

Sports editorial

A time of change

by Frank Denis

The world around us is changing. And because of the changes on the global level, it is inevitable that the University of New Brunswick changes. Such was the message delivered by university President Robin Armstrong to athletes and coaches at the athletic banquet on Wednesday night.

It's been four years since I became involved in the athletics scene at UNB and in that time I have witnessed numerous changes, but none so important as the ones in the last twelve months.

When I arrived on campus it was with amazement that I learned that all twelve varsity teams here were each known by their distinctive nickname. I had come from a city where 'Stingers' and 'Redmen' were a part of everyday life. You saw the name in the papers, on sweatshirts and in the paper every day. Red Bloomers, Beavers, Red Devils... and so on. I couldn't understand why so many instead of one.

But then it happened. A year ago rumours were swirling around campus that both varsity volleyball teams were very close to being axed. The cash strapped university was not going to give the athletics department as much as they needed to operate this year and therefore some teams would have to be scrapped. It was then that the changes really began.

A fund drive was begun to prove to President Armstrong that there was enough financial support out there to keep the teams alive. Armstrong, who has been a keen supporter of athletics since he arrived here 2 years ago, agreed and the teams stayed alive. Not wanting to ever go through such a harrowing experience again the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation as well as the Athletics department began an intercollegiate fund drive that would help student athletes with more merit awards, allow teams to travel to tournaments or in other words be a fund that teams could dive into whenever it was necessary.

The drive, which is being run by Susan Montague, decided that simply raising a small sum would only be useful in the short term. Montague and her team set their sights high and have as their goal 1 million dollars. Currently the total stands at the \$140,000 mark and climbing every day. Donations have come from alumni, people of the Fredericton community and the varsity athletes themselves who have managed to contribute \$2,400. By this time next year it is hoped that the \$1 million will have been raised. And it looks like it will. Dean of Phys. ed. Terry Haggerty is off to Toronto this weekend to try and increase the \$140,000 current total.

By scrapping all current team nicknames and going Varsity Reds, the university hopes to capitalize on the large merchandise market that is available to universities. UPEI Panther merchandise brings in over \$200,000 a year to the school. That money helps the athletics program at UPEI immensely.

One has to assume and hope that when the fund drive is over they will sit down and seriously discuss the issue of building a new athletic centre here on campus. Currently the LB Gym is inadequate for the number of athletes and Phys. ed students we have here. Overcrowding is becoming a serious problem that must and I'm sure will be looked at in the next couple of years.

With one common name and an intercollegiate fund drive underway the Athletics department might be able to come up with enough money in due course. In fact I'm convinced that some day soon the money will be there. And like they have for the past four years, things will change.

As this is the last piece that I will write for the *Brunswickan*, I would like to acknowledge a few of the individuals that have made my job all the more easier over the last four years. Thanks to Maureen Sparks and Jim Born of the Athletics department for keeping me up to date with stats and press releases and reserving hotel rooms for my road trips, to the coaches who have somehow found the time to sit down and answer a few questions and most of all a special thanks to the athletes for answering questions even after a tough loss. Without you guys there would be no sports section. Thanks for all the memories.

UNB's Cole to coach Team Canada at University Games

The *Brunswickan* has learned that UNB Beavers swim coach Andrew Cole, has been recommended to coach Team Canada at the upcoming World University Games which will be held this summer in Buffalo, New York. Once a coach is recommended to the University Games, it is merely a formality before they are named. That is expected to be done at the first of next week. Cole has been at the helm of the UNB program for three years now in that time has developed a team that is dominant in the AUAA and should be a dominant force in the CIAU before too long. Cole was also appointed to coach New Brunswick's entry at the Canada Games this July in Kamloops, B.C.

