

UNBSJ centre to provide variety of facilities



The Saint John campus of the University of New Brunswick opened their \$1.5 million Athletics Centre October 14 of last year, an event long awaited by the port city segment of the institution.

Sir Max Aitken, Chancellor of UNB played a major role in the opening ceremonies, held in connection with the 23rd Convocation of UNB at the Fredericton campus.

The centre is one of the major indoor athletic facilities in the province and the only indoor facility for track and field events in N.B. The artificial turf floor of the field house is another unique

feature of the complex.

In addition to the 190 metre, four-lane running track there are accommodations for 12 badminton courts, four volleyball courts and four basketball courts.

It is also equipped with bleachers with a seating capacity for 900.

There is also a multipurpose room which houses the infamous "Spartacus", an exercise machine renowned to be a "complete training room in itself."

The university plans were to equip the facility with about \$50,000 worth of playing equipment to be made available to those using the premises.

New Ski Club largest on campus

It's been a year of changes for the UNB Ski Club. The first meeting of the year, held in October, drew almost two hundred people. By the middle of November the club had over three hundred members, an all-time high for memberships, and was largest club on campus.

In November, the club put on a very successful ski show, which drew a large turnout, and generated much interest in, and business for, the many ski areas and local companies which had displays. A pub was held later in the evening for members and guests, all of whom said they were enthused with the displays and the

fashion show (thank-you Kathy Daphinee).

The first trip of the year was to Squaw Mts. in Maine. The turnout was low, because of poor weather, but those who went had great time.

The second trip, held in February, was to Sugarloaf, USA, which drew an initial response from over fifty people. Inclement weather brought the final number down to about thirty, but again, all had a good time.

The last major activity of the year was Ski Day, organized and put on by the Club for Winter Carnival. Due to very icy

conditions, most of the skiing was done in the bar, which was dry by three o'clock. Ski-day didn't make money for the SRC, but at least it got Gary Wood on skis.

Several pubs and a brewery tour were also held, all drawing moderate success. The last activity of the year will be participation by Club members in Corn Snow Capers Day, at Crabb Mountain, which is the last day of skiing for the year.

The executive would like to thank the members for their interests and support, and hopes there will be more snow next year.

NB provincial title to volleyball "Reds"

By DONNA SEARS

The UNB "Reds" women's volleyball team did not play badly at the Canadian Intercollegiate Championships held at the U of Manitoba Feb. 26 and 27, they just did not win. It's hard to play against a 6'4" opposing center spiker especially when you're only 5'6" or 5'7".

Although not all of the members of the other four university teams were 6'4" tall they were, on the whole, considerably taller than the UNB team and this was definitely a major factor in determining a winner. The University of Manitoba was perhaps closer to the "Reds" in height and this was the only match in which the "Reds" won games.

The "Reds" however, did not lose badly, but rather played quite well despite the numerous minor but irritating conditions which existed, like having your linesman disappear in the middle of the game, or your referee leave the gym for half an hour just prior to beginning of the match, or not being allowed to practice in the gym you have booked a week earlier because CBC was setting up their cameras. Little things which not every team had to put up with.

On the whole, the 1976 Intercollegiate were unsuccessful, not because the "Reds" lost, but because they considerably weakened the position of those people who fight to retain national intercollegiate competitions by



DETERMINATION and the ability to come from behind the reasons cited by coach Celdoma for the volleyball Reds' winning season.

being poorly run.

Last week-end, after a two week layoff, the "Reds" took to the courts in an attempt to win the N.B. Senior Womens Volleyball Championship and the right to participate in the National Senior Womens Volleyball Championships to be held in Moncton the first of May. The "Reds" went through the tournament with a perfect 5 and 0 record, playing extremely well considering the team had two centers, two power side hitters and four setters.

A redistribution of playing responsibilities and positions initiated prior to the championship match against U de M worked well as the "Reds" defeated the Moncton team three games straight to win the Senior N.B. Title.

The "Reds" would like to thank everyone who supported the team throughout the year. It was a very successful year, made possible only through the support, encouragement and interest shown towards the team by their people.

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