



BUFFALO OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

President's Report

November 20, 1986

The Old Boys have never had so many talented rugby plays on The Club at one time. The club's wealth of talent certainly contributed to some increased tensions at times, but increased tension is a small price to pay for increased competition and three powerful sides. In case you forgot, here are a few highlights:

- *3rd place in the Porter Cup Tournament in March
- *2nd place (A) and 3rd place (B) in the URU Tournament in April
- *Three wins in Cleveland over The Rovers the week after the URU trip
- *An overall record of 9-5 (A) and 7-2-2 (B)
- *1st place in Rochester 10's in July
- *3rd place (A) in URU Fall League, with a 5-2 record, 6-2 overall
- *1st place (B) in URU League, with a 7-0 record, 8-0 overall
- *2nd place in Open Division, total C record of 4-1-3
- *On October 11 a record 57 Old Boys defeated three Aardvark teams and Buffalo State's A side
- *The Fall record overall was 19-3-3, as at least 3 sides played every week

Socially, we furthered our reputation as a Club that others will want to visit. We continued to reach out to the news media and produced an informative and profitable full program. As detailed in The Treasurer's Report, the Club has now managed to save over \$3,000, an increase of over \$1,000 from the prior year. Even so, the Club Treasury financed \$360 of the cost of the Albany bus trip.

We did not acquire a Club House, scrum machine or URU A Side Championship. We still do not have by-laws and we never receive mail from the union.

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Gene Adams - Treasurer

Ron Astridge - A Side Captain (Spring), B Side Captain (Fall)

Pat Giles - Selector

Bill Hogan - Editor - Fall Program

Brad Hovey - Selector

Steve Kuznik - Western Region Director of URU

Ed Lawrence - Selector, Social Chairman

Lex Maccubbin - Vice President

Carter Mann - ERU Representation of Buffalo Old Boys

Mike McGuire - College Championships

Chuck Mosey - Social Chairman

John Phinney - Head Groundskeeper

Bob Rosenbaum - Head Groundskeeper

Franz Ross - President

Paul Sauer - Secretary

Jack Schweigel - Match Secretary, Newsletter Editor

Tom Surwill - A Side Captain (Fall)

John Walier - Selector

John West - Selector

Of course every member of The Club should be proud of our progress in 1986. But it will take more committees with more members if The Club is to reach its full potential.

Franz Ross
President

THE ELMWOOD SUMMIT: A closed door session of the newly-elected executive committee was held Dec. 10, 1985 at the home of the 1985 President, Franz Ross. Present also were Lex MacCubbin--Vice President, Jackson Schweigel--Fixture Secretary, Ed Laurence--Social Chairman, Gene Adams--Treasurer, and Paul Sauer--Corporate Secretary. Highlights of the evening were a tape of the All Black--Barbarians and the following:

THE PARTY LINE: The annual Old Boys party will sport a 60's theme this year, so tell your wife or girlfriend to do her Christmas shopping for you this season at the Salvation Army or Goodwill Industries. In keeping with the 60's theme, menu items will include beef steak, fried chicken, tube steak (hotdogs), potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and butter. Wives and girlfriends are asked to bring desserts. There will be free beer, wine, and licker for mixed drinks. A "Basket of Cheer" will be raffled at this gala event.

Volunteers will be needed to help in the planning and execution of this event. Ed Laurence is the Party Chairman. If you have ideas or time to help, please call Ed at 626-5124. (if this is a flop, volunteers will be needed to execute Ed.) Gene Adams promises a really big audio visual show. Plan now to attend. Ticket prices will be \$15 per person or \$25 per couple if purchased before the event. Tickets at the door will be \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. More details will be provided in the next newsletter.

BUNNIES IN BEANTOWN: A wild card berth in the playoffs of the ERU this spring has resulted in a scheduled match with Charles River R.F.C. of Boston on Easter weekend. CRRFC requested that we bring 3 full sides. They are eager to play us since we won the URU Tourney last spring. We have elected to send two full sides to Boston for the match. Plan now for the trip, which will be the weekend of March 28--29, 1986.* Lex MacCubbin is attempting to arrange a low cost package for the trip in addition to arrangements for accommodations.

