

UNB SPORTS SCENE

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A VIBRANT DEPARTMENT *Brunswick Sports*

The University of New Brunswick has a total of ten varsity athletics teams; five men's, three women's, and two coed; and *The Brunswickan* covers them all.

The Red Devils, Hockey; the Red Raiders, Basketball; the Red Shirts, Soccer; the Rebels, Volleyball and the Black Bears, Wrestling make up the five men's teams. The women's teams are comprised of: the Red Sticks, Field Hockey; the Red Bloomers, Basketball; and the Reds, Volleyball. The two coed teams are: the Red Harriers, Cross-country and the Beavers, Swim team.

Coverage of these teams involves attending the games and meets held here at UNB. Travelling with the teams on important road trips is also involved from time to time. Also, when these varsity teams go to the conference championships and then on to the nationals, the reporters will also make the trip with the team. If you are interested in a sport and would like to follow it in depth at the University level then being a sports reporter for *The Brunswickan* is for you.

This year is going to be a promising one for UNB's varsity teams, as all ten teams look

towards improvement. Adding to the excitement this season will be the return of Varsity-Mania for a second year. Varsity-Mania was a runaway success last year in its effort to promote varsity events and organizer Carl Burgess promises that organization will be even better this year with more exciting events planned.

The Brunswickan Sports Department provides space for the many intramural activities offered by the Physical Education Department and also for the several sports and athletic clubs sponsored by the University. Along with this, *Brunswickan* Sports will continue to provide coverage of any special sports events at the Aitken Centre.

In addition, *The Brunswickan* will also be looking for photographers for several of these events, so if you're a sports fan and photographically inclined (or even if you're not) you may be interested in trying sports photography. This would be an excellent chance to get darkroom experience. If you would like to become more involved with sports journalism, then ask for the Sports Editor at 453-4983, or drop by *The Brunswickan* offices anytime. Our weekly meetings are

Fridays at 12:00 noon. We'll see you there!!

by Mark Savoie

ATHLETIC INSANITY

Varsity-Mania, the student run varsity sports promotions program that swept the campus of the University of New Brunswick last year, has returned. Nationally renowned for creating outstanding school spirit, the program will once again highlight several UNB home games, and this time it will be bigger and better than ever.

Carl Burgess, a student at UNB who created the program in 1988 and now coordinates it with the help of an ever expanding committee of zany students, spend



the entire summer improving the program. "I spend most of my time obtaining new sponsors and expanding our line of UNB sports paraphernalia," said the fourth year science student. "The program has really taken off, we're not just a group of sports fanatics anymore, it's big business. This year we will easily reach over \$25,000 in total funding and people are beginning to take us seriously."

With most of the year ahead already planned, the Varsity-Mania committee is confident that the wildest and craziest fans in the CIAU will be right here in Fredericton, and UNB will



The success of the program is evident by the number of inquiries that the Committee has received from other universities throughout Canada. "People at other schools are starting to sit up and wonder just what exactly is happening to UNB," stated James Clark, the Field Staff Manager for the program. For now though, the Committee is keeping quiet. Burgess explained that the students involved are very proud of what they have accomplished and they don't want other universities stealing their innovative ideas. "Varsity-Mania" is UNB's pet monster, if other people want to copy us they will have to do it on their own," said Steve Williams, House Relations Officer.