Campus recreation

Co-ed Sports

Congratulations going out to the Jones/Dunn team (The Ball Bearings) for capturing the Intramural Ball Hockey Championship on Tuesday, March 16th. In the exciting championship final, The Ball Bearings defeated the feisty Law Shooters, 10-9 in overtime. This game proved to be draining for both teams. Scoring for the Ball Bearings were John Rocca and Jason Veinot both with four; and France Morin (all battered and bruised) chipping in with two. Replying for the Law Shooters were Heath Whitely with five; John Vamplew with a hat trick; and Richard Collins with a single. Thanks go out to both teams for putting on a highly competitive final. Thanks also go out to all four teams that took part in this year's Co-Ed Ball Hockey League. Members of the Winning Team: Jenny Amour, Rhiannon Iles, Kyla Woods, France Morin, Heidi Baird, Sue MacLean, Heather Perry, Peggy Williamson, Nancy Morrison, John Rocca, Rene Chamberlain, John Hoquard, Evan Woods, Don McAllum, and Jason Veinot.

Notice

Referees who have not yet picked up their hats can do so at the Recreation Office between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Thank You.

Summer recreation

The Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation and the Department of Extension and Summer Session is offering a Summer Employment Opportunity. The position is Summer Recreation Coordinator. Employment begins in May and continues until August 13, 1993. Candidates should have experience in organizing and administering recreational programs - post graduates and mature students are preferred. The stipend pay is \$2,000 to \$2,400 - subject to budget approval. Submit letter of application and resume to:

Jeff Burkard, Director
Campus Recreation
Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation

Application deadline is Wednesday, April 6, 1993 (4:30pm)

Men's Indoor Soccer

Teams	G	W	L	T	PTS
Persia	5	4	1	0	13
Chem Eng Olympians	5	4	1	0	13
ARYA	5	3	2	0	11
Jones House	5	2	3	0	9
Aitken Animals	5	0	5	0	5

Green Division

Teams	G	W	L	T	PTS
Hubcaps	5	5	0	0	15
Purple Helmets	5	3	1	1	12
Poison Eaters	5	3	2	0	11
Ludlow Skin Kickers	5	1	3	1	7
Neville Norsemen	5	1	4	0	7
OCSA	5	1	4	0	7

St. FX win was emotional

Two Red Devils have a cry at basketball championships

by Brian Wilson

Karl Taylor and I had the honor of being among the 8,569 people at the Halifax Metro Center to watch St. Francis Xavier or the "X" triumph over MacMaster. Neither of us would be considered basketball fans or enthusiasts and to tell the truth we did not even know all the rules so I will not attempt to give you a critical overview of the game.

I will, however, tell you that Halifax was a popular spot. The night life was "wild and crazy" and everywhere you looked people had the X on their face. I, nor my travelling companions with whom I enjoyed this night life could help but notice the X fans. They were loud and numerous but amongst it all they were very well composed.

In a city where every bar, literally, was lined up with about 50-100 people waiting to get in, not once did we see a fight or any other enthusiastic actions.

The city and establishments were plastered with CIAU Final 8 paraphernalia. The city definitely welcomed the teams. After seeing the city be engulfed by X fans

Saturday night, Karl and I felt we had to see the reason for all the commotion, and that is why we had to see the final game in person.

At the game the X fans (all 8500 vs the Mac fans 69) were relentless at cheering for their team. Students carrying X flags and painted in blue and white showed how proud they were of their school.

All was done in taste which even increased Karl's and my opinion of the school. Being athletes ourselves we have become very pro UNB and against any other school in the AUAA but after seeing the pride the students took in having their basketball team in the finals, it seemed to change our opinions of the school. As the crowd erupted onto the court at the sound of the buzzer and we saw, in person, a team capture a CIAU championship, it gave me a tingling sensation all over and I could not help but notice the water in Karl's eyes.

I don't think it was that we were so proud of St. F.X. but rather the idea of them being the best in Canada at what they set out to do. They reached the

pinnacle of university basketball and there is something about being a champion that is unexplainable.

What even strengthened this experience more was to later that evening, see how easily the Acadia hockey team won the hockey CIAU championship. Being on the Red Devils hockey team and losing 2 hard fought games to Acadia it made me see how close we were to being champions, and after seeing the X earn their championship made it even a harder pill to swallow.

This whole experience left me with no doubt in my mind and that there can never be any honor greater than being a champion at whatever it is you set out to accomplish.

CIAU FINALS

St. F.X.	72
McMaster	64