

best of best

Here's a little piece of correspondence that I got in my mailbox. It says a lot that has been unsaid or that has been taken for granted.

I, for one was not very impressed with your article in last week's Bruns. Many people are sick and tired of people in supposedly responsible positions continually degrading the varsity program at this school.

One has to travel only 350 miles to Halifax to see what kind of a monster can be created when varsity sports rule the Athletics Dept. Lack of facilities, program and officiating is the net result of one team's effort to be the best in sports in Canada. That is nowhere near the case here at the present time.

Limited time, facilities and finances especially have made OUR athletes more of a true representative of athletics than could be imagined. Cramped buses, odd practice hours, lost time (especially weekends), all-night bus rides are an integral part of our varsity program.

On top of all that they are forced to take the abuse of most students when they do not succeed. That hardly seems cricket. Most of our athletes are here primarily for an education from a widely recognized academic institution. Sports, for them are fun and they endure the hardships to have the chance to wear the red & white in competition.

Many devote their free time (whenever that is) helping the various intra-mural teams devise game-winning plays and put up a formidable defense.

While recognizing that available facility space is at a premium, the athletics dept. has made a sincere and honest effort (in my opinion) to schedule activities for everyone affected. It is true that the varsity teams do get better hours on most facilities; this is only fair since they are doing it five nights a week, not just one or two nights as do our recreational players.

In short, if you don't like the attitude here, I'm sure St. Mary's could use your money. Pay \$4.00 for a football game (with student ID), \$3.00 for a basketball or hockey game, and try and get free time to "pl- around".

The athletes have to put up with enough crap around here - academics, lack of funds etc. - please don't try and compound their problems by this kind of muckraking and, in my opinion, sensational journalism. Let's put all this nonsense aside and throw the support to those who support the school's reputation.

This "tempest in a tea-pot" is caused probably by a bug in your ear - the off-campus hockey league. I am in agreement with you on that accord but let's at least give the department a chance to eat it out.

One more small item. As you just joined the Phys. Ed. faculty, I'm sure you will get to hate the term "jock palace", "jock", "super-jock" etc., as much as ALL the Phys. Ed. students do. Being called a "jock" is like being called "artsy-fartsy".

Let's get down to the job at hand - try to boost and support the excellent athletic programs that are carried on here.

- John Giles -

Bravo! Here, here! etc. What can I add? Mr. Giles has been affiliated with the varsity program at UNB for a number of years now and although perhaps not an "authority" on the subject, he has a great deal of knowledge in the field.

Perhaps it's about time that the varsity athletes stood up and said that they do not want to take any more garbage from various sources, myself included.

The life of a varsity athlete is by no means easy, as John has pointed out. Maybe a few more of the varsity types will send in some thoughts about the whole situation. I would be more than pleased to offer a view from the other side of the fence.

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What's wrong with "jocks"? Let me rephrase that. What's wrong with phys. ed.ers? According to many on this and other campuses where a PE program is offered, phys. ed.ers are viewed as a lower form of life. I think this sort of stereotype is totally unjustified.

The stereotype is probably true at some colleges in the USA, which undoubtedly is the training ground for a major proportion of pro athletes, but in the faculty of PE and Recreation at UNB nothing could be further from the truth.

Physical education is at a point now where it has even evolved into a science as much as nursing or anthropology. A quick sampling of courses might include exercise, physiology, coaching, psychology, and sports medicine. A lot of people think that PE'ers spend the whole day shooting baskets.

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Rumours are turning into fact. There is definitely a women's rugby team. Here at UNB. Yes, folks, that's right. A women's rugby team. One of the participants, a Ms. Jill Maybee, informed me that the team is holding practices Monday at 6:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. at Chapman Field. Why not?

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Due to a misunderstanding, there is a far less number of officials for the Intramural Softball League. This league has almost doubled in size from last year and more officials are needed. Anyone, man or woman, who is interested in the job is asked to contact the Intramural Office as soon as possible.

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A couple of Spot Shots. Sorry girls on the FH team for the poor coverage so far. I hope you understand my predicament. Congrats on your exhibition win over F.H.S. Three cheers for Janet Miller for scoring all four goals in the 4-1 victory.

GO NADS!

Red Sticks unbeaten in four straight

After two weeks of intense training and practicing, the UNB Red Sticks Field Hockey team entered league play on Friday, September 18. The hard work and effort the girls put into practice certainly paid off as they have been unbeaten in four straight games.

The Sticks came out strong against Mt. Allison, their first game (away), trouncing them 6-0. Credit for the goals goes to Heather Howe - 2, and Janet Miller, Lola Montgomery, Lois Scott, and Joyce Leonard - each with singles.

