

# Don Eagle knows Olympics

by Jason McAllister

Most of us probably don't know this but in our Physical Education and Recreation department is one of the top gymnastics judges in

the world. Maybe you know him, maybe you don't, he may even teach your class, he is Don Eagle.

Eagle is a Professor in the Phys. Ed department where he has taught for the last 25 years.

He received his B.A. and his B.P.E here at UNB and was hired by the university in 1968.

Prior to teaching at UNB Eagle first started in gymnastics as a competitor and a coach at the YMCA in Halifax.

In 1965 he judged at the national level for the first time.

After being hired by the university he began a varsity gymnastics program. The program went from non-existent to second in the nation. But due to cut-backs the program was phased out in 1981.

Eagle received his eligibility to judge internationally in 1972.

In 1976 he was picked to be one of the backup judges at the Montreal Olympics.

At the Los Angeles games in 1984 Canada only sent one judge and Don Eagle was ranked third.

In 1988 at the Seoul Olympics he went as the team manager. There he stayed in the athletes village and he got a real feel for the "Olympic Experience."

Next came the Barcelona '92 Olympics where he was one of Canada's two gymnastic judges. Eagle stayed in a hotel on the Mediterranean with the other judges approximately 120 km away from Barcelona. They often spent 4 hours a day on a bus.

When asked which Olympics he liked best he said "I think you'll have a hard time beating Seoul. Korea is a different culture. I lived in the village, the

weather was great, the people were friendly, and it was well organized. Also the ceremonies were fantastic!"

Currently Don Eagle is the senior gymnastics judge in Canada. He feels that his success shows the rest of us that we also can be successful.

This coming Monday Don Eagle will be part of a panel discussing 'Pierre de Coubertin's Olympism and the Barcelona Games.' A lecture by Dr. Robert Barney will precede the panel discussions. The lecture will take place in the Dineen Auditorium of Head Hall at 7:30 pm. All are welcomed to attend and admission is free.

## Talk on Olympics to be held Monday

### Press Release

An expert on the Olympics and five Frederictonians who attended the 1992 Games in Barcelona will be featured at a free public lecture and panel discussion at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton on Monday, October 5.

Entitled 'Pierre de Coubertin's Olympism and the Barcelona Games' the illustrated lecture will be presented by Robert K. Barney, director of the Centre for Olympic Studies at the University of Western Ontario in London. It will begin at 7:30pm in the Dineen Auditorium, Head Hall.

Pierre de Coubertin is known as the father of the modern Olympic Games. In the lecture, Dr. Barney will discuss the concept of the games, how they evolved and how the Barcelona games relate to the historical concept.

Immediately following the

lecture, a panel of Fredericton residents who attended or participated in the 1992 Games will add their observations to Dr. Barney's. The panel members are Andrew Cole, UNB's swim coach and a spectator at the 1992 Games; Don Dickison a UNB physical education student who competed as a rower; Betty Dermer-Norris, a member of the Olympic mission staff and an employee of the N.B. Sport Branch; Don Eagle, who represented Canada as a gymnastics judge and is a professor in UNB's faculty of Physical Education and Recreation; Hal Merrill, a double-bronze medalist in the Para-Olympic Games.

The lecture and panel discussion are sponsored by the UNB faculty of Physical Education and Recreation. For additional information contact Garth Paton, assistant dean of the faculty, at 453-4575.



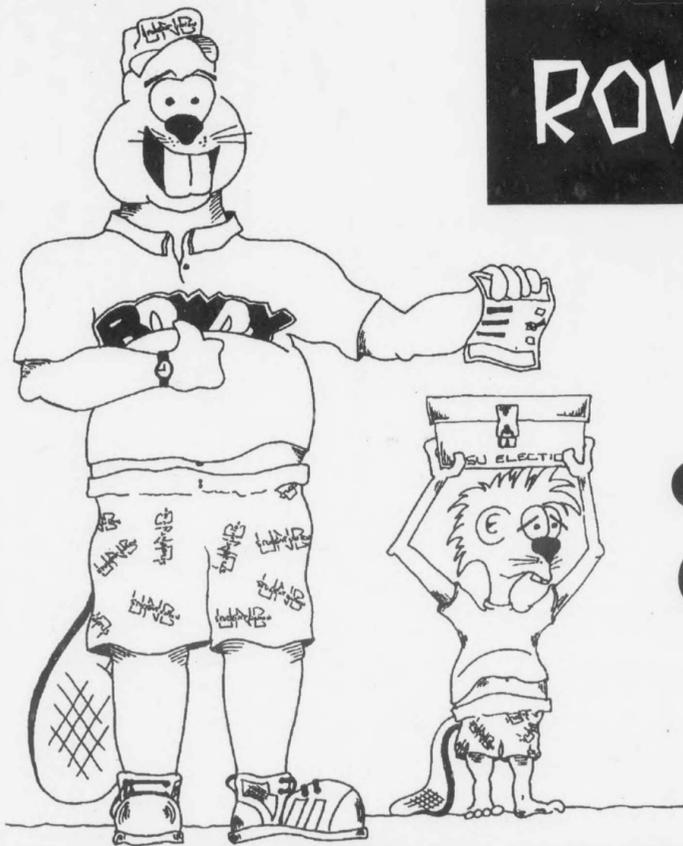
Don Eagle looks over his swimming class at UNB. Eagle will be part of a panel discussing the Olympic Games on Monday

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