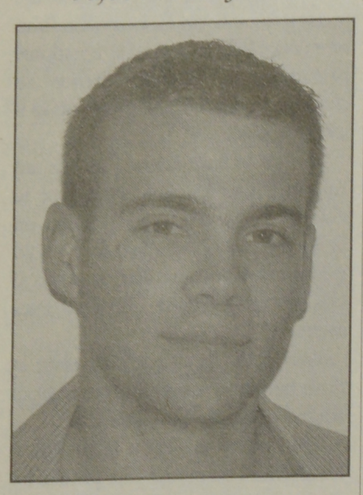
by Ben Conoley & Meg R. Folkins

VIEWPOINT

What would you do with 50,000 cans of beer?



"Have a party with all my friends."
-Michael Wright
1st Year Arts



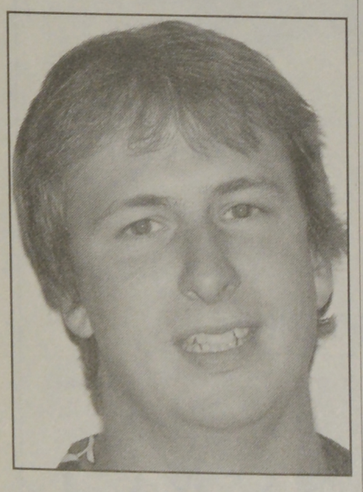
"I'd donate them to Shinerama, of course."
-Dan Hagerman
2nd Year Science



"I would drink them, take all the tabs off and give them to the wheelchair company"
-Denine Ellis
1st Year Kinesiology



"Get as many hot chicks drunk as I can."
-Andrew



"I'd have a big party and donate the cans to charity."
-Josh Collier
2nd Year Kinesiology

SU kicks off

STUDENT UNION ROUNDUP

GREG LEBLANC

Welcome to UNB, or welcome back… either way, this year is going to be one filled with lots of new things. Big on the Student Union's list of priorities is our SU Awareness Campaign. This is going to involve a lot of activities and interaction with the students of UNB so we can show what the Student Union has to offer, how it makes your university life more enjoyable, and how you can get involved to make it that much better.

Some examples of this are already in place: Yours truly is already on CHSR (our campus radio station) with a few shows – Wednesdays at noon for Lunchbox, which brings you up to date on the latest news and interviews, and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m, which features a variety of music and my weekly rants on the week's big issues for the Student Union.

A brand new website will also be up soon, and will be more interactive and informative than ever before, with such things as a discussion forum where students can talk to each other, a calendar of events happening around campus and much, much more.

We're also going to be having a lot more activities on campus this year, including weekly movie nights, many more great bands, a very tantalizing Sexuality Awareness Week, and a whole lot more.

The Student Union also provides tons of services that you should know about:

- Drink Smart teaches you about responsible drinking;
- Fox Files agenda has lots of useful info and has a calendar were you can jot down your busy schedule;
- Clubs and Societies are supportrd by us, and we help them with organizing and funding;
-CASA and NBSA are your affiliated lobbying groups which actively defend student rights at the federal and provincial levels respectively;
- PaperTrail is your post office outlet and copy center;
- The Cellar Pub & Grill has improved their menu this year, now sells fair-trade coffee, and will continue to host great bands all year long.

Those are just some of the services we provide to you. All full-time undergraduates are automatically members of the Student Union and these services are designed to make their living and learning experience that much better.

We are students serving students, and we want to do it right, so be prepared to see a lot of the Student Union this year. If you have any questions, or just want to get involved in helping to make UNB that much better, please contact us. Drop by our main office in SUB room 126 (open weekdays 8:30-4:30), email us at unbsu.ca or give us a call at 453-4955. We are here for you!

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Circus-like Kobe trial should have happened

by Lenzy Krehbiel

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. -- A few people in Colorado are smoking some serious crack. Right as opening statements were set to begin, the Kobe Bryant criminal case has been dismissed. For the legal-ese illiterate, it means that case is closed with no chance at being re-opened. Although the civil case is still pending, at least one person has been wronged.

Many people didn't want to believe the whole ordeal from day one, as evidenced by many media outlets' portrayal of the accuser as a gold-digger, opportunist, and a whore to boot. Her name has been "accidentally" leaked on the Internet several times, including at least once by the Eagle County Clerk's office. Thanks to these leaks, she's had to leave school and change her contact information, as have her parents and several family members.

Yes, Bryant, as the accused, is guaranteed to be innocent until proven guilty by a jury of his peers. Although he was previously viewed as the NBA's golden boy, his actions do not emulate those of an innocent man:

