

Athletics employee confides

“Keeping fit, that’s the secret of living”

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Twenty-five years is a long time to faithfully and cheerfully serve an institution and its people.

The Athletics Department knows that. That’s why, when they realized that Vern Saunders had done just that, they wanted to find a way to publicly thank him.

They did it at the Athletic Awards banquet last Tuesday night at the SUB. As Brian Pryde presented him with a silver tray from the Student Athletic Association for his years of service, Saunders was greeted by the some 250 athletes and guests assembled there with a standing ovation.

Saunders, a quiet, unassuming man told those present that, “I’ve enjoyed my 25 years with the students. They’re a good bunch and I hope I can continue to enjoy them.”

Earlier that same day, in an interview with this writer, Saunders expressed the same sentiments. “Students are terrific people,” he said with a smile. “They always stop and talk. It’s easy to mix in with them, even though you’re old.”

At 65 and as active as he is, one would not call Saunders “old”. In the fall, during the average working week, he walks up to 60 miles. “Walking a lot, keeping fit, that’s the secret of living,” confided the lifetime Fredericton native.

In his duties as assistant equipment manager for the Athletics department, Saunders can be found in a number of places doing a number of things. Buchanan, Chapman and College Fields have all come under his watchful eye, as well as his duties which take him between the Lady Beaverbrook Arena and Gymnasium.

And what are his interests outside the job?

“Well, I like hunting and fishing. I plan to get more of that done when I retire. But I like showing dogs and my wife and I have 150 plants.” One of his prize plants is a five foot, seven inch cactus.

One of Saunders’ duties, handing out equipment for the intramural hockey program, brings him in contact with one of his favorite spectator sports. His NHL favorites are the Boston Bruins. But what about the violence in hockey?

Saunders says he’s not seen much here at UNB. “There’s always seemed to be pretty good comradeship here between the boys in intramural hockey,” he said.

He feels he will miss the job and the people he’s worked with. And his co-workers will miss too. Amby Legere, head of the intramural program for UNB, has worked with Vern for a number of years. “Vern’s never been one to set the world on fire,” Legere said, “but he’s served us with loyalty and he’s always been dependable.”

“He managed with the students where others probably couldn’t,” Legere stated, “signing out equipment and getting it back. His personality was geared in that direction.”

In addition to fishing and hunting when he’s finished here at the university June 30, Saunders said he would like to see what Florida is like. Then, if he gets too bored, he might go back to working at something.

In whatever Vern Saunders does once he leaves here, the best wishes of both students and staff, all that have known him at UNB, go with him.

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Red Rebels halted in AUSA volleyball title efforts

The men’s varsity volleyball team, the Red Rebels, made a fine showing throughout the entire 1975-76 season, although they were halted in their efforts to capture their first Atlantic Intercollegiate Title in five years.

With the folding of the Atlantic Senior League, the Rebels played a home-and-home schedule with several other college squads before entering the regional playoffs.

They started off the season with a bang, winning their first three matches without dropping a single game. UNB suffered their initial defeat of the season at the Mt. A. Invitational tournament in early December, but rebounded five weeks later to put on a commendable performance in the highly-touted University of Laval Invitational, finishing with a 4-6 record.

One week later, still showing some signs of weariness from the physically demanding Quebec City tournament, the Rebels were downed 2 games to 0 by the N.B. Junior team, in the finals of their own UNB Invitational.

On January 23, it was a different story as the Rebels performed splendidly in all areas, and dumped arch-rival Dalhousie, three games to one.

The UNB squad concluded their Atlantic University Volleyball Conference Schedule the following

weekend, when they handled Mount Allison 3-0, and were then edged by St. F.X. three games to one, this recording their first conference defeat. However, the Rebels finished atop the AUSA final standings with an 8-1 record.

On February 13-15 at Mount A, eight teams met in the AUSA championships. The UNB squad won their first six matches, but lost the finals to the X-men, 16-14, 16-14 in a hotly contested battle. It was the fourth time in five years that the Rebels had made it to the finals before bowing out.

