 of 1130) and welcome.

In closing, we would like to suggest that there are more important things on which to spend your (and our) time.

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P.S. If this has been a psychological experiment, we realize that we have participated voluntarily and have to admit it hasn't been unenjoyable. More power to you!

Hunt for photos

Dear Friend:

I am on the hunt for photographs in connection with a grant supported book publishing project. I'll be working on three books this fall, to be published early next year. My grant enables me to pay \$10.00 for every photograph published and \$250.00 for each cover.

One of the books will be called *Reflections*, a writer's journal

covering five years. The second will be called *Destinations* and it will be combination of poetry with prose. The third will be called *The Book of Human Nature* and it will be all poetry.

I am looking for clear B & W photos (good contrast), 5 x 7 preferred size, but other sizes are acceptable. Color photos may be submitted for covers. Student work is welcome.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A reminder to those individuals who write letters to the Editor. All letters must be signed. The author may request to have his/her name withheld.

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