DIVISION II LEAGUE: An opening exists in Division II league groupings for Fall, 1986. The club goal is to field a permanent C-side to play in that league. This would be in addition to A and B side play in Division I league. Such a schedule will guarantee games to C level players who often fail to get a match. To test our ability to field a representative Division II side, plans are made to schedule several C-side matches during the spring season. To fill our ranks, we should begin recruiting new members. If a city the size of Rochester can support 2 clubs, Buffalo should be able to support a 3-side club.

JUST DUES: A four-tier dues structure was approved for the 1986 spring season. Dues for current playing members will be \$30 per season. This will help cover costs of the Beau Riveau stables for spring practice. Dues for new members will be \$20 for the first season. Dues for social members (non-playing) will be \$20 per season. A life membership in the club is now available for \$300

*Due to the Easter holiday and Jim Hess' advice, we are attempting to schedule this trip for March 21 and 22. Please keep both weekends open.

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(line forms at the PM). Game fees of \$5 will continue to be charged at the game.

ROSTER UPDATE: If you didn't get a newsletter, but heard about it from friends, TV, radio, etc., be sure to send your current name, address, and phone number to: ROSTER UPDATE, Buffalo Old Boys, 211 S. Union Rd. #16, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Merry Christmas! I have been asked to send several messages. Dave Contampassis wants all members of the club to send him their next copy of RUGBY, as his name will be in it. Seriously, congratulations Dave and Carter on your fine showing in Orlando. Carter played a fine match for the ERU North Under 23's at wing. They won 7--3. Dave played scrum half at the Inter-Territorial 7's for the ERU. The ERU 7's B-side defeated the West and Midwest A-sides. They lost to the Pacific A-side in a controversial match (Pacific was awarded two penalty tries). Dave and Carter deserve our thanks for representing us so well.

Mike McGuire will make the Medaille Gym available on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm beginning January 16. If the stork is late with the new McGuire, this schedule may be changed. About \$20...Mac also wants me to remind you that he will soon order club jackets. The price will be about \$30.

Gene Adams is looking for more pictures (slides) for his annual slide extravaganza. Pictures of members in compromising situations are especially welcome. They cannot be returned as they will be needed for blackmail purposes.

Start looking under rocks for new players. There will be C-side matches scheduled in the spring so if YOU do not bring out any new players then YOU will have to play 2 games. Charlie DeRose has been named coach for this new side. Having a third side is important to the club's future as well as its finances.

In case you missed it, the "Alumni" game against Niagara Wasps was played in 4 inches of snow at Medaille. The match was played to a 4--4 come-from-behind-tie. Special thanks to Pat Giles and Mike McGuire for making this enjoyable event come off in the snow. Also thanks are due to John Phinney's boots for plowing lines.