UNB finished up their year by hosting the New Brunswick Senior Championships on March 13, a tournament in which they were defeated in the finals in two straight games by the talented N.B. Juniors.

The low-light of their season was definitely the heartbreaking loss to St. F.X. in the AUSA finals, while the highlight was their two convincing wins over the Dalhousie Tigers.

Next year? Well, the Rebels will definitely miss the services of seniors Bill Black and Hans Klohn, while Terry Teed, who has one year of eligibility remaining, may also not be returning. Otherwise, the Red Rebels should field another strong squad under the watchful eyes of coach Mal Early and his assistant, Peter Collum.

UNB’s Red Devils don’t win but learn to be graceful losers

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It wasn’t exactly what one could deem a productive season, but no doubt Bill MacGillivray’s Red Devils learned a lot about becoming graceful losers.

The Devils, who had a season win-loss record of 5-11, finished the season well out of the Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference playoffs.

UNB opened their season with an 8-2 loss to the defending AUSA champions, St. Mary’s Huskies, then followed that up with a 4-3 victory over the Dalhousie Tigers. Both games were played in Halifax.

Back home the Devils continued their winning ways and knocked off the visiting Acadia Axemen in another nip-and-tuck game with a 4-3 score.

One of the Devils’ few highlights of the season came in their next

game when they went to the Eagles nest and nudged the hometown Universite de Moncton squad 5-4. It was the first time in a number of years that the Red Devils had managed to defeat the Blue Eagles on home ice.

Then the Devils lost a close contest to the Mount Allison Mounties, an overtime decision 4-3. That loss, which left the MacGillivray coached squad with a record of 3-2, was the beginning of the long losing streak that lasted from November 22 until February 20, stretching through ten games.

In that time, the Devils lost twice to St. Francis Xavier, 8-2 and 6-1 to UPEI, 5-2 and 7-4 a second overtime defeat at the hands of the Mounties from Sackville, 4-2.

MacGillivray’s charges also had difficulty with Acadia, Dal and U de M in their second seasonal encounters and went down to defeat in each of these contests.

The Devils lost another game

during their schedule this past year but the way in which they lost it proved, perhaps more to themselves than anyone else, that they could play hockey as a unit with the best in the league.

Against St. Mary’s a second time, the UNB Red and Black regained their self respect as they skated with the mighty Huskies and stayed within range of a win at all times during the contest. The end result was a 7-5 win for the Huskies but a moral victory for the Red Devils.

The young squad, 13 of them were rookies this year, had its share of problems and injuries, but MacGillivray feels they have gained experience from this year and he expects them to put it to good use in the next season.

The Devils will be losing some valuable members of their squad next year. Captain Doug MacDonald and his stalwart linemate Jerry Grant have both played out their eligibility in intercollegiate hockey as have Donnie Kinsman and John Hawkes.

MacDonald has always been a tough competitor and a team leader both on and off the ice. Grant, in his four years of college hockey, has become one of the steadiest left wingers in the AUHC.

Kinsman, better known as “Kinsie”, is reputed to possess one of the hardest shots in the conference and has been a real scoring threat on occasion.

Hawkes, who was lost to the Devils early in the season due to a leg injury, had played enough games to complete his eligibility for intercollegiate hockey. He did, however, manage to stay around long enough to realize his dream of playing with his younger brother, Mike.

With the returning players and the “rumored stars”, as MacGillivray put it during the annual awards banquet, UNB should be able to look forward to a much improved record in the years to come.



Photo by Lorne Morrow

MIXING IT UP - Goaltender John McLean shown in some of the season’s action while the blueline brigade of Pat Morrisette (behind net) and Gary Perry (3) take care of the competition.



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FACING OFF - during the season Mark Rickard (6) and goalie Phil Jones saw a number of these. Rickard won the award as best defenseman of the year.

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