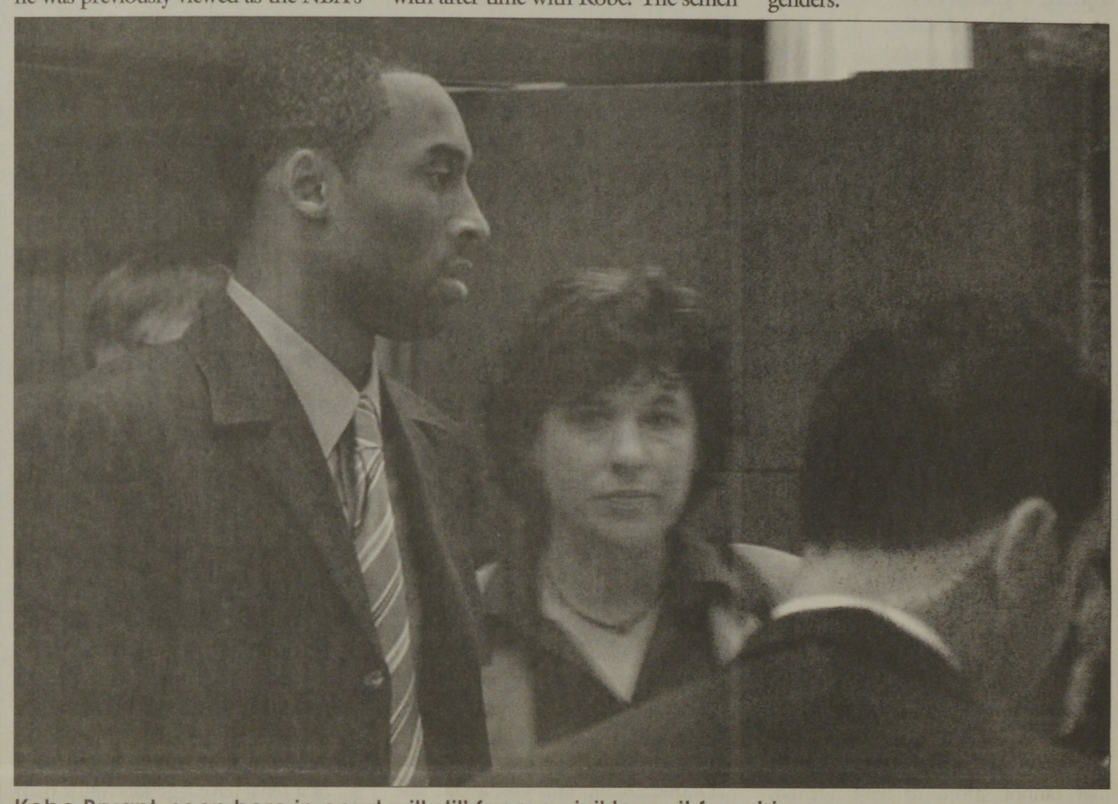
Initially denying any contact with the plaintiff, publicly acknowledging plans to pay the victim off and following through with said plans, openly buying expensive gifts for his wife in a show of atonement, his legal team's adamant stance that the accuser's sexual history be brought into the proceedings. Makes you wonder when he'll start playing golf with O.J.

And yes, mistakes have been made on both sides. Neither side has been overeager to turn evidence over, for fear of damning their case. Most of the physical evidence collected on the victim's body has been overwhelmingly in her favor, ranging from bruises, lacerations and genital trauma noticed during the rape-kit exam to the blood collected from Bryant's shirt and her panties. Usually, nnless you're having sex with a woman on her period, which the accuser was not, blood only shows up when the intercourse is not consensual. And what about the other man the plaintiff supposedly slept with after time with Kobe? The semen sample was taken from her panties and, as evidenced by the Monica Lewinsky scandal, that particular bodily fluid can survive in fabric for several days and through time in the washing machine.

Cases like this often degenerate into "he said/she said" affairs, as evidenced by last spring's allegations at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Although the civil suit is still scheduled to be tried, monetary compensation simply isn't the same as plain and simple criminal justice. Vengeance? Perhaps. There is some base, primal pleasure to be had from seeing someone get what's coming to him.

I can respect another woman's inability to face down her alleged rapist, as it is truly a difficult ordeal. Considering how much she's gone through over the last 14 months since coming forward, wanting to move on with her life is understandable, as the trial would produce even more hoopla.

However, it is lamentable that yet another possible sex crime is going unprosecuted, as it sends a mixed message to future assault victims of both genders.



Kobe Bryant, seen here in court will still face a civil lawsuit from his accuser.

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Why buy books?

by The Daily Couger

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON -- In search of lower textbook prices, students have found creative ways to avoid shelling out hundreds of dollars.

At their most desperate, students in Brownsville have even gone as far as to purchase books at full price and then drive over to towns across the border, where they get photocopies made for a fraction of the cover price, The Associated Press reported. When they drive back, they return the textbook for a full refund. Copies cost about $13 for a 300-page book that might sell for $50 at the campus bookstore.

While most students here aren't packing for Mexico, many are looking for alternatives, and companies like amazon.com are thankful for that. In a Daily Cougar survey, about 55 percent of students interviewed said they've shopped online for textbooks, and about one in five avoid the bookstore entirely, opting for the Web.

Buying used books from other students or companies can be attractive to the pocketbook, but is not always wise. The reason for that is partly because publishers turn out new editions for textbooks fairly quickly, sometimes within 18 months, and most professors opt to go with newer editions.

As much as students would like to blame the bookstores for ridiculous prices, they can't shelve all of the blame. A good part of it should be directed at publishers, who rake in two-thirds of each book sale. For the publishing industry to grow, it has to continually churn out new products -- and that gets expensive.

There is no easy way to moderate the problem. Publishers could lengthen the shelf life of each edition, or professors could stick with one longer. Universities could look into textbook rentals or other services that spread out the cost of books.

Meanwhile, the rest of us will turn to Web sites or the cluttered bulletin boards around UH to hunt down a textbook bargain. A few of us might even take a trip to Mexico.