

Ski time at Crabbe Mountain

The Maritime ski industry is booming and Crabbe Mountain Winter Park is growing to meet the needs of winter sports enthusiasts. Incorporated 26 years ago, Crabbe Mountain provides alpine facilities servicing skiers from northern Maine, Quebec and the Maritimes. Situated on the north face of New Brunswick's highest groomed vertical (260 m or 853' elevation), fourteen trails provide varied terrain from easy beginner to challenging expert runs.

A new Doppelmayr quadruple chair lift has been installed this past year, increasing the previous uphill capacity by 120%. There are 134 chairs on the new lift and skiers will reach the top of the mountain in seven minutes. The new chair will operate as the primary lift and two t-bars will be operated when crowds warrant. The pony lift will continue to operate free of charge on the beginners hill.

In the past, when the sun set, Crabbe Mountain said good-bye to all the skiers for the day. That is no more!

Skiers are invited to enjoy the excitement of skiing under the stars. Four of the best trails have been installed with high pressure sodium lights and Crabbe Mountain will have extended operating hours beginning December 26, 1987. Plans are to operate the new quadruple chair lift every evening from December 26 to January 2nd until 9:30 p.m. For the remainder of the season, regular hours will be observed (Sunday to Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.).

A large portion of the \$2.5 million development was spent on snowmaking installation. A unique air-wave system is now operational on five (5) of the most popular trails. The only system of its kind in New Brunswick, the air-water snowmaking equipment makes snow production possible at warmer temperatures than the airless systems now in place at other Maritime ski resorts. Crabbe Mountain opted for the superior air-water method to

make early December start-up and extended spring skiing possible annually. Crabbe started making snow on November 24th and will be making snow continuously, as weather permits, in order to provide a reliable base for the

entire ski season.

Crabbe Mountain Winter Park will open for the 1987-88 ski season on Saturday, December 5th, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Grand opening ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday,

December 19th. Distinguished representatives from federal, provincial and civic governments will be on hand to officially open the facilities in the \$2.5 million expansion project.

Investigation to follow

One of the Vice-Presidents of the Student Union is requesting that the Union initiate an investigation into the operation of the University's Student newspaper.

"There has been an allegation made that the newspaper's offices are an unhealthy and hostile environment, and that the rights of one staff member have been violated", states Lawrence Hansen, Vice President (Internal).

He mentions that "It is incumbent upon the Student Union, as the paper's publisher, to investigate this allegation and either satisfy ourselves that it is ill-founded, or if there does exist a problem, to do something to correct it."

Hansen intends to bring the matter to the attention of the Student Union Executive and to Council.

Share the flame

By O.D.

Last Sunday morning the Olympic torch arrived in Fredericton on its cross country odyssey.

Hundreds of people lined the streets of downtown Fredericton, despite the sub zero temperatures, to catch a view of the flame as it made its way along to a ceremony at City Hall around 10 o'clock.

Amid cheers, Alden Briggs, a Fredericton native, carried the torch to City Hall. Local people packed Phoenix Square. Ceremony host, Jim Hunter, a former Olympic alpine skier, declared that "Fredericton is now part of Olympic history." Premier Frank McKenna and Mayor Brad Woodside, on behalf of the province and city, also made statements saying they were proud to have the flame in the area.

Heidi and Howdy, the official Olympic mascots, were also

on hand helping to spread the joy. The two were pictured with children who held candles symbolizing the

After the ceremony Cecile Babineau took the torch to get it restarted on its journey to the 88 Winter Olympic game in Calgary.

A mammoth undertaking, the torch relay will go through all ten provinces while on its 88 day, 18,000 kilometre trek. Several thousand proud Canadians will be required to carry the torch, before it reaches McMahon Stadium in Calgary on February 13.



N.B. Premier Frank McKenna with the Olympic Torch

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