

VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Mark Savole

I am embarrassed and disappointed by the *Brunswickan's* sport section of last week. The section in itself was not bad, but the attitude that it displayed was dismaying. The first problem I had was that the Red Devils were given the lead story over the Red Bloomers. Both stories were legitimate lead stories, but I would think that the Bloomers climbing to first place after struggling all season is more deserving than the Devils finally falling out of the first place spot they have enjoyed up until that point. The Bloomers story is a story of success, while the Devils story is a story of failure. Give the good news top billing. This is symptomatic of this paper's sports section this year, indeed of sports sections of most papers, in that hockey gets the most press. It is almost as if all other sports are covered only as an afterthought. If even an extremely successful and high profile team as the Red Bloomers has to play second fiddle to the Red Devils, then what hope do the less well known teams have?

What hope indeed!? The wrestling Black Bears were able to outdo both the Devils and the Bloomers, commanding their very own full page spread. Usually you have to pay to get a full page ad like it, but this one was for free. Actually, there was a very similar feature in last year's *Brunswickan*; a feature that I wrote. And yet here I am complaining about this year's effort. What hypocrisy!

Except that last year the Black Bears hosted the AUAA's while this year they travelled to St. FX. Meanwhile, the UNB Beavers were hosting this year's swimming AUAA's, a fact that was on page five of the sports section, ahead of only the volleyball story. The Beavers should have had this year's sports feature, with the Black Bears relegated to the status of story. From what I understand, the Beavers have went out of there way to be cooperative with the *Brunswickan*, with new coach Andrew Cole being readily accessible and only too happy to talk about his teams. Unfortunately, it's not doing him much good with the *Brunswickan*, although he did get his feature from the *Daily Gleaner*.

Finally, on a related note, I really must protest the disproportionate amount of space given to the LBR Red Eyes, an intramural co-ed ice hockey team. I fully support the intramural program here at UNB, and collected many a bruise in my support. And as a supporter of intramurals I acknowledge and approve of the intramural office's claim to part of the sports section. But this is ridiculous. For more space to be allotted to one intramural team's exploits than for either of the varsity volleyball teams, not to mention the AUAA hosting swimmers, is truly misrepresentative. I suspect that I know how it happened. A member of that team has taken the initiative and wrote her own story about the team. And the *Brunswickan*, because it lacks the person power to give all of the varsity teams the coverage they deserve is forced to run it as filler.

I am, of course, partially to blame. I am on staff as a sports reporter, and yet I didn't run out to do a profile on the swim team. I haven't volunteered to give the volleyball teams the coverage they deserve. I did offer to cover the Red Bloomers, but even then I had to back down at the last minute because of personal reasons. The sports department is seriously understaffed, and with the amount of personnel available usually do a remarkable job. If you like sports and if you like writing, then please join the sports staff here at the *Brunswickan*. We do need your help.

 Congratulations to the Black Bears for winning the 1991 wrestling AUAA's at St. FX last weekend. They won seven golds, two silvers, and one bronze, beating the old record by one silver medal. The Beavers did almost as well, with both the men's and women's teams finishing second in the swimming AUAA's, both losing to Dalhousie. The men managed to give Dal a fight, with the issue not being decided until the very last race. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done.

I recently wrote that the Red Bloomers were in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time since forever. Since I wrote that, the Bloomers have been peeling off successive victories, and are likely to once again host the AUAA's. I couldn't be happier to be so wrong in my projection.

Intramurals

Men's Ice Hockey

The Inter-Residence Hockey Tournament was held on the weekend of the 9th and 10th of this month with 10 houses participating. Aitken, Bridges, Harrison, Jones, LBR & MacKenzie, McLeod, Neill, Neville, and Harrington from STU. Throughout the tournament the action was entertaining as each house played a minimum of two games. There was also two shootouts that gave the tournament some thrill and excitement. In the Consolation Final, Aitken House engaged with Jones House with Aitken prevailing 7-0 in what was a game that was much closer than the score indicated. In the Championship Game, Bridges House faced Neill House. This final game of the tournament was the most exhilarating game as approximately 80 fans of the two teams came out to support their house. Special thanks goes to the fan with horn for bringing the atmosphere in the Aitken Centre a notch higher and the star goal scorer of the second intermission for his entertainment. The outcome of the game was extremely close with Neill House being victorious with a 4-2 win and staking claim to the "Number 1" resident hockey team for the 1991 Inter-Residence Hockey Tournament. I would like to thank all the teams for their participation and sportsmanship, the fans, and the officials for making the tournament a great success. See you all next year.

RAIDERS CAPTURE FLAMINGOS

The Law Raiders have emerged victorious in the first annual Pink Flamingo Co-ed Snow Football Challenge. The Raiders defeated the Windsor Wild Things by a score of a whole lot to not very much in the final game on Saturday at Buchaman Field.

Six teams (Psychomotor, Psychos, Water Buffalos, Scuds, Generics, Wild Things, Raiders) took part in the event which was run in support of the local food bank. Highlights of the day included the inspired opening kick off by Monte Peters, the consistent play of Michelle Ives and a superb touchdown catch by Jill Oxley.

At the end of the day, the Raiders walked away with the Pink Flamingos and T-shirts donated by the College Hill Social Club, but all participants could take with them the memories of a fun afternoon, and the warm feeling that comes from supporting a good cause (or was it the hot chocolate that caused that warm feeling). Anyway, together the teams raised a total of 210 pounds of food for the local food bank - outstanding!

The Intramural program would like to thank the College Hill Social Club for donating prizes and coffee, as well as Beaver Foods for providing free hot chocolate for participants. Most of all, thank you to all the participants for making the first Pink Flamingo Co-ed Snow Football Challenge a success. See you next year!

Standings Summary

Men's Indoor Soccer

League: Green
 Games up to and including Sun. February 17, 1991

	G	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Grim Reapers	5	5	0	0	46	22	15
Celtic United	5	4	0	1	41	12	14
Moosehead Premiums	4	4	0	0	39	8	12
Hubcaps	5	3	1	1	31	14	12
Blacksea Plus	5	3	2	0	35	23	11
No Control	6	1	5	0	24	58	8
Kinetics	5	1	4	0	23	34	7
Neill Knights	4	1	3	0	15	26	6
Broccoli Patch	4	1	3	0	11	36	6
Yeowomen	5	0	5	0	7	39	5

Men's Indoor Soccer

League: Red
 Games up to and including Sun. February 17, 1991

	G	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Spud United	5	5	0	0	48	10	15
Aitken	5	4	1	0	28	15	13
Red Brigades	5	3	2	0	20	14	11
Jones	5	3	2	0	20	30	11
Wildmen	3	3	0	0	15	8	9
Liverpool	5	2	3	0	23	26	9
Harrison II	5	0	5	0	16	35	5
MacKenzie Intrepit	5	0	5	0	9	35	4*

* Opts for default

Keys: G - Games, W-Wins, L-Looses, T-Ties, F-Goals for, A- Goals Against, Pts. - Points