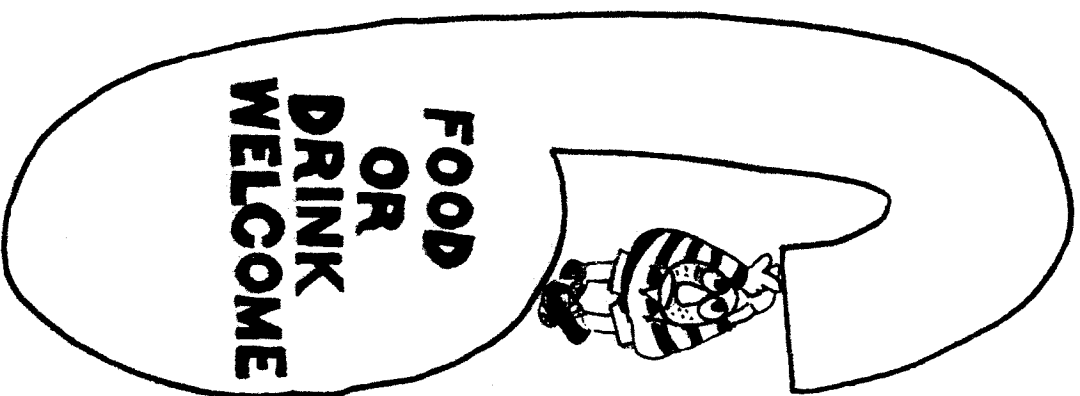
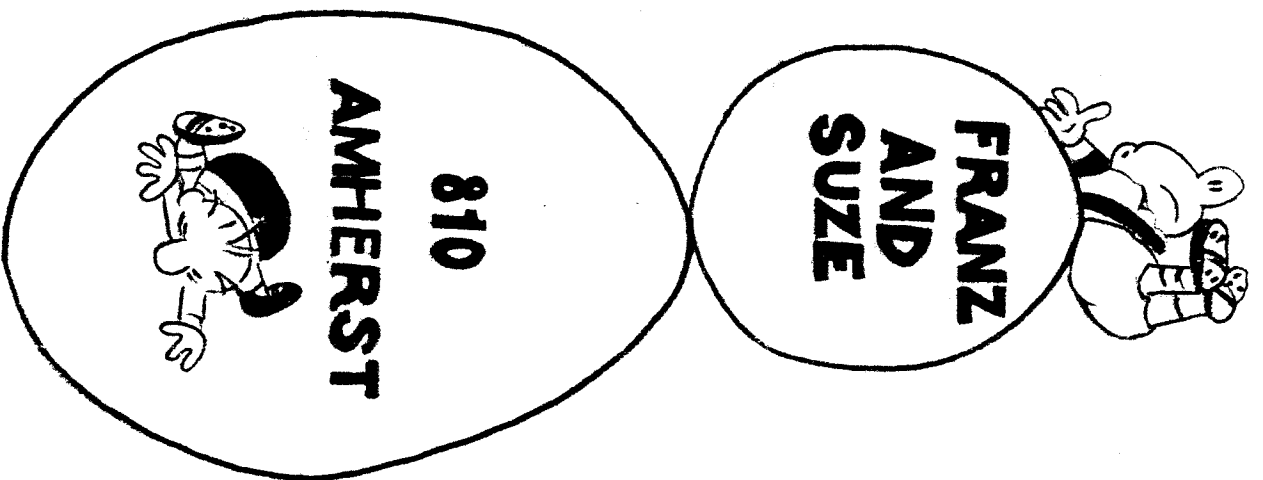
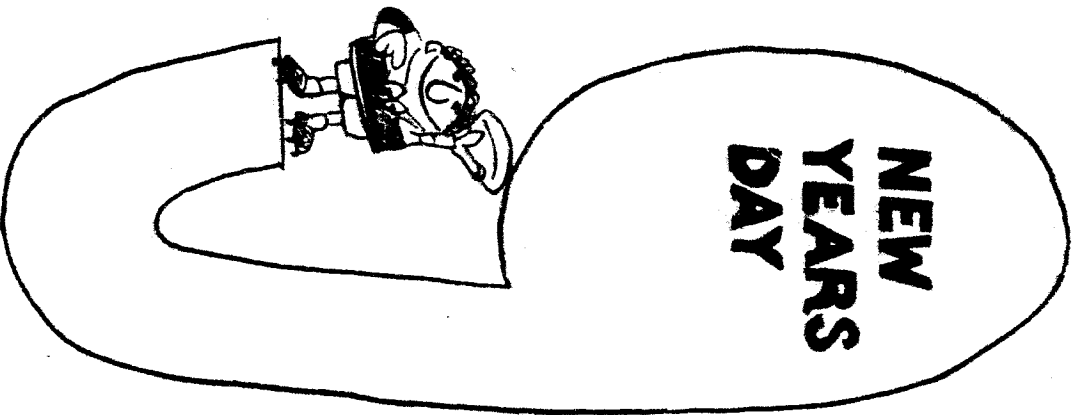
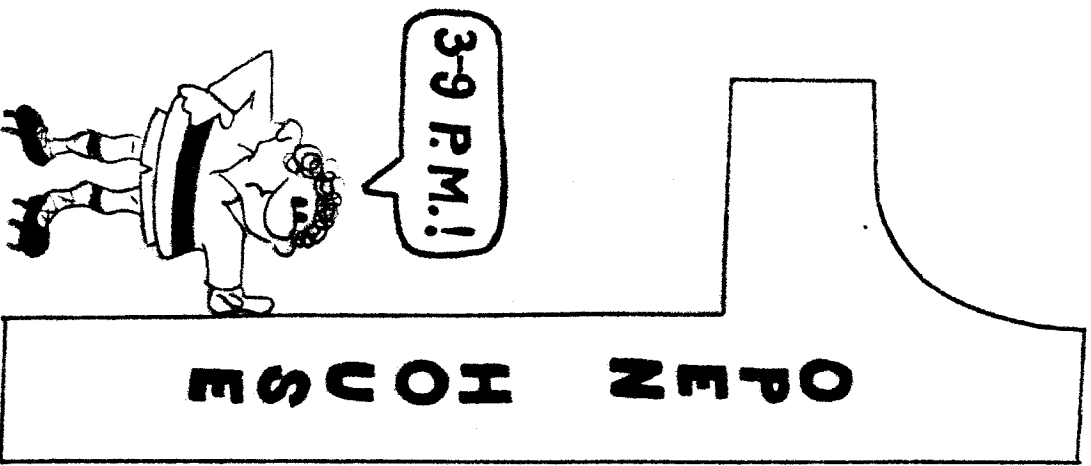
A N N O U N C E M E N T !!!

