

# Athlete in profile

by Frank Denis

In grade 5, Jennifer Hale and her friends decided to start playing basketball just for fun and today many have gone their separate ways but one thing keeps them together; the challenge of putting a ball through a hoop.

Jennifer a Truro, Nova Scotia native is a 3rd year science student here at UNB and is co-captain of this year's Red Bloomers.

At only 20 years of age Jennifer has already put together a very proud list of accomplishments and achievements. This past summer she was named top female basketball player in Nova Scotia and a year ago was selected to represent her province at the Canada Games in Saskatoon and was named most valuable player of that team.

Although Jennifer describes

basketball as her favourite sport she has also enjoyed success in other sports.

In high school she played soccer and ran track and field where in grade 11 she captured the women's crown in the 800m race at the provincials that year held in Halifax and finished 2nd in the 1500m run. However, she had to abandon track in her final high school year because of a nagging basketball injury.

Hale, when deciding on which university to attend had two choices; Acadia or UNB. Many of her friends were attending Acadia and she felt it would be too much like a second home for her. Coming to UNB where she knew no one was more of a challenge and would give her the opportunity to make new friends.

During the summer Jennifer enjoys spending time at home and with her family. She also enjoys getting back

together with old friends and playing basketball. One friend, her boyfriend Kevin Veinot, last year was a standout for the Acadia Axemen and played with the Canadian men's national team in the spring and summer when they travelled to Japan.

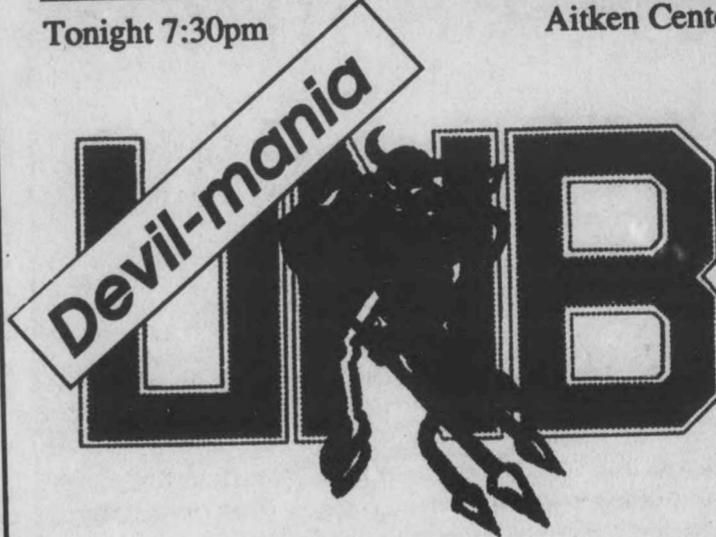
After graduation next year, Jennifer is thinking about education but won't make that decision until the time comes. She hopes one day to be a high school teacher or working with students with learning disabilities, however she can't help but see herself coaching her favourite sport somewhere down the road.

Jennifer is very pleased with how things have worked out here and is grateful to all those involved with the Red Bloomers. "I was fortunate to go from a great high school program in Truro to a great university program here at UNB. I wouldn't change anything for the world."

## Battle of the Hill

Tonight 7:30pm

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## Varsity Mania makes splash

BY BONER DABONE

Last Saturday witnessed another successful Varsity-Mania event, this time those crazy cooks were splashing around the pool as the UNB Beavers took on Dalhousie and Sherbrooke. There were some finishes for the men's and women's teams, despite the absence of a few key swimmers. From what I could sort out of this complicated morass of results that accompany a meet such as this, the woman's team did beat Sherbrooke.

The other attraction that day was the Varsity-Mania World Free-style Belly-flop contest made an incredible comeback. With three categories to be judged in, a core of eight floppers battled it out for the winning spot. There were also a number of guest jumpers, mainly from the swim teams, cuz after-all, who can smack down on the water better than a Beaver. All the floppers did a great job in entertaining a capacity crowd, the most painful flop category being the true pinnacle of the event. In the end, following several painful ruptures, stingers, and the like, the victors emerged. In third place, representing the UNB Black Bears, (the whole team had come out to the event) was John "Pleasant" Samson. In second place representing the off-campus crowd and the Diving Club, was Steve "Birdman" Power. Finally, or rather Firstly, representing Aitken House, and truly a living embodiment

of an Animal, was Jeff "Heapster" Richard.

On the event itself, V-M Media Relations Officer, Kirk Biggar was quoted as saying "Hey, this crowd is really nutzo, they're making more than just waves", to which V-H coordinator Steve Williams replied "Yeah, and the swimming is beauty too, it's gonna be a close one". Congratulations and thanks go out from Varsity-Mania to all the jumpers and the judges, and of course the fans. Best of luck to the Beavers in the rest of their season.

Varsity-Mania would also like to extend their congratulations to the UNB Red Sticks on their strong fifth place finish at the CIAU's for field hockey in Edmonton last week-end. Amidst heavy national field hockey competition, they did most awesomely, especially in the awards department; like coach of the year and tons of MVP and All-Star awards. Way to go team!! We also wish the UNB Red Harriers equal success at the CIAU's for cross-country running in Ottawa this week-end.

A reminder to all sports fans, that the next Varsity-Mania event will take place Saturday, Nov. 24th, in the Lady Beaverbrook Gym, come down for exciting UNB Red Bloomer's basketball. Of course the old favourites will be back with some fresh new talent, and the rumour has it that this is one heck of a strong squad this year. I know I'm not gonna miss this one.



Photo by Dave Smith

Varsity Mania makes a splash at weekend event

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# Iron

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