

best of best

The Devils started off their exhibition season with a pair of games against the Dalhousie university Tigers. These two games were the first that the Devils have played in that magnificent piece of architecture known as the Aitken Center and for the size of the place (it can seat around 4500 people) I think that the number of fans who attended the game was fairly impressive. A good deal of what has been labelled the "Red Devils Cheering Section" was full.

What was not impressive, was the manner in which the UNB fans showed their support of their team. I would say that out of well over a thousand fans, less than fifty were giving the Devils any vocal support. I went to both games, enjoyed myself fully and I feel that I was one of the more rowdy persons in the AUC on both occasions.

Friday night I saw many UNBers at the game who just sat and watched it as if they were viewing a television. The Devils need all the support that they can get, regardless of how skillful this year's team (and it is skillful) may be. Everybody loves a winner but no team starts out as a winner and what contributes a great deal to the conversion of loser to winner has to be fan support.

Anyone who has ever been to any professional sports game or event in New York must surely have been impressed by the fan participation shown by that crazy bunch. Win or lose, the folks from the Big Apple back their teams one hundred and ten percent. That, my friends, is known as loyalty.

At UNB the fans back their teams around two percent. Maybe that figure is a bit high but it's as close as I can come.

Many of UNB's teams have done well in the past. Many of this year's teams are doing well or should do well. The field hockey and soccer teams are high in the standings and this year's version of the Bloomers are a definite threat to win the conference title again.

Last year I attended several basketball games and I noticed that the players and officials at least equalled the number of fans in the stands. The field hockey games that I have gone to this year have been attended by, at most, five spectators. With the field conditions that the Sticks had to contend with on Tuesday afternoon, they are definitely not playing for the prestige of having a Red Sticks sweater or being invited to the annual sports banquet. The same applies to all of the varsity sports. The only teams that get any sort of a crowd are the hockey and football teams and it browns me off that they don't get any more support than just a physical presence of "fans".

I've been to more than a few Bombers and Devils games over the years I've been at UNB and I would consider the circumstances surrounding these games to be among the best times that I have had in university.

Don't get me wrong. I do not go to games to get hammered. Anyone who does that should have his or her head examined. These events afford students an opportunity to become better acquainted and to strengthen the common bond of the inescapable fact that they go to UNB.

The varsity athletes (and the other non-varsity types who represent UNB) are all dedicated to their respective sports and receive little recognition from their fellow students. Being a spectator at a live event is very much different from watching an event on the tube.

Enuf said. Let's all get out and cheer on the Devils next weekend. This weekend the soccer and field hockey teams play at home, so get off yer buns and get some fresh air.

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My main man down at the intramural office, Amby Legere has told me that there is a possibility that the free skating periods which UNBers have enjoyed for so long may no longer be free. A small fee may be charged to people wishing to take in a bit of ice time. The reason: the new intramural hockey league that I have been talking about for so has received approval in principal.

A meeting late last week between Amby, Dean Paton of the P.E. faculty, Dean of Students Barry Thompson, Jim Smith (if you don't know who he is I wonder if you are a student), Eric Semple (the spokesperson for the concerned parties) and myself, was what I would call very productive.

Amby said that the amount of money that the new league would require would be in the order of \$3000, which would have to come out of his budget. Paton indicated that there was a certain degree of flexibility in the budget and that he would attempt to find some loopholes.

Why charge money for skating? Could be that it will be the only way that sufficient funds will be made available. Right now the whole thing is in Dean Paton's hands and results should be around the first of next week.

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The Nads are really truckin' now. They have a two-game winning streak and things look real good. They have a real good setter, who has been scouted by Team Five.

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Time now for my usual hellos, etc.
 Good luck UNB Judo on your meet this weekend.
 Coach Early, I've got a question for you about T. and F.L. Why doesn't the P.E. faculty provide heated poles for the pole vault? It's getting hard to let go of that thing in this cold weather.
 Have at the AAHPER conference all you P.E. types. Believe it or not there is life on Newfoundland (Hello Gene.)
 Hi 3-T.
 See ya later,

Red Devils tie Tigers

By STEVE GILLILAND

Last weekend the Red Devils opened their exhibition season with a pair of games against the Dalhousie Tigers of Halifax at the Aitken Center.

The game Friday night ended in a 5-5 draw with the Tigers coming from behind to gain the tie. Despite the high score, the goaltending was superb. Especially on the part of UNB's Bob Jones who had 45 shots directed his way. Also impressive was a new UNB line of Len Hercun, Mark Sawyer, and Gord Tufts.

Goal scorers for UNB in this hard hitting contest were Mark Sawyer with two, Gerard Chisholm with a pair and third a singleton from Bob Toner.

In the second game, Coach MacGillivray dressed almost an entirely different team so as to get a good look at all the players trying for positions on the squad, under actual playing conditions.

The only players dressing for second night were defencemen Mark Richard and Dave Neill and forwards Gleen Foster, Mike Barry, Gordie Tufts, Dave Kent, and Bob McSorely.

The Red Devils came on late in the game with three unanswered goals in the last ten minutes of play, but it turned out to be too little too late as Dalhousie won the contest by an 8 to 6 margin.

Goal scorers for UNB were Dave Kent with a pair and singletons coming from Camille Theriault, J.J. MacInness, Tim Hicks and Jerry Kelly.

Splitting the goaltending duties for this game were Jim Thompson and Phil Jones. Both goaltenders were under constant pressure as Dalhousie directed 46 shots their way.

Forward Mike Barry received a knee injury late in the game, but should be back on skates by the time of publication.

Coach MacGillivray now has the tough task of cutting several more players from his present roster before the intercollegiate season starts.

Incidentally the Red Devils will be without the services of forward Charlie Bird this season. He had decided to play for the Fredericton Junior "A" Red Wings.

The Red Devils next home game is an exhibition contest against St. Louis College Oct. 29th.



"Devils" skating like bats out of hell.

Photo by Jack Trifts

<p>Inter-Residence Flag Football Sunday, October 21, 1976 Buchanan Field 6:30 p.m. Victoria Jones 7:30 p.m. Holy Cross L.B.R. 8:30 p.m. MacKenzie Harrison BYE: Aitken</p> <p>Monday, October 25, 1976 Buchanan Field 7:00 p.m. Neill Harrington 8:00 p.m. Neville Bridges 9:00 p.m. Aitken Victoria BYE: Holy Cross</p> <p>Thursday, October 28, 1976 Buchanan Field 7:00 p.m. Harrison Jones 8:00 p.m. L.B.R. Harrington</p>	<p>Inter-Class Softball Schedule Saturday, October 23, 1976 Aitken Diamond 10:00 a.m. STU 2 CE 5 11:30 a.m. BBA 3 CE 4 1:00 p.m. PE 4 Law 3 2:30 p.m. FES FE 34</p> <p>Jones Diamond 10:00 a.m. For. 4 STU 1 11:30 a.m. Law 1 For. 3 1:00 p.m. Law 2 CS 14 2:30 p.m. CE 3 SE</p> <p>Sunday, October 24, 1976 Aitken Diamond 12:00 noon FE 1 For. 4 1:30 p.m. Law 1 CE 3 3:00 p.m. For. 3 SE</p> <p>Jones Diamond 12:00 noon CE 4 Law 3 1:30 p.m. PE 4 STU 2</p>	<p>3:00 p.m. FE 34 BBA 3 Tuesday, October 26, 1976 Aitken Diamond 7:00 p.m. For. 5 EE 4 8:30 p.m. CE 5 For. 5</p> <p>Wednesday, October 27, 1976 Aitken Diamond 7:00 p.m. Law 1 FE 1 8:30 p.m. CS 14 BBA 2</p> <p>Inter-Residence Soccer Schedule Sunday, October 31, 1976 [CHAPMAN FIELD] 9:00 a.m. Harrington Neill 10:00 a.m. Jones Victoria 11:00 a.m. L.B.R. Holy Cross 12:00 noon MacKenzie Harrison 1:00 p.m. Neville Bridges</p> <p>BYE: Aitken</p>
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