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Athletic banquet honours athletes

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Last Wednesday the UNB athletic season came to a halt with the annual Athletic Banquet. A season of hard work and long practice hours was awarded and recognized. This season has been one of triumph for UNB. Four of the UNB teams managed to hang the AUAA banners in their respective sports in the main gymnasium.

Red Raiders

The Red Raiders had a great season of exciting basketball action. The team steadily improved over the year and with the rookies they had this year returning for another season they will no doubt be a major force in the AUAA next season. The Raiders will also have many returning veterans that have contributed greatly to the team this year.

Kevin Lamb received the managers award for the Raiders this year and Kent Wood received the trainers award. The letter winners for the Raiders were Alex Kidney, Duff Adams, and Craig Isley. Craig Isley also received the Rookie of the Year award for the Raiders. Alex Kidney was named Most Improved Player. The M.V.P. for the Red Raiders this year was Vinod Nair. Vinod had a fabulous season for the Raiders this year averaging 8.3 points per game and 6.2 rebounds per game.

Red Bloomers

The Red Bloomers women's basketball team enjoyed the ultimate success in the AUAA winning the banner. The team got off to a slow start but came back with a vengeance after the Christmas break. They easily defeated all AUAA competition in the finals and made UNB proud with a sixth place finish nationally.

Richard Merritt, who made his mark early in the season on the soccer field, was given the trainers award for the Bloomers. Mark MacDonald received the Managers award for his help with the Bloomers this past season. Bloomer letter winners were Laura Swift and Tracy Lordon. Jennifer Hale was named the MVP of the AUAA as well she was also named to the AUAA all stars.

Laura Swift was named the Rookie of the Year for the Bloomers and for the AUAA league. Kara Palmer and Jill Jackson were also named to the AUAA all stars. Bonnie Hale

received Most Improved Player. It was hard for the Bloomers to select one MVP this year as they had a total team effort in winning the AUAA title. A three way tie occurred Jennifer Hale, Kara Palmer, and Jill Jackson were named the MVP's of the Bloomers basketball team.

Cross Country

The men's cross country team enjoyed a very successful season. In the final race at the AUAA's they defeated arch rival Dalhousie to win the title by seven points. The women also had a great season but just missed the title. They finished a very strong second place to the tough Dal Ladies. The men then went on to the CIAU's where they placed a runner in the number three spot in Canada and the team finished seventh overall.

Tracey Shanks, Nicole Leblanc, Rorri Currie, Keith Fahey, Jef Munn, Bill Sheel, and Sean Best were all letter winners for the Harriers. Rorri, Jef, Keith, and men's captain Mike Fellows were all named AUAA all stars. Nicole LeBlanc topped the rookies and was rewarded with the Female Rookie of the Year award. Jef Munn was named the Male Rookie of the Year. Tracey Shanks was the most improved female and Keith Fahey was named most improved male. No surprise was the Male MVP honours which went to Rorri Currie who finished first in all five of his races. Willa Jones, the women's captain, was honoured with the Female MVP award.

Black Bears

The UNB Black Bears literally took a bite out of the competition this year as they won seven gold medals, two silvers, and one bronze. They qualified nine of their ten wrestlers for the CIAU's in Regina. The year was a success for the Bears from the get go. They had several rookies on the team that showed great promise. Under the guidance of Head Coach George Multamaki and his assistant Don Ryan, the Bears soon showed that they had the top rookies and veterans in the AUAA league.

Shawn Graham and Robb Elliott were awarded the trainers award. Letter winners were Daren Anderson, Marcel Saulis, David Seeley, Quincy Knox, and Scott Harper. AUAA honours went to Anderson, Pat Zwicker, Stacy DesRoches,

Sean Dockrill, Saulis, Seely, and Knox.

Marcel Saulis had an outstanding year for the Bears as he won the Rookie of the Year award. Jason Pleasant-Sampson was rewarded for his hard work and continued improvement with the Most Improved wrestler award.

MVP honours went to the Co-captain of the team who overcame a serious injury sustained last year in an accident. Pat Zwicker was rewarded for his long hours with the team by winning the MVP award.

UNB Beavers

The UNB Beavers were also headed up this year by a rookie coach. Through much adversity that they endured over the season they managed to give Dalhousie some tough competition. Although both teams finished second in the AUAA they did qualify a swimmer for the CIAU's. Next year Dal will have to look out as the Beavers will have the experience under their belts to take the title.

Catherine Brander won the award for the top manager of the Beavers. Letter winners were Chris Verhille, Meaghan Seagrave, Shelley Wyand, Jacques Chamberland, and Keith Dwyer. The individual AUAA champions were Shelly Wyand, Seagrave, Chamberland, Phil Chaplin, Paul Halmazna, and Dwyer.

The AUAA rookies of the year as well as the Beavers Rookies of the Year were Shelly Wyand and Jacques Chamberland. Meaghan Seagrave was named the AUAA and the Beaver

Female Swimmer of the Year. The Most Improved Swimmers were Jennifer Wright and Trevor Daigle. Phil Chaplin was named the Most Valuable Male swimmer for the Beavers.

Red Shirts

The Red Shirts had an outstanding season as usual. They got off on the right foot by defeating the Mount Allison Mounties. However, they just missed playoffs at the end of the season in a point battle with UPEI. They won their final game but not by a margin large enough to keep them in the playoffs. Next year the team will be back even stronger and will no doubt be looking for the AUAA title.

Letter winner for the Red Shirts were Trevor Shaw, Peter Tran, Michael Abbott, Stephen Hickey, Longin Jurkovic, and Scott MacAfee. The trainer award went to Mark McGinnis. AUAA all stars were Jamie Pollock and Jamie Oakes. Pollock and Oakes were also named the top forward and top defenseman respectively.

UNB Lady Reds

The UNB Reds had a tough season this year battling many talented teams. The women's volleyball league is a large one but the team gave it their all and never quit. Despite not making it into the finals they showed the UNB campus some excellent volleyball action throughout the season.

Letter winners for the Reds were Carla Mason and Gina Dickinson. Scott Olmstead received the trainers award. Carla

Mason was named the Rookie of the Year as well as receiving Most Valuable Player honours.

UNB Rebels

The Rebels came close to an AUAA victory this year but could not get past the Dal Tigers. Dal has been undefeated for many years now but the day is coming when defeat will reach them. Most likely this will happen at the hands of the UNB Rebels.

Gerald Casey won the trainer award and the letter winners were John Ellsworth, Jeff Foot, Peter Tait, and Jason Scott. AUAA all stars were Claude Cullinan and Nathan Stairs. AUAA Rookie of the Year and the winner of the Steve Richmond Memorial trophy for UNB rookie went to John Ellsworth. MVP for the team was none other than Claude Culliran who has led the team throughout the entire season.

Red Devils

Probably one of the most explosive teams on campus the Red Devils lost out of the AUAA finals in one of the most talked about hockey games of the season. The Devils overcame much adversity over the past few years to become serious contenders for the AUAA title. They just missed the title this year but with many returning players they will be in the finals next year.

Letter winners for the Devils were Tom Gemmell, Derek Scanlon, and Brian Wilson. There was a tie for the Rookie of the Year. Honours went to Joey McTamney and Derek



The UNB Cross Country team

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