

# SPORTS

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## Skydiving...A Natural High

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Skydiving, it's the most exciting and daring sport I can think of ... and believe me (for now) think is as far as this body will ever go towards trying this out. Luckily there are true die hard adventurers out there, like Lyle Presse who brought this story to my attention. He so impressed me with his enthusiasm that I felt perhaps there are other students 'out there' who would like to know more about this 'living in the fast lane' activity.

Jump classes are held every Saturday morning starting at 9:30 to be finished around 3 pm. As in any sport the novice begins with familiarizing him and/or herself with the equipment, how it works and what can be done with it. Once this

information has been reviewed there is a second series of explanation dealing with aircraft familiarization.

In and around the aircraft safety is stressed. Basic do's and don't are gone over, along with seating arrangements and what to expect during the flight. Now let's talk about the actual progression involved in the art of skydiving.

The beginner commences jumping with a parachute which opens within five seconds ... ALL BY ITSELF (this part of the course was designed for me). During these jumps practice pulls are exercised to show the instructors that you have enough control to try free-falling. Once you have mastered this area you are freefalling, gaining altitude as experience grows (and nerve).



Lyle Presse having the time of his life skydiving

photo by ERIC BRADLEY

According to Lyle, after ten jumps you are matched with an instructor in freefall who teaches you about close up and contact flying. This is a chance for the daring to maneuver across the sky at 60 mph executing controlled loops, turns or rolls.

What is the first experience like jumping out of a plane? Correctly done it begins with the instructor's command of (appropriately enough) GO! So, you jump, arching your body, while reciting the count you've been taught so faithfully back in your novice training session. Once the parachute opens there is absolute silence coupled with a panoramic view not to be believed.

Steering is done with two lines, pulling on the left string to swing left; right string to move right. These same lines

are the brakes when pulled down together. Once you've landed, the jump you have just completed would be reviewed to talk about strengths and weaknesses.

The course continues on to deal with Emergency Procedures. A malfunction would be considered when the parachute opens but is not inflated properly. To remedy this problem you simply pull the reserve, which takes 3 to 5 seconds to open.

If all else fails there is a 'last resort', called an Automatic Activation Device (A.A.D.). They are installed on all student systems and are set to activate the reserve if the jumper fails to get a canopy open before the preset altitude.

All instruction after the first jump course is free as well as use of the club's equipment.

The initial course costs \$200 and jumps are \$15 each after that.

According to Lyle the more you learn, the more you're allowed to try. Some people go on to competition, others just jump for fun.

Former UNBer Corey Fahey was a part of the 120 people who jumped in a new skydiving record this year.

Watch around campus for skydiving posters and ads. There will be an information night soon to show equipment, videos and answer any questions. For more information call:

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Athletes of the Week

The Red Sticks field hockey team remained undefeated in regular season play and the Red Harriers cross country team improved their performance to become a threat for the conference championship.

For their outstanding contributions to these two teams, Red Stick Lisa Kilpatrick and Red Harrier Noel Gallant have been chosen the University of New Brunswick's athletes-of-the-week for the week ending Oct. 7.

Lisa Kilpatrick scored three goals and two assists in two games last week. She contributed one goal and two assists in a 6-1 rout of U de M and two goals in the 4-1 win over St. Mary's University.

Lisa, who is a fourth-year education student from Gouda Point, N.B., is a member of the Canadian Junior National team and a key specialty player for the Red Sticks.

Noel Gallant is this week's male athlete-of-the-week. For the second week in a row, he was the Red Harriers top finisher logging a third place finish on the weekend against Dalhousie in the 9,800 meter course.

Noel Gallant is a 1st year Arts student from Minto, New Brunswick.

Both Dalhousie and UNB finished the meet tied at 45 points after the four top finishers each but Dalhousie captured the victory on a tie-breaking fifth runner.

## Redshirts Had Rough Weekend

It was a disappointing road trip for the UNB Red Shirts who picked up just one point from two games played in Nova Scotia.

In the Saint Mary's University game defences were dominant in difficult conditions with the rain soaked artificial turf making predictions of the ball's velocity a game in itself. Neither team managed to adapt well to these conditions. The Red Shirts thought they had both points tied up with a goal with just a couple of minutes left in the game, but the referee took note of a linesman who had seen a hand-

ball on the goal attempt. It was suffice to say that neither team was happy with the result with a number of SMU players leaving the field without traditional sportsman's gesture of a handshake.

Acadia played a hard game to break UNB's six game undefeated run. Little of note occurred during the first period of play, the exception was a Pete Hilder 'goal' which was pulled back for an apparent off-side.

Acadia opened the scoring 15 minutes into the second half. Ten minutes later the Red Shirts were back on track

following a well struck Pat Sweeny effort. Unfortunately, the equilibrium was shifted again 5 minutes later when the Axemen restored their lead. The Red Shirts then laid down a siege towards the Acadian goal but they couldn't penetrate before the final whistle sent the home supporters into celebrations usually associated with championship games.

The Red Shirts will be attempting to restore the balance of power this weekend when they host Mt. Allison on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.