

Athletics fight for recognition

By TOM BEST
Sports Editor

A Sports Advisory Committee has been formed at UNB with the intention that students, faculty and staff as well as alumni can provide input into the various aspects of athletics on the campus.

The committee consists of members of faculty, staff, alumni and students from various areas of university community such as off-campus students and residences. At full strength, the committee will have 12 members plus the Dean of Students and the Intramural Director.

According to the meeting, at which eight people were present, the purpose of the committee will be to "provide input, opinions and advice to the university community to be forwarded to the Faculty of Physical Education and the Intramural Director."

Although the committee is presently loosely structured, chairman Jim Murray said that he wanted to get the committee recognised by the Senate, possibly as a sub-committee of the Student Services committee. He said that the recognition would give the committee more impact than if it were merely an unattached group.

The committee was formed as a direct result of the rumor that intramural hockey equipment would be discontinued next year. Several concerned students got together to protest the possible decision and discovered that there was little student voice in the matter. The issue came to Murray's attention and eventually led to a meeting between several

students, the Dean of Physical Education Garth Paton and Bob Smith the Dean of Students.

Those present discussed the matter and it was decided to set up a committee which would represent all areas of the university community which would be able to make suggestions and give advice to those in charge of the decision making process for athletics. The committee was to be composed of: representatives from the men's and women's residences; an off-campus student representative; a representative from St. Thomas University; a faculty representative to be appointed by Senate; a representative; the men's and women's intramural assistants; the Chairman of the Inter Residence Sports Committee (IRSC); the faculty member assigned to the IRSC; and a representative from the Recreational Sports Clubs; the Intramural Director and the Dean of Students would sit on the committee in an ex officio capacity.

St. Thomas would be represented because that university uses the intramural program and equipment of UNB.

The committee will be a substitute for the Student's Athletic Association (SAA) which existed on campus several years ago.

The SAA once provided a direct input from the students into the decision-making process for athletics through the Athletics Board (AB). When the Department of Physical Education became the Faculty of Physical Education the need for the Athletics Board was eliminated because the faculty council

could now take care of its (the AB's) functions. Consequently the SAA had no further body to report to and became defunct. Although it is still on paper, the SAA is no longer necessary because of the new structure.

Dr. John Meagher, a professor in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation who teaches several courses in athletics administration said that perhaps the best alternative would be to have a standing committee on athletics in the Senate. This would give athletics recognition as an important part of the university life and would enable input from all avenues of the campus community.

The alumni member who attended the meeting, George Richmond, indicated that a group of alumni who were interested in athletics had gotten together and formed a "Varsity Club" which would provide some input into the system. He said that they had made some suggestions to the faculty concerning inter-collegiate athletics.

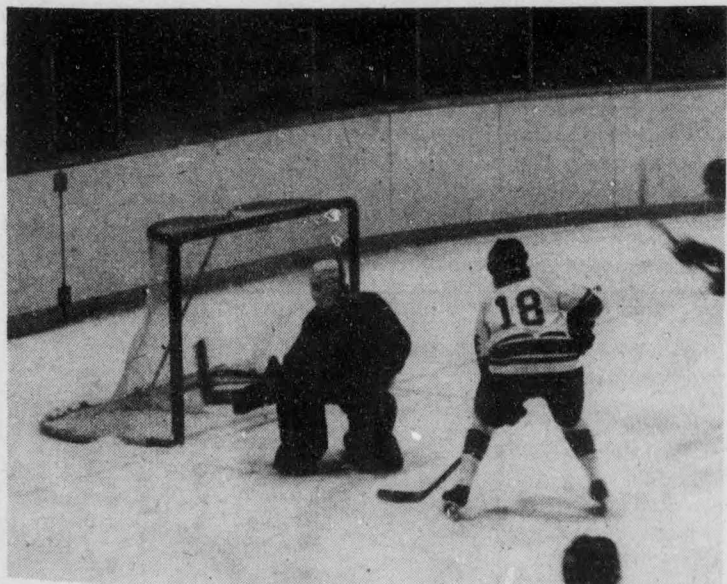
Gord Bryant, the men's intramural assistant, said that part of the problem with the intramural budget was the fact that on intramural ice time, which this year cost in the order of \$40,000, was poorly utilized and that if the practices for these teams were better organized, a great deal of money could be saved. He added that one idea for such an improvement would be to have people from the faculty of Phys Ed run the practices so that those in attendance would be able to benefit from good coaching and instruction.

Bryant discussed at length the problems resulting from the popularity of the intramural ice hockey program. He stated that of approximately 2500 men at UNB over 600 were actively participating in the various leagues. He said that there were 48 teams in the inter residence, inter class and off campus leagues and that this made the expenditure of large sums of money on the various aspects of the program. As an example, he said that officiating alone would cost in the order of \$2500 this year. He added that ice time for games and practice times took a large portion of the budget. The committee also looked at other possible changes to the system which could possibly improve the situation as far as intramurals were concerned. One of these was a "user-day" system by which those who would be taking advantage of equipment, such as that for hockey which is currently signed out, would necessitate the payment of a rental fee before the equipment would be handed over to the prospective user.

