

SKIING



Skiers are appearing everywhere. They have been down Mt. McKinley, Everest and Kilimanjare. Only to find that there is snow in Morocco and if up high enough even in Hawaii.

Some folks consider us skiers a bit cracked maybe. And they have good reason to at times. One hot August day at high noon I found myself in Miami Airport with a pair of skis. No I wasn't lost. A month beforehand I had descended on skis from a mountain in Peru. Warning - Skiing is addictive. As I was standing there at 18,000 ft chewing coco leaves and gasping for oxygen I thought to myself. What am I doing here? Are all skiers like this? No, I am not writing this article from an asylum but wish to show you that skiing can go this far and hope that if you do not ski I helped to persuade you to start.

HERE ARE SOME EXCUSES WHY NOT TO SKI:

Skiing is expensive. Sure it costs money. Money that you invest in equipment. This equipment will last you a number of seasons however. Lift tickets cost money. So does pleasure these days. You pay \$3 to see a two hour movie so naturally you can spend ten bucks for the equivalent time of pleasure SKIING. Except skiing makes you have the lead role in a film that never seems to end.

SKIING is SPEED. Going fast is fun. We all like it. Sure we scream in a roller coaster. These however are screams of joy as they can be in SKIING. Skiing can be fast indeed. The fastest speed attained up to now was 123 mph.

It's about time to talk about racing. Ski racing that is (Not racing your car to Crabbe.) Racing is fun but it has its limits. Racing limits you from wanting to ski where you feel like but poses GATES to go through on your way. So now instead of going straight for speed we are forced to turn. Racing is the discipline in skiing. So now I have a good excuse to brag about how well the UNB ski team did in SKI RACING.

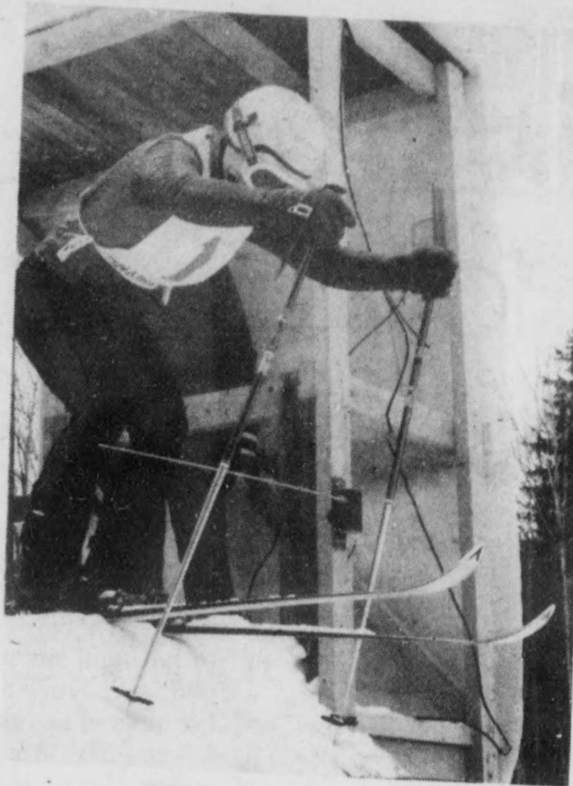
Yes, we did it again. UNB came back from the NB cup circuit with victory. The last race, held in Edmunston was the final of four events comprising the circuit. UNB did well as the results show below. The final standings, calculated by number of points attained were as follows: First and receiving the NB cup trophy - Michelle Dauphinee for the women Third- Robin Richardson, sixth- Anne Bagnall, and 10th - Judith Durance.

For the A men it was from UNB 2nd-Jim Cuttle, 4th-Greg Dixon, 9th-John Wilson. Other participants in the race were: Peter Reeves, Lenny Simak, Bill Curtis and myself.

The team is now preparing for the Atlantic cup race to be held next weekend in Campbellton. All the Maritime provinces as well as Gaspé Que. are expected to be represented.

On April first we were hoping to host our own intercollegiate ski race. If there is any snow left we will. The Ski club is also preparing an infamous bash for that weekend along with a super ski film. After exams we are hoping to lure all the skiers to Mt. Washingtons', Tuckermans' Ravine. It's a great time and a last chance to break a leg. HA HA HA !

Note: The UNB Ski team wishes to express their sincere thanks to any and all parties that made their success possible. Special regards go to Dr. John Anderson who gave us that special initiative. Other thanks go to: Gary Brown, Olin Skis, Action Traders, CIHI, Simpsons Sears, Medjucks, Clarkes chevrolet, Harvey Studios and Sub Towne.



Michelle Dauphinee
getting psyched up for her run



The autor going through a gate



UNB skiers preparing for victory in Edmunston