

UNB crew successful in regatta

By NATALIE FOLSTER

The Saint John River saw some heavy traffic this past weekend as UNB hosted the Atlantic University Rowing Championships for the first time. In a fitting end to a very successful season, UNB crews blew away opposition from Kings College, Memorial University and Saint Thomas, finishing first in team standings by a margin of twenty-

seven points. In doing so, the club renewed its lease on the King's Cup won last year in Halifax.

Saturday dawned bitterly cold and damp. The over two hundred oarsmen huddled on the riverbanks for three hours waiting for the fog to lift. Races finally got underway midmorning on water as smooth as glass - near perfect conditions. In keeping with the Autumn tradition in the sport,



Womens' four: Tina Thanisch, Sue McMaster, Jocelyn Whalen, Wendy Smith.



The womens' eights push off from the dock in preparation for their race.

competition took place over lengthened courses - 2000 metres and 5000 metre "Head races."

Here on the frontier in New Brunswick, rowing maintains a certain rough and rustic quality. It is not the gentle activity engaged in on the civilized waterways of Britain or even in central Canada. Saturday's regatta was the first of its kind and the largest ever to be held in Fredericton. A sense of adventure was in the air. Events were held for all sizes of boats: singles, doubles, pairs, fours and eights (so-called for the number of people in the boat). The sizeable flotilla was launched from a single precariously anchored dock. Officials cruised the river in

leaky motor boats as the racing shells dodged islands, bridges, and dredging equipment on their way up the course. The victors crossed the finish line with a boom from Wild Bill Boreland's shotgun (no unassuming starter pistol this).

On all counts, the regatta was a success and marks another milestone in the history of rowing at UNB. As one official commented, it was not too long ago when the rowing season in Fredericton began in June and ended after the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in mid-August. That season has now been extended by two months at either end. Unfortunately, few spectators took in the action last weekend (which is most picturesque at

this time of year). But enthusiastic as always, the UNB club is looking forward to hosting the event on an even grander scale next Fall, as the First Annual Head of the Saint John. The course will run 5 km from the Riverview Arms, upriver to the Rowing Club behind the Victoria Health Centre. It is believed that the race will attract crews from the United States as well as from eastern Canada.

In the meantime, the first snow will soon drive the rowers inside for the winter, but that will not put an end to their activities. In January, UNB will be the scene of the Maritime Indoor Rowing Championships. Stay tuned for details.



Womens' four with cox: (l-r) Tanya Gillis, Jayne Philips, Elaine Buck, Cheri Moore, Lisa Oland.

Rebels fall in finals

By NORMA CODY

This past weekend saw the UNB Men's volleyball squad come very close to claiming their very own UNB Invitational title.

The Rebels advanced to the semi-finals with a 2-2 record. They lost two very tight matches against U de M and Arnie's Army in round robin play.

Their third place finish found them up against U de M in the semi-finals, who placed second, losing only to Arnie's

Army. The Rebels struggled to a 15-5, 5-15, 16-14 victory over the Moncton team which is considerably improved from last year. In other semi-final action, the fourth place Oromocto Juniors lost out to Arnie's Army, the first place finishers who lost only one match (to the Oromocto Jrs.). However, the Army had second thoughts about losing to the Juniors twice in the same day and took the match easily 15-6, 15-9.

In the finals, the Rebels came out fighting losing a close

first game 13-15, and winning the second 15-9. The third and deciding game saw a tired UNB team run out of gas and eventually lose quite decidedly 15-2. Thus, Arnie's Army were awarded the trophy and title as UNB Invitational Champions.

This weekend did indicate that the Rebels could very well be a strong, competitive team this season. The trip to Halifax on October 30 to play the Dalhousie Tigers will start off their AUA season and hopefully with a victory.

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