Currently, all of the intramural ice hockey program is being run at the Aitken University where the cost of an hour of ice time is over \$35.00. The committee discussed the possibility of buying ice time from arenas in which ice time is cheaper than at the AUC.

One of the suggestions that came out of the meeting was to have a Director of Intramurals with a budget separate from the Faculty of Phys. Ed. and Recreation budget. This person would be in charge of both the men's and women's program.

No date was set for the next meeting of the committee.



Devils do it!

By ROBERT MACMILLAN

Last Saturday night the UNB Red Devils came from behind to defeat the U de M Blue Eagles 9 - 8 at the Aitken Centre. This was UNB's second victory of the season.

At one point in the game the Red Devils were behind 5 - 2 but by the end of the second period they had come within one goal of tying the game.

Phil Mandrahan and Ed Pirdar each scored three goals to lead the UNB attack. Other goal scorers were George Wood with two and Dan Mortimer with a single.

Penalties by both teams played a deciding factor in the scoring of the game. Many of the penalties in the games were truly unnecessary. Both teams had strong power plays and capitalized on over half of their opportunities.

Ken MacClean was very

impressive in the nets. Although he let in 8 goals he turned aside thirty-two shots. Some of the goals scored against him were impossible to stop.

The Red Devils had thirty-one shots on the Moncton goaltender. There was lots of enthusiasm among the players and the fans as the Red Devils proved it is not impossible to come from behind.

UNB should be complimented on their victory. They scored two goals near the end of the second period within seconds of each other. This boosted the team moral and gave them the drive to go on and win the game. Two goals in the third period gave the Red Devils the victory.

Tonight the Red Devils play at Mount Allison and on Saturday Moncton hosts the UNB team.

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I had a good experience last weekend when I travelled to Nova Scotia with the Swimming and Diving team. I also gained first hand knowledge of how messed up things can become when one person decides that there is only one way to run things and that's the wrong way.

It all started when the diving team consisting of Dale MacLean, Bob Jacobson, Paul Sutcliffe, Dan Beaman for the men, and Sharon Paquette, Celeste Smart, and Betty Middleton for the women arrived at the Acadia Pool to warm up for their diving meet which was to start at 5:00 p.m. They commenced to go through their warmups when lo and behold, one nameless individual from New foundland, who happens to be the only diving coach present decides that the meet will consist of only six dives instead of 11 per board as is usually the case. Also said individual decides that the divers will start at 7:00 p.m.

Why was that person not even from the host club, allowed to get his way? Two reasons: first, the UNB coach was not present due to work commitments and the Acadia coach is a non-entity because that University has only two divers; secondly, the sport of diving has traditionally been relegated to a back seat in AUA competition. I'll return to that later.

Anyway, the divers got underway two hours late with perhaps one of the poorest displays of officiating that I have ever seen. The diver from MUN wiped out and landed under the board in a very poor dive, for instance, and he was awarded the same score as a UNB diver who completed a dive at least reasonably well.

The situation deteriorated to the point where the divers from UNB did not return to the pool when the second half of the competition was announced.

Had the UNB coach, John Thomson, been present, the MUN coach would hardly have gotten his way according to Dale MacClean who acted as the team spokesman. It was hardly the sphere of the UNB swimming coach who was running into enough problems with the organization of that portion of the meet. Barry Roberts was overheard muttering that meets were always messed up at Acadia.

That's only one part. The fact that diving is viewed as a second class sport by many of the AUA organisers is evident because diving is often performed during the excitement of swimming events in which spectators are screaming and carrying on. It might be easy to continue to perform well in some situations, but in a sport such as diving, which is 98 percent mental, such distractions can cause a performer to lose all concentration.

Another thing that seems strange is that the swimming and diving teams are combined when it comes to points awarded to the winners of the events. The combined point total determines the meet winner. Such a philosophy does not make much sense to me. It isn't done in the Olympics or in any other sport that I can think of. Swimming and diving are about as far removed as field hockey and football. There are very few commonalities between the two. I don't think that water and a bathing suit qualify enough as similarities, to warrant combining the teams. Some divers can hardly get to the side of the pool after they jump.

Diving should hold meets, in conjunction with, separate from swimming meets. Travel considerations may enter the picture but for a team championship, the two should be totally and unequivocally separate.

The UNB Saltos will be hosting their second invitational gymnastics competition this Saturday at the South Gym B beginning at 1:00 p.m. Come on down.

Thanks a million for the aid, Karen-Muchos gracias.
See ya later.

Are you GRADUATING this year?

Activities Awards

Applications for Activity Awards are now being accepted at the SRC office (SUB 126)

Applications should include an indepth list of activities during your years at U.N.B.

Ring size must also be submitted if the application is to be considered.