

Busy summer for Rowing Club

On the first day I got up and went downtown to look for a job. Couldn't find one so I went down to the rowing club to hang around.

On the second day I hung around the Rowing club and looked at oars.

On the third day I hung around the rowing club and met Kim Norris, 26; this was to be the major turning point in my summer vacation. The bottom line was, I was destined to become an OARSMAN.

It seems that an oarsman is a crazy fool that gives up all his spare time in the summer to abuse his body. Oarsmen can easily be distinguished by the open, weeping, oozing blisters on both hands. They tend to walk in a crouch, knuckles forward. They have distinct black smudges on the backs of their legs.

I was soon to discover this year the Fredericton Rowing Club was not just a rowing club, but a canoe club as well. There were regular canoes, racing canoes and even a war canoe as well as a large assortment of paddles. I also discovered the club had expanded to twice its size this year, carrying eleven rowing shells.

This year, unlike any other



Brian (back) and Henry Flood show the concentration that has made them one of the top pairs rowing team in the world.

year, we were fortunate to host a Canada Works Project under the supreme command of Kim Norris, 26, (remember him?). Thanks to this project, five (5) poor starving students, who would otherwise be obliged to pick dandelions or sell sexual favors on the streets of Fredericton, were instead off

pogy and/or welfare and gainfully employed. These five were: Sharon Keays, MaryKay Sangstrom, Jamie Hooper, Tom Chamberlain, Ian Pinaud, Steve Britf and Geri Ncdsshyt-nxl (typo error). Did I say five?

These dedicated workers kept the club open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Monday rain or shine, except when it was cold, windy, rough or too dark, too bright, too hot, too

quiet, too many people around or if it was Tuesday.

The first month concentrated on an intensive training program aiming all the oarsmen to peak July 10th. . . the Saint John Regatta. Later we were to discover the next regatta was the next day, the 11th, so we didn't peak for either. Nevertheless our superb conditioning coupled with superior technique enabled us to finish 2nd in St. John and tie for 1st in Fredericton.

Our success in Saint John was due to the 1st place finish of the Women's Heavy 4; Mary Kay Sangