

JJ's Jock Talk

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Tom Best, assistant Sports Editor of the BRUNSWICKAN, has a personal involvement with the Student's Athletic Association as the Recreational Sports Club representative. For that reason, his comments are important, perhaps just as important as the concept of the SAA.

Is the Student Athletic Association (SAA) on the way out? No one seems to know for sure, but one thing is certain: the SAA is in trouble. So far this year only one meeting has been held with only three or four people attending.

The SAA was designed to give the students a maximum amount of input into the athletic programs here at UNB. Apparently under the proposed new system to be used if the SAA goes under, the students will have a limited voice in the program. Rumour has it that two councils or committees will be set up, one for varsity and one for intramural-recreation sports. There would be a small number of students on each committee.

A system of this type would be disastrous to the majority of students involved in the Intramural-Recreational (I-R) program. In an interview earlier this year, I-R director 'Amby' Legere indicated that there are probably over 3500 students involved in the I-R program at UNB. Obviously this is a very large proportion of the student population. It doesn't seem fair that out of such a large number, only a few will be able to have an input.

The varsity program at UNB is suffering cutbacks in the budget and as a result, many former varsity teams have been put on a recreational basis. These teams have generally been those with relatively small budgets and small memberships. One of these teams which was to be cut this fall was the cross country team. The members of this team felt that they getting the royal proverbial so they protested to the SAA who in turn bought it to the attention of the Athletics board. As a result, the team was reinstated to a varsity status. Without the SAA and the Athletics Board, incidents such as this might receive a less sympathetic ears belonging to the coaches on the varsity team committee.

I for one don't feel that the SAA should go down without a fight. So far it looks like this is what will happen. Admittedly, his year course loads have been heavier than usual, and it is hard to get students to participate in committee and the like, but a stronger effort should be made to get the SAA back on its feet.

Tom Best

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Seems there's a problem on campus, or rather off campus, with the intramural program for men. Some guys want to play hockey with buddies in the inter-residence set-up and the organizers are saying no can do.

Why?

In the Women's Program, it has always been possible for a City team to participate in the activities. Everyone is always saying that the organization of men's sports are so much more sophisticated than anything girls could come up with. Then why can't the men off campus be permitted to get together a team.

If these guys want to play hockey as a group and they're not in the same faculty, then that would exclude them from the inter-class system. And they can't play inter-house.

Could this be a form of discrimination against off-campus students? If so, why? And if it's not, then just what can it be called?

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Congrats to the Red Bloomers on their most impressive victory over the Universite de Moncton Blue Angles this past weekend. Managed to catch some of the game and also overheard a comment that seems typical of the attitude held toward female sports ability.

One guy said 'I've never seen a girls' team score a hundred points, let alone win by a hundred.'

You'd be surprised at some of the tricks the Red Bloomers may come up with this year.

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Speaking of Moncton, the Universite's new Sports Complex is something to behold! Had a chance to tour it this past weekend and was impressed by the facilities on hand. It's not yet finished but when it is, it will be a complex unmatched in the Maritime Provinces, for sure.

The most fascinating thing had to be the indoor track and three full size tennis courts.

Too bad UNB couldn't have these kinds of facilities. Sure would be nice.

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UNB fans, although improving, have still got a long way to go before they meet the enthusiasm to be found in other universities around the area. Moncton and Mount Allison both offer their teams strong vocal support. Seems all UNB fans can offer is strong silence for the most part.

The final football game of the season, played here at home was a display of what UNB fans are capable of. Hope all that spirit isn't tucked away until next football season. There are basketball, volleyball and hockey teams, just to name a few, who could use the support too.

Try it, you'll like it.

Be a straight shooter. jj

Reds win easy, looking tough

The UNB "Reds" opened the intercollegiate women's volleyball season a week ago Saturday with a decisive five games to none win over Acadia University.

The match opened extremely well as Acadia came on with strong offensive in the first game. The "Reds" defence proved equal to the attack however and soon recovered and initiated their own offence. Statistics show the majority of the "Reds" points were obtained on strong serves and Acadia errors.

The "Reds" service reception was exceptionally strong as they lost only one point to Acadia serves. Spiking was utilized extensively by both teams but was not a major factor in determining the outcome of the match.

The first two games provided some exciting volleyball with both

teams moving well. As the match progressed however, and the expected Acadia strength did not appear and play became more erratic. Game scores of 15-8, 15-11, 15-7, 15-12 and 15-8 reflect Acadia's inability to match the "Reds" total team strength.

