



WILL HE MAKE IT?!

Chris McTague

4th year Business student Chris McTague has willingly offered his body to the UNB Varsity Wrestling team.

Presently, Chris weighs slightly more than 250 lbs and with the help of the Wrestling team wants to make the 220 weigh-in for the AUAA's; which are only 4 weeks away! We will keep you posted on his progress in the following weeks!

Help support Chris and the team:

**DON'T FEED THE BEARS!**

## UNB Saltos vault to victory

It was a team effort that led the UNB Saltos gymnastics team to victory at the Université de Moncton Invitational on Saturday. UNB placed first with 123.35 Dal was in second with 117.50 and U de M was in third with 70.05.

Veterans Rick Weiler and Terry Laurence lead the way with 43.15 and 41.70 respectively. Weiler finished 3rd all round with first place on floor vault and high bar while Laurence was fourth all round with first on rings. Jamie MacKinnon, coming back from a serious knee injury com-

peted on four events with two fourth place finishes, a third and a second.

Rookie Ken Jenkins placed sixth all round and contributed to the team score on floor. Yvon Martel, also a rookie, finished seventh all round and contributed to the team score on vault.

The next competition for the Saltos is the UNB Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. at the South Gym. Gymnasts from Dal, U de M, Nova Scotia Winter Games Team and UNB will compete. In addition, the UNB girls' team will perform demonstration routines.

## Letters to the sports editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you in response to the "Same Old Story for UNB Sports" article which appeared in the January 20th Daily Gleaner.

I have also been a student at UNB for the past three years. I have also attended the Universities of Toronto, Alberta and Calgary. Although I am a biology student I have always had a keen interest in Varsity athletics. There is little question in my mind that I have ever been associated with or known of any varsity athletics department with as dismal an attitude as here at UNB.

I first became aware of the ineptitude of the department when I joined the ex-Red Bombers in the fall of 1980. I firmly believed then and still do that there was enough talent on that team to have won the AUAA. However, the 'loser' attitude at this school was too great to overcome.

As far as I am concerned the loser attitude is an atmosphere that dominates the Big 3 (oops! Big 2) sports scene at UNB. I firmly believe that no one here really ever expects to win the championship in their respective sports. I don't just mean the AUAA but on a national level as well.

The conference on Inter-

collegiate Athletics in 1981 brought this out when they stated something to the effect that the main goals here at UNB were to be 'competitive' in the AUAA. Competitive seems to be defined as a very 'ho-hum' maybe if we are lucky we will finish at a respectable .500 and if we are really blessed maybe we can make the playoffs.

This attitude is clearly reflected in the comments of UNB Basketball Coach Don Nelson who tolerates this losing year after year. My goodness, after 27 years Don is all that you can say, 'maybe one year everything will finally fall into place'?

I strongly commend Don MacAdam for having the guts to speak up.

The main blame however must rest with not only all the coaches who have said nothing to date but with the administration as every one agrees. Well, Mal Early, as Director of Intercollegiate Sports do you not directly represent this administration? Isn't it your job to say or do something about it or are you another one who really doesn't seem to care? You have so far given me no reason to not think the latter. Is all you can say 'there's not much that can

be done under the current attitude of the school's administration'.

Mal, you have said that football wasn't dead yet at UNB. Well what have you done to get it back besides sell the equipment, piece by piece? Mal, your department couldn't even sell the equipment properly! I understand there are quite a few odds and ends left.

Why don't you use the \$30,000 a year and help bring football back instead of sending more losing teams on more losing trips? Better yet, why don't you and the other 'no cares' at the P.E. Department donate your salaries to the Athletic programme to help improve it. At least, the money will go towards something useful!

Anyone would look after the Varsity programme at UNB, as long as they lack the desire to improve upon things and work (I emphasize this word) towards becoming a winner, as the present administration obviously does.

Once more may I say as a student here at UNB who would enjoy a winning school athletic programme, thank you Don MacAdam for bringing this situation to the front.

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## Red Blazers battle for hockey supremacy

This weekend (January 29 and 30) marks the opening of the 4th Annual Red Blazers Women's Hockey Tournament at the Aitken University Centre on Saturday and Sunday. UNB Red Blazers will play the round robin action on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. against Mt. Allison Mounties, and at 2:00 p.m. against Dalhousie University Tigers.

Last year the UNB Red Blazers finished second in their tournament. They were first at the St. Mary's University Invitational Tournament, first in the New Brunswick provincial championship, and ninth in the first Annual National Women's Hockey Championship in Brantford, Ontario (losing in overtime to Manitoba, by one goal to Quebec, by two goals to Newfoundland, and winning over Nova Scotia).

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Closing ceremonies, as said before, saw the Winnipeg Lady Wesmen going home with the gold medals, Penn State with the silvers, and UNB leaving with the bronzes.

Also at the closing ceremonies were the presentation of Tournament All Star



Teams participating in this year's tournament are Dalhousie University Tigers, Mt. Allison Mounties, Daye's Corner Esso (PEI), Saint John Eton Construction Golden Jets, and Moncton Jaguars.

Opening ceremonies will be held before the first game on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Aitken Centre. Awards and All-Star selections will be presented following the cham-

pionship final, which starts at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

UNB has a strong nucleus of veterans including forwards Lynn Gaudette, Dorothy MacFarlane, Lori Bertin, Carmella Levi, Kathryn MacDougall, Cathy Dickinson, and Carol Allport; and defensemen Debbie MacLoon, Rose Pothier, Diane LeBlanc, Chris MacLoon and Sandy Ward. Strong goaltending will be provided by Anne-Marie Levi and first year player Wendy Dickinson. Other rookies on the team are forwards Joanne Hudson, Elaine Roberts and Anne Campbell; and defenseman Sharlene Hudson. The Red Blazers are coached by Dale Currie and Claude Pothier.

Come out to the Aitken Centre and see some of the best women's hockey in Eastern Canada.

Coach Sonny Phillips feels that tournaments such as the Ottawa and Dal Classics has given the Reds the experience

they will need for a first place finish at the AUAA's to be held at the University of Moncton in February.

among the top ten in blocking and hitting while Caroline Ball was third among the top ten serves.