

The Intramural Figure Skating Club is entering its third year of operation, providing instruction and ice time for everyone interested.

The club offers two sessions per week at the Aitken University Centre with each session approximately one hour long. Next week's skating will be on Monday, October 24 and Thursday, October 27 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Skaters at all levels are welcomed for those wishing to "Learn to Skate".

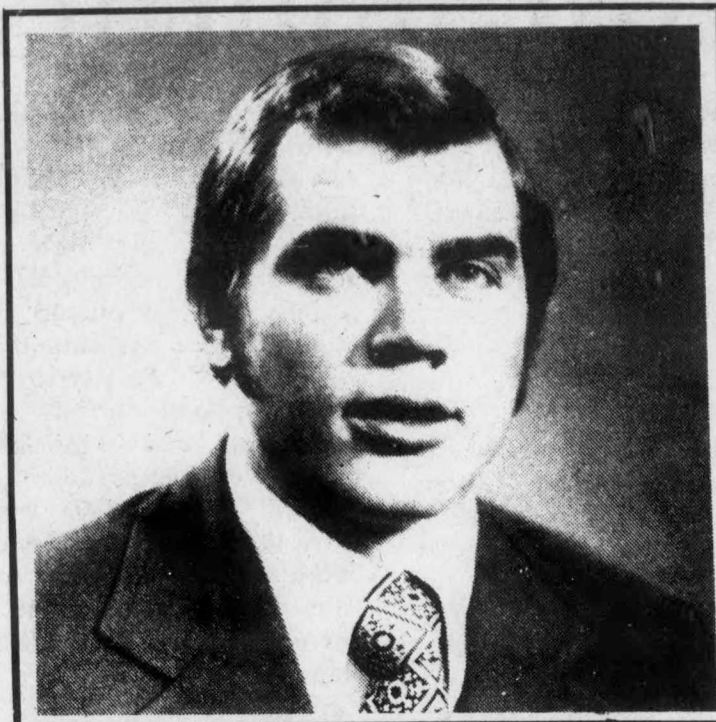
Check the Brunswickan next week for further information and the ice schedule.

If you have any questions, contact Ann McKinley at 455-5623

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wanted**

The UNB Athletic Department requires a person with proven photographic skills for part-time work in the area of sports promotion. The person selected will have general knowledge of most sports, and must be capable of taking action shots. The Athletic Department will look after all expenses. Those interested should contact Athletic Director Jim Born at 453-4580.

Jim Born: he tries hard



By IAN SUTHERLAND

A concerted effort to improve the rapport between the university's varsity teams and their supporters both within the university and throughout the city appears to be paying dividends.

Jim Born officially took over the post of Athletic Director on July 1 and since that time has been working hard for harmonious relations between his office and the outside world.

"It was definitely one of my priorities to get students more involved with the varsity sports," Born said this week. "I don't think students realize how much of a positive effect they can have on an athlete's performance. Last weekend's volleyball match between Cuba and Canada was a good example. I think the players on the Canadian team picked up the pace

considerably when the crowd started to get into the game. It sometimes can make the difference between winning and losing."

Part of this year's program is a system where residence reps meet with Born on a regular basis and suggest ideas to gain new crowd support. Born has already met twice with the men's residence's committee and plans a similar get-together in the near future with those in the women's residence system. As well, weekly press releases are being distributed throughout the campus informing students and faculty of upcoming events. An effort is also being made to keep the various media outlets abreast of varsity happenings, and the programs appear to be paying off.

"Of course, the most important ingredient is still to have the teams that are

respectable, and so far this year all the teams are doing well. Joyce Slipp has done an outstanding job with the young talent on the field hockey team and has risen far above expectations; Gary Brown has done an excellent job with a soccer team that has lots of potential and he had brought it along very well; the cross country team has been a little bit of a surprise after being decimated by graduation, and then beating all the top teams two weeks ago; and the hockey team - the bright spot on the program because of its high profile - is considered by many people as one of the teams to beat this year."

With the teams all doing their part, most teams have already seen an increase in fan support, with Born hoping for even better things ahead.

"We want to combine going to a game and seeing good sport along with making the night a social event. Hillbilly night didn't work out the way we wanted it to, but I think events like that are the way to go. Give the people both a quality and make sure they have a good time.

Born is a graduate of Michigan State University, and acted as an assistant coach there after hanging up his cleats. From there, he moved on to St. Francis Xavier University as an assistant football coach and came to UNB 12 years ago, winning eight AUAA wrestling titles as the coach. He also served as head football coach for 10 years.

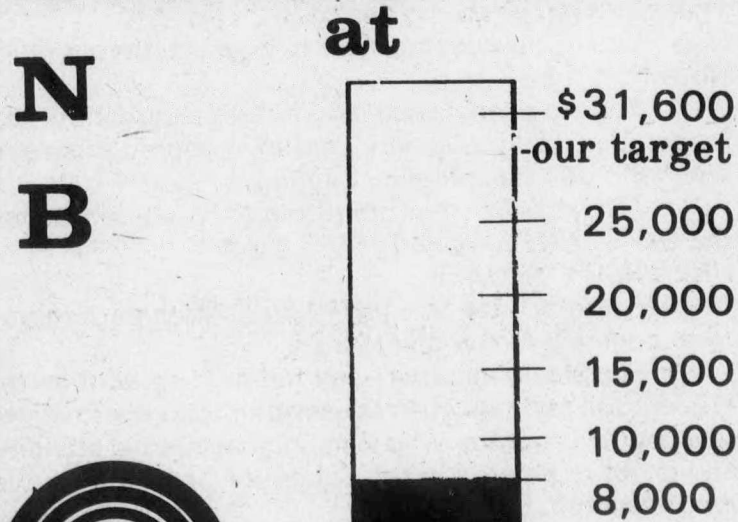
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