

VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Mark Savoie

Two years ago Carl Burgess started the single most exciting thing to hit the university sports since the Red Devils challenged the University of Toronto Blues for the national ice hockey championship. This was, of course, Varsity Mania. Carl is no longer with us, but Varsity Mania is alive and well with Steve Williams as the new boss.

Before Varsity Mania it was possible to watch a game at Chapman Field in near silence. Now it is impossible to watch a game there without having massive hordes of fellow students screaming their lungs out. The emotion is infectious, as the players get excited, the fans get excited, and the beer reps get excited.

Therein lies the problems. I don't know if it is still the case, but the previous years have been heavily sponsored by one of the beer companies. This means that the screaming hordes of students become screaming hordes of drunk students. As a result their behaviour is often questionable.

Cheering can take two forms. You can either cheer for your own team, or you can cheer against the other team. The first is by far the better of the two. All too often the cheering at UNB events lately has been of the second type. As a result, the crowds are too offensive for family viewing. I would be very leery of bringing children to see a Varsity Mania sponsored event.

The other problem is that the fans often don't watch the games. Many times it looks as though the people in attendance are cheering themselves instead of the game. Last year several people would leave the game with no idea of who won.

Two years ago the Varsity Mania fans were able to inspire the St. Mary's Huskies to upset the Red Sticks big in the AUAA championship game by calling them a "bunch of dykes". The St. Mary's team was inspired to play their best to shut up this classless crowd.

These complaints are all minor. Varsity Mania has been the greatest positive force on this campus in years, and nothing has been a more welcomed addition to student life. I wish Steve Williams and his staff nothing but success, and hope to see him drum up support for what should be a great season of UNB sports.

SPORT SHORTS

BLOOMERS LOOKING

Level One-Beginners only (no experience required)

The officials clinic takes place at the Albert Junior High School. The times are Tuesday, September 25 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and on Wednesday, September 26 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The clinic costs only \$30.00. Pre-registration is required before Tuesday, September 25. For additional information call 472-5219. No other level one clinics in the Fredericton area are offered this year.

OFFICIALS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

The UNB Red Bloomers basketball team is presently looking for a new manager. The team is a terrific bunch of girls who give it their all whenever they play. Anyone interested in applying for the position is more than welcomed to do so. Please contact Coach Claire Miiton at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium. Dial 453-4580 and ask for Claire. You'll be glad you did.

INTRAMURALS

Fall Indoor Sports

Although the outdoor sports leagues are only just beginning, it will soon be time to register for Fall Indoor Intramural Sports. Registration materials will be available from the Recreation Office approximately 10 days before the entry deadlines. Start planning your indoor intramural activities now!

Sport	Entry Deadline
Women's	
Volleyball League (Fall)	Tuesday, September 25
Ball Hockey	Thursday, October 25
Basketball League (Fall)	Thursday, November 6
Men's	
Ice Hockey League	Wednesday, October 10
Basketball League	Tuesday, October 16
Ball Hockey League	Tuesday, October 16
Co-Ed	
Inner-Tube Waterpolo	Tuesday, October 2
Broomball League	Wednesday, October 10
Volleyball Tourney	Tuesday, October 16
Basketball Tourney	Tuesday, November 13
Cross Country Meet	TBA

Men's & Women's Tournaments

Badminton (Fall)	Friday, October 12
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Ladder Tournaments

Are you a Racquetball or Squash player interested in testing your skills, finding new opponents, meeting other players, and having a good time. Why not join the Squash or Racquetball Ladder? Information and registration forms are available from the Recreation Office. Entries will be accepted beginning on Monday, Sept. 24. Players will be placed on the ladder in the order in which they register.

Women's Volleyball

Registration are now being accepted for the Women's Fall Volleyball League. This year we are offering two (2) levels of league play. Competitive for the players who have some experience and are seeking a competitive atmosphere. Recreational for players, regardless of skill or experience, who are interested in a recreational environment. All women at UNB and STU are invited to participate. Team managers should pick up an information kit in the Recreation Office between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm. Women may also register individual at the Recreation Office and they will be placed on a team. Entry Deadline is Tuesday, September 25, 1990. don't delay!

Officials Needed

The Recreation Program hires students to officiate all intramural sports. This is an excellent opportunity for you to gain some valuable practical experience, meet some new people, get some healthy exercise, and earn your spending money. Remuneration is based on experience and certification. Training clinics are provided for most sports. Officials are currently being hired for:

soccer	softball
touch football	hockey
basketball	volleyball
inner-tube waterpolo	

All those interested in applying should fill out an application form in the Recreation Office Rm A121 LB Gym between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm Mondays through Fridays.

Sport Clubs

The Recreation Office is in process of compiling a list of current addresses and phone numbers to contact persons for all sport clubs. Of your club has not yet submitted this information, please contact the Recreation Office immediately. Anyone interested in joining a particular club or in getting information about clubs should contact the Recreation Office. All clubs are reminded that they must be represented at the Sport Club Council Meeting on Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 pm in Room A116 of the LB Gym.



Varsity Schedule

Saturday, September 22

Field Hockey Alumni at UNB
Chapman Field 12:00

Varsity-Mania

Soccer(M) Mt.A at UNB
Chapman Field 2:00
X-Country UNB Invitational
O'dell Park

Sunday, September 23

Field Hockey UPEI at UNB
Chapman Field 4:00

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