The annual New Years Day Party WILL BE HELD at a new location:

810 Amherst Street (between Lincoln Parkway and Elmwood).

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Party starts at 3:00 pm and guests will be escorted out at 9:00 pm (unless we are still having a good time!) Any regrets, questions or complaints: call 874-4863. See you New Years Day!



Dear B.O.B.R.F.C. laddies,

Just a few announcements to herald in the new year. Practice will begin 6 PM January 22 at the Medaille gym courtesy of Mike McQuire. The first few weeks will be basketball and light conditioning followed soon by more Rugby-like practices. It is mere coincidence that this is Martin Luther King's birthday. Our annual banquet is on January 31. This year's theme is a military-through-the-ages motif. (See separate party newsletter.) Send in your checks and ballots (see attached ballot nominations) as quickly as possible. We will also accept any prepayment of dues. We expect the payment of dues this year to be early and in their entirety. Within the next 2--3 months, the club has to lay out \$900 in U.R.U. dues, close to \$500 in E.R.U. related travel expenses (congratulations to all who have been involved), a projected expenditure of \$450 for jerseys and \$500 for a scrum sled---all this to come from a rapidly depleting treasury. The relatively small amount we ask for dues pales by comparison with what we spend on grams, ounces, quarts, or other units of measurement with which we gauge our lives.

We have a great schedule for the spring, with one open date still remaining to be filled. This schedule includes three tournaments (Upstate, "Dead Ants", and the prestigious St. Patrick's Day tournament in Washington D.C. in which we have two sides entered. We glimpsed this tournament last year returning from the Porter Cup. There were hundreds lining beautiful fields along the Ellipse. Quite a sight! Schedules will be handed out as soon as they are finalized. This schedule also will contain an open date in June when I plan to sponsor a big party in Canada, hopefully to cap another successful season.

I'm real optimistic this season. We've got talented young players, knowledgable older players, and some mixtures. As long as the former reach out and the latter reach back, we'll do very well and most importantly enjoy ourselves in the process.

Sincerely,

Dan Drury
A.K.A. "Duce"

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Spring '87 Schedule
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March 14-15	St. Paddy's Day Tourney	
	Washington, DC	(2 Large sides)
April 4	Canton, Oh (A)	
11	Toronto Saracins (H)	
18	Akrom, OH (H)	(Minimum of 3
25	URU Tourney (A)	
May 2	Hamilton, Ont (H)	games for ALL
9	Niagara, Ont (H)	
16	Youngstown, OH (H)	weekends)
23	off - Memorial Day	
30	open (will be	
June 6	open filled)	
13	Dead Ants	