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A Fond Farewell To Two Of The Finest

by Kelly Craig

In the past few weeks, the UNB Athletic Department said adieu to two of their finest coaches. Both Joyce Slipp, women's field hockey, and Bruce Fisher, UNB Swim team, bid a fond farewell to their successful careers at UNB.

Joyce Slipp has been with UNB Athletics since 1976. For the past fourteen years Joyce has been the head coach of the Red Sticks Field Hockey team. She was also associated with the women's basketball team. Joyce has also been an instructor with the Phys Ed Department for the past eight years.

Since Joyce took over as head coach of the field hockey team, many AUAA titles came their way. Winning an AUAA title was second nature to Joyce and her fighting Red Sticks. The field hockey team has also made several trips to the CIAU's. Their most recent trip was last year when the Sticks finished an impressive 6th at the CIAU's. Among many of her accomplishments, Joyce has been named AUAA Coach of the Year several times and last season became CIAU Coach of the Year for the second time.

Joyce departed UNB to

embark on a career with the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Heritage as a sports consultant. Joyce was a dedicated teacher and coach. Her professional attitude made reporting on the field hockey team an enjoyable experience. Jim Boin, Athletic Director, stated that he will miss Coach Slipp and wishes her all the best.

Joyce Slipp's position as head coach of the field hockey team will be a hard one to fill. However, the Athletic Department has announced the new head coach of the field hockey team. Mrs. Donna Hornibrook will take over the reigns as head coach. Donna Hornibrook is best known around campus as a former Red Stick player. All the best is extended to her and the field hockey team for a successful season this fall.

Success seems to follow the Red Sticks around season after season. Last season saw them easily defeat the St. Mary's Huskies in the AUAA finals. With the nucleus of the team returning this fall another AUAA Championship should be accomplished again. Top players Joan Robere, Josette Babineau, Kelly MacCormack, and Jil Jackson are returning to

the field this year. With players like these, who are tremendous athletes as well as truly enjoyable players to watch, and new rookies to add some flavour to the team, this season promises to be sensational.

The UNB Athletics was also shocked to discover the departure of Bruce Fisher. Bruce nurtured the swim team over the past few years. As he

watched the team grow, he led them down the paths of the AUAA Championships.

However, the time has now come for Bruce to broaden his horizons. He recently accepted a position at the University of Manitoba as coach of the swim team. The University of Manitoba is currently ranked 5th in Canada and the fresh challenges of bringing them to the top of

Canada should prove an easy task for the talented Bruce Fisher.

Bruce enjoyed a successful tenure as head coach of the Beavers. Jim Born was quoted as saying, "Bruce was a help to the team and we hate to see him go." As of yet, a replacement has not been found. Jim Born expects to name Bruce's replacement within a week.



Coach Joyce Slipp at her best

Male and AUAA

Athlete of the Week

Rorri Currie has been named UNB's Male Athlete of the Week as well as the AUAA Athlete of the Week.

Rorri, a rookie with the Red Harriers, cruised to a first place finish while setting a new course record (shattering the old record by 31 seconds) at the Bates Can-Am Cross Country race this past weekend. Rorri is a third year transfer science student from UNB Saint John.

Coach Rick Hull stated, "Rorri was in complete control the whole race," and added he was "the first Red Harrier to win the Can-Am race since 1984".

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