"Reds" coach Kaiva Celdoma cautioned against taking Acadia for granted as they are "very inexperienced" at this point in time. The "Reds" will not meet Acadia again until the intercollegiate finals to be held in February and their (Acadia's) "potential strength cannot be discounted for future competitions".

The "Reds" have been working hard on their weak areas of play as well as maintaining their strong points, and according to Celdoma "have a lot of improving to do".

It is a long hard road to the

intercollegiate final in February with little in the way of competitions for the Reds". With the dissolution of the Atlantic League, the "Reds" were forced into seeking outside competition. Accordingly they will travel to Quebec City in early January for a tournament at Laval University against ten other teams from Quebec and the Ottawa region.

Pre-Christmas matches include a match in Moncton November 26 and the U de M Invitational, Dec. 5 - 6 also to be held in the U de M Sports Complex.

The Moncton team has only three veterans returning from last year but their 'never say die' spirit makes them a constant threat. So far this year U de M has played extremely well, finishing second to the strong Dalhousie team in a tournament last weekend.

Off-campus students hockey team hassled

By DERWIN GOWAN

A group of off campus students wanted to form an off-campus hockey team to compete in the residences league but they were turned down by the athletics department spokesperson Brent Melanson told the last Students' Representative Council meeting.

In response to this, council passed a unanimous resolution asking the athletics department to allow off campus students to be able to field teams in the intramural sports program at UNB.

Councillor Kevin Garland said Melanson should go to the Students' Athletics Association but president Warren McKenzie said any group of students "rebuffed" in such a manner had the right to approach council.

"I don't think we should stand by and watch one of the finest intramural programs in the country degenerate to the detriment of all students," McKenzie said. He was referring to budgetary restrictions on the intramural program.

Skiers express concern over local facilities

Lately an increasing number of complaints have been raised by concerned skiers in this area related to local ski areas. It appears the centre of attention concerns unfair pricing of life tickets and a lack of adequate ski area development for the large number of customers on hand.

One such area being singled out is Crabbe Mountain, a hill with good potential but lacking in proper development. Other areas suffering from the same problems include Mount Douglas and Silverwood.

A questionnaire will be distributed to interested skiers in the Fredericton area, including the UNB Ski Club. This questionnaire will ask pertinent information related to this problem and should reveal the true feelings of the majority of skiers.

It is expected the survey will provide the basis for a well supported argument in favor of ski area development and better prices.

Anyone interested in filling out a form is advised to contact the UNB Ski Club or phone 455-3033.

Instructional swimming offered

For all persons of UNB, either students, staff or faculty interested in taking advantage of the free instructional swimming offered, registration is now being held for the classes starting after Christmas.

Numbers are limited to about 250 persons so the registration will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. have been reserved for the classes at the Sir Max Aitken Pool.

Anyone wishing further information with regards to the swimming is asked to contact Randy Nason at the Athletics Department.



Men's

Intramurals

INTER-CLASS BASKETBALL

This year's basketball league consists of eleven teams and two divisions. Going into its third week the Red Division shows promise of a very tight race. Four of the six teams involved share first place, all with 2-1-0 records. These teams are Bus. 4, P.E. 2, For. E.E. The Science 4 team with a 1-2-0 record holds second spot while Chem. Eng. (0-3-0) are in the cellar without a victory. The Black Division has two very strong P.E. teams involved in a tight race for first. The big clash is Thursday, November 27 when the two power houses meet. Game time is 8:00 p.m. C.S. 14 and S.E. share second place with 1-2-0 records. Law 13 is alone in last place with a 0-2-0 record.

INTER-CLASS FLOOR HOCKEY

The inter-class league got under way last Monday night with four games played. Two divisions of six teams a piece makes this year's play promising and interesting. The competition is stiff and as of date no one team is dominating.

INTER-CLASS HOCKEY

This is the biggest intramural sport going on campus. There are twenty four teams this year bringing the number of participants to seven hundred plus. There are three divisions with eight teams. If one has not too much to do on Sunday, games start at 9:00 a.m. and go to 9:15 p.m.

In the Red Division two very strong teams have emerged P.E. 4 and Bus. 3 have three victories in as many starts. The Green division has been having problems getting their teams together. Forestry seems to be the only team not affected by internal problems and leads the division with a 2-0-1 record.

The Black Division seems to have fairly tight competition with only one team standing out, P.E. 3.

The league offers a tremendous variety of faculty teams and an enjoyable time for spectators.

INTER-CLASS VOLLEYBALL

This sport got under way Tuesday, November 25 and with eight teams, up two over last year, the interest and keenness of the participants this year will be an enjoyable one.