Rugby Club opener

UB earns a victory

The State University of Buffalo Rugby Club, playing in what the players termed "a rough and tumble game ...", won its first match of the season, scoring a 15-6 decision over St. Catharines at the Niagara College playing fields in Welland Ontario. St. Catherines is a member of the Ontario Rugby Union.

Play began typically for the two clubs, which have pressed each other to several tight finals in the past, with ten minutes of even, back and forth play.

On the first break of the game, Buffalo's stand-off John Howells set up the first score giving the Bulls a lead which they never relinquished. On a fine play, Howells received a quick pass from the loose scrum, kicked a short punt ahead, and then ran through the scrum for the follow-up. Picking the ball up on the St. Catherines' twenty-yard line, Howells booted it into the end zone where second-row man Paul Wasserstein touched it down for the try.

Maury Dullea's conversion kick was good, giving Buffalo five points for the play.

The Bulls scored again late in the first half, when Dullea intercepted a pass on the five-yard line and slipped untouched into the end zone for the three

THE LEATHER SHOP, 3102 Main St. (1 Mile West of U.B.) pointer. Converting on his own try, Dullea then added two more points for Buffalo.

Although behind by ten points, St. Catherines made a comeback, scoring three points on a penalty kick from the Buffalo 20 just minutes before the half ended.

Buffalo put the game out of reach early in the second half when Wasserstein, again displaying an ability to be where it counts, intercepted a stray St. Catherines' pass, broke a tackle and ran 70 yards for a try. Dullea made the extra points and Buffalo led, 15-3. Later St. Catherines, added another three-pointer to make the final score: Buffalo 15, St. Catharines 6.

Note: For those who are unfamiliar with rugby, the following glossary of terms may be helpful:

scrum formation in which two teams fight for possession of the ball. Try — similar to a touchdown; worth three points.

conversion kick – similar to a PAT; worth two points.

field goal — a drop kick made during the action of the game; worth three points

The ball may be advanced by carrying, kicking or lateral passing.

The Rugby Club welcomes any member of the University who would like to play. Practices are held regularly at 4 p.m. on Monday and Thursday near Clark Gym. Home games are se cropped hair, sideburnless, shining, Caucasian, cherubic campus athletic fields off Millersport Highway.