It was ten years ago

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It was ten years ago that Dave Brown skipped school to watch the UNB Red Shirts capture the AUAA title. The Shirts ten went on to bring home the Canadian title. It was back in 1980, that Dave Brown became a dedicated fan of the Red Shirts and vowed that he, someday, would be a member of the valiant team.

Well, his dream came true. Three short years later Dave became one of three rookies on the Red Shirt team.

It all started when Dave was eleven years old. Being the son of a university professor, he and his family travelled to Victoria with his father on a one year sabbatical. Out in Victoria, soccer is played year round. Dave got interested in soccer out in Victoria and fell in love with the game.

At fifteen years old, Dave became a member of the FHS Black Kats Soccer team. Throughout the year he would practice with the Red Shirts team. That summer Dave was invited to try out for the summer games team with such UNB soccer greats as Dwight Hornibrook. Despite not making the team, the experience encouraged him even more to be a Red Shirt.

Ironically, ten years later, Dave is the oldest playing member on the UNB squad at 25 years old, Dave is now being coached by Gary Brown and Dwight Hornibrook, both of whom were members of the 1980 Championship squad that sparked Dave's desire to be a Red Shirt. Gary Brown was head coach of the 1980 team as he is head coach of the 1990 team.

When Dave entered UNB eight years ago, his sole interest was to play soccer. Now, Dave is in his last year with the Shirts. He has already achieved a degree in Physical Education and is presently in his second year of Arts. Dave's goal is to enter the faculty of education.

Balancing athletics and academics is never an easy accomplishment. When asked how Dave manages, he responded with abundant laughter, "We don't balance, we more or less juggle. You just try to survive the season." Well, whatever the ingredients for a successful academic/athletic career, this easy going soccer player seems to have what it takes.

In his last year as a Red Shirt, Dave is hoping for an AUAA Championship. "I want to go out with a bang," remarked Dave. With players like him on the team this is definitely a possibility. The Red Shirts have some work ahead of them but with their hard work and natural talent they should reach their potential in no time.

Although Dave states that professional soccer is not in his future, coaching certainly is. He said he would like to coach and is looking forward to achieving coaching status. Whatever this outgoing guy decides to do, you can bet that he'll be a tremendous success.

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Varsity Schedule

Saturday, October 6

X-Country — UNB at Boston, Codfish Bowl

Sunday, October 7

Field Hockey — St. FX at UNB, Chapman Field 3:00

Thursday, October 11

Field Hockey — UDeM at UNB, Chapman Field 4:00

Hockey — Queen's at UNB, AUC 7:30

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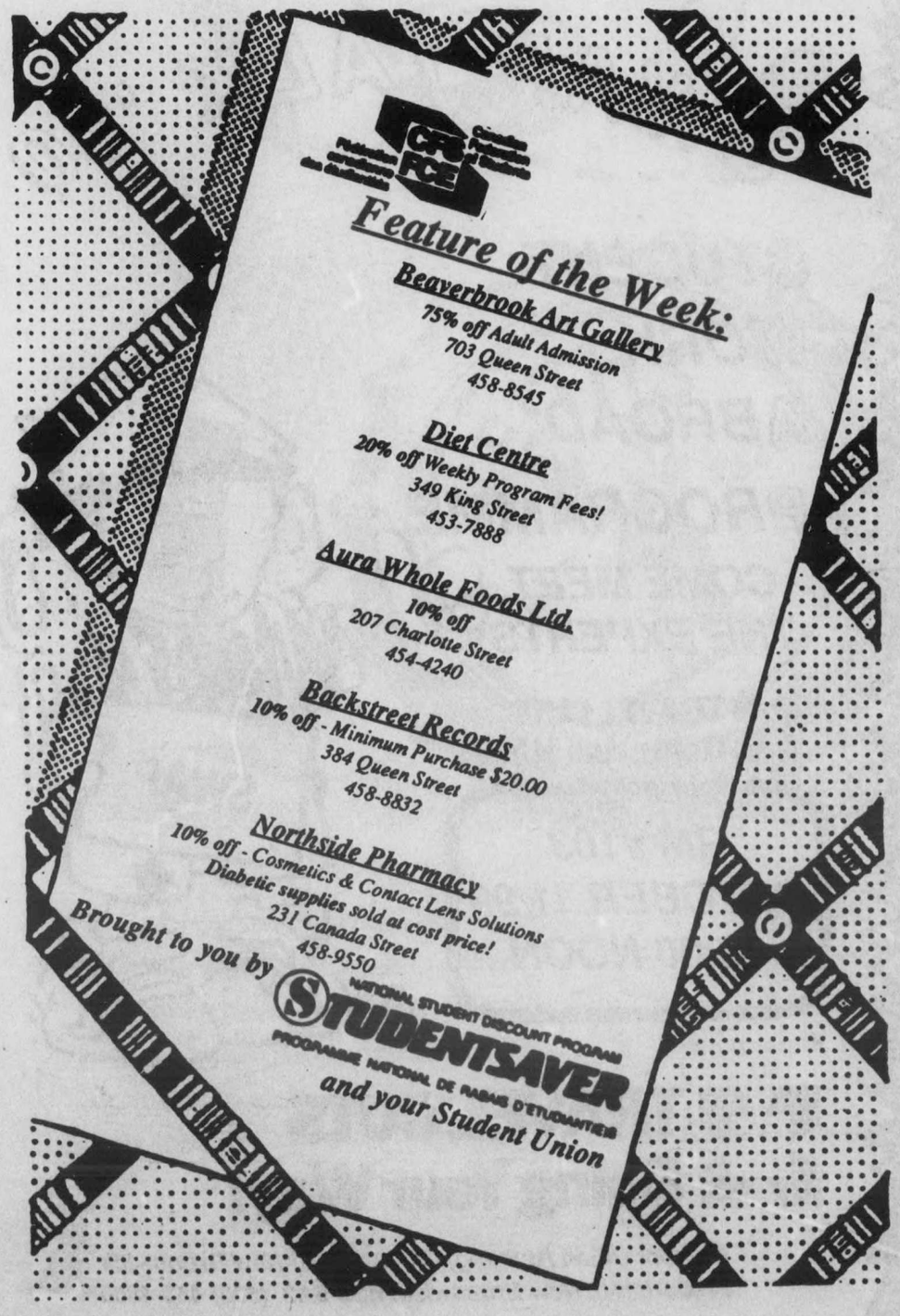

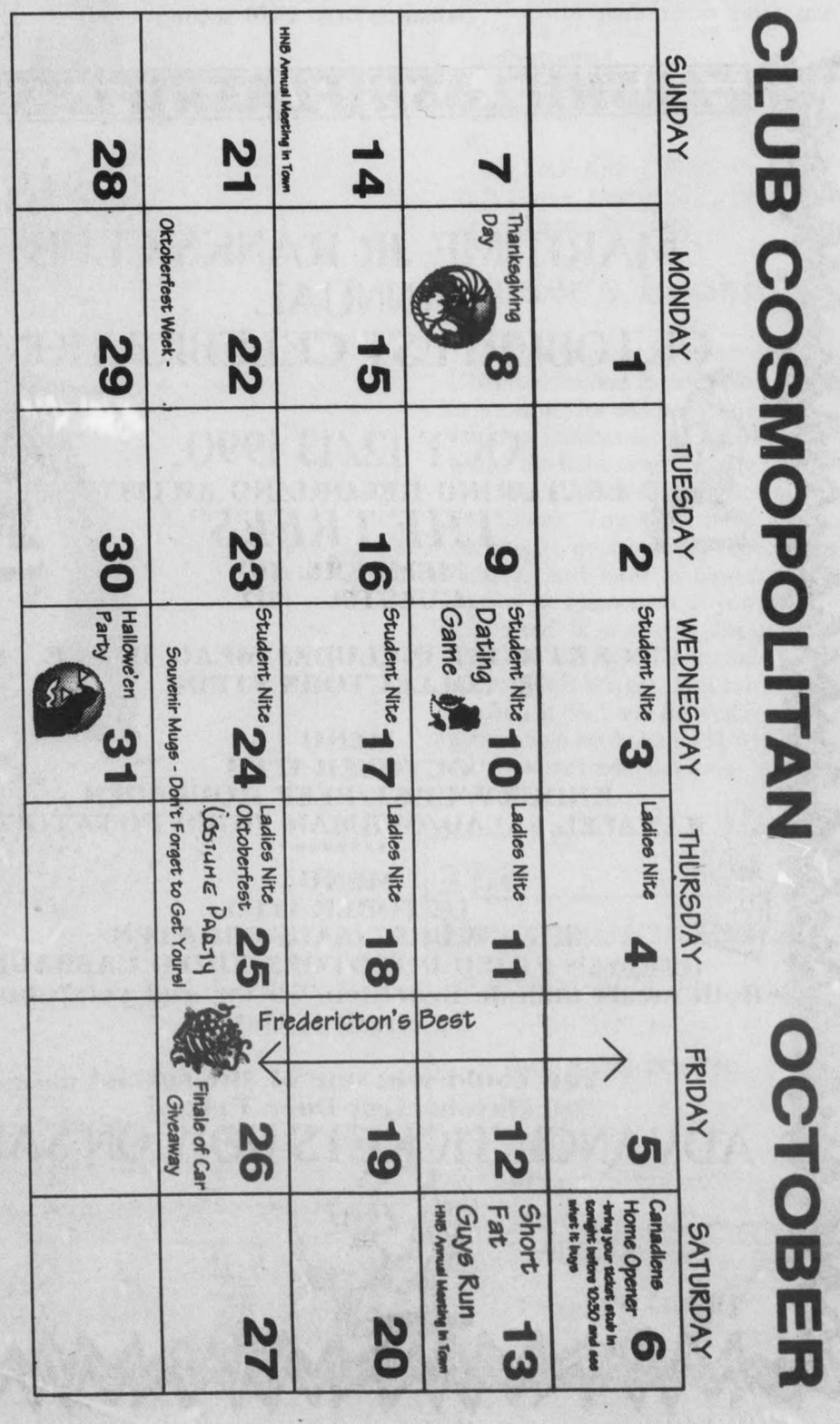

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