Saturday of the same weekend, at home against UPEI, the Red Sticks went through a wet and scoreless first half until Janet Miller finally decided the game by putting the ball into the net for the

only goal of the game.

This past weekend, despite adverse playing conditions, the Red Sticks defeated Acadia University 4 - 3. Heather Howe scored two goals and Lola Montgomery and Lois Scott put in singles. UNB also handed the St. Mary's Huskies their first loss of the season by a score of 3 - 1. Scoring for UNB was Heather Howe, connecting again for two goals, while Janet Miller collected another single.

The scoring parade for the Red Sticks to date is: Heather Howe - 6, Janet Miller - 3, Lola Montgomery - 2, Lois Scott - 2, and Joyce Leonard with 1. Goalie Pam Wiggins has had 2 shut-outs so far in the season.

The Sticks are away again this

weekend to play Universite de Moncton, Saturday, and UPEI on Sunday.

All home games are played at Chapman field, just below the Ailken Centre. The girls would appreciate some support and thank all those who were out cheering them on during the rainy game against UPEI.

Injuries are taking their toll, but most of the team continues to play. However, the most serious injury belongs to the "Ordinary Superstar" of the team, Heather Howe. She suffered a subluxation of the knee cap and the team will lose her services for at least two weeks. It is hoped that she will be able to return in time to play St. F.X. and Dalhousie, two of the teams' strongest rivals.

Hang gliding provides thrills

Imagine running faster and faster down the side of a hill and suddenly your feet leave the ground. You drift up higher and higher. Slowly floating down you choose your landing spot and gently land on your toes, no jolt,

the kite on your shoulders and run down a hill. Once in the air you control your flight by means of a large triangular control bar in front of you.

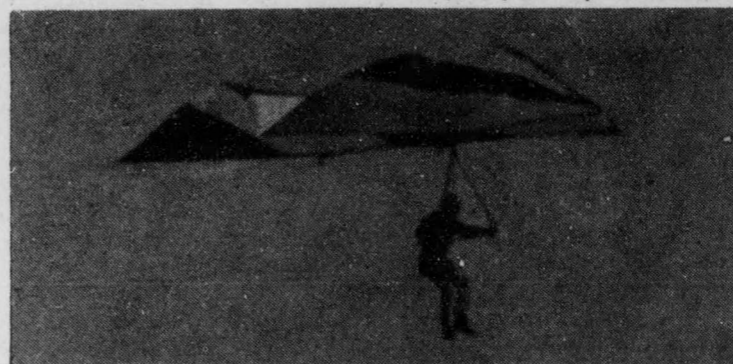
If you become quite involved in the sport you may choose to fly

falling, you can still fly on small hills close to the ground.

Too much publicity has been given to the accidents that have occurred, however it would be unfair to call this a very safe sport. Almost all accidents are due to carelessness or unusual circumstances.

There are about a 6 flyers in the local area and all are quite willing to help anyone interested in learning to fly. We can rent or lend kites and offer some instruction. More than 30 people have learned to fly without any injuries, three are girls. Many are only casually interested in trying it once or twice. A few become more interested and buy their own kites.

We have a good selection of flying sites for beginner to expert. One of our best sites flown once only is Mar Hill, Maine which is 780 feet high and can give you a flight of more than 1 mile. Anyone interested in trying out this sport can get information by phoning Graydon Tranquilla at 455-3033.



just a smooth soft touchdown.

You look back up the hill and realize you have gone several hundred feet without touching the ground. Maybe only as high as 5 to 10 feet but you have just made your first flight.

Perhaps like many people you have had this experience at night in a dream.

Hang gliding begins this way with short flights 5 to 10 feet off the ground. You buckle yourself into a small swing seat, balance

much higher and sometimes stay up for hours.

Often expert flyers jump off cliffs or steep ridges and float back and forth in the up draft for hours or others climb to the top of large mountains and fly for miles.

The choice is yours. If you are interested in the sport but you are concerned about the danger of

Sailing regatta saturday

The first Annual UNB Sailing Club Regatta will be held this Saturday. The competition will be for the UNB Sailing Club Faculty Trophy and will decide the crews which will represent UNB in the Canada Intercollegiate Championships to be held in Kingston, Ontario.

The Regatta will be open to all Sailing Club members. New memberships will be on sale before the races and will cost \$5.00.

Anyone interested is asked to meet in front of the Lady Beaverbrook Gym at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Participants are asked to bring a lunch and a car if one is available.



Photo by Lorne Morrow

This year's version of the Red Harriers Cross Country team is perhaps the best in recent years.