

AHL Canadiens Coming To F'Ton

By Frank Denis

On the 21st of June, a press conference was held at the Aitken Centre. The reason; Serge Savard, General Manager of the Montreal Canadiens, was here to award the city of Fredericton the Canadiens American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate which for the past six seasons has been based in Sherbrooke, Quebec. What this means is that AHL hockey will be returning to the Aitken Centre following a two year absence.

The team will be handled by a group of 70 businessmen who are led by car dealer Dave Emmerson and lawyer Peter Adams. The group has invested approximately \$400 000 in the team. In order for the shareholders to break even in first year, the team must generate at least \$1.3 million.

According to Jayne Wallace, comptroller for the team, 2530 season tickets have already been sold at a cost of \$336 for the 42 home games this season. Wallace says they hope to sell 2700 season tickets and she is confident they will reach that total before the first regular season home game on October 6 against the Utica Devils.

A season ticket works out to \$8 a game compared to the \$9 one will pay at the door. It would be preferable, says

Wallace, to buy a season's pass as the team is expecting many sellouts throughout the year, particularly when they host their division rivals. The seating capacity at the Aitken Centre is 3672 with an additional 300 standing room places.

Those involved with the team have been virtually working around the clock trying to ensure everything is ready for early next month. Serge Savard is especially pleased with the work being done as he has stated: "The people here have accomplished in 2 months what we tried to accomplish in Sherbrooke for 6 years."

The team decided to move out of Sherbrooke because they averaged only 2200 in attendance last season and lost \$1,168 million. Despite finishing first in their division last season, the team had trouble drawing crowds to their games because of their proximity to Montreal. As Wallace explains Sherbrooke is only a 90 minute drive east of Montreal and "if people have the choice of attending an NHL game at the Forum or an AHL game most will choose the former."

The last AHL team to call Fredericton home was an affiliate of the Quebec Nordiques. The Fredericton Express, which operated from

1981-88, could only average slightly over 2800 fans per game their last season here, and so they decided to move their operations to Halifax.

The league is composed of 15 teams and all of them are affiliated with an NHL club and for most players is the final stop before playing in the NHL. There are 4 other Canadian teams in the league located in Newmarket, Ont., Cape Breton, Halifax, and Moncton. As well, ten teams are based in the USA. Five teams are located in New York state: Troy, Adirondack, Utica, Rochester, and Birmingham. The remaining five sites are Maine,

New Haven, Hershey, Springfield and Baltimore.

The coach for the Fredericton Canadiens will be Paulin Bordeleau who last season worked for the Halifax Citadels.

Individual tickets for games have not yet been put on sale. For those interested in purchasing a season's pass for the Canadiens, you can do so by dropping by their offices located

in the Aitken Centre or by calling them at 459-4227. It should be noted that the first home exhibition game will be on September 27th.



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- 2nd Vice-President
- Treasurer *
- Secretary

* By-election (term of office is Sept/90 - May/90). All other positions have terms of 12 months.

Nominations were opened at registration on Thursday, Sept. 6 and will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1990

Nomination forms may be obtained from Peter Ferguson (Biology) Room 221 Loring Bailey Hall. Completed forms may be returned at this same location or by mail:

GSA Nominations Committee
c/o Graduate Students Association
Old Arts Building
CAMPUS MAIL

Regulations concerning GSA elections, and the official duties of each executive position, are outlined in the 1990-91 GSA Handbook and Planning Calendar under "By-Laws of the Graduate Student Association of the University of New Brunswick"

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- Preparation for the Competence in English Test**
Wednesday, September 26 and October 3; 7 - 10 pm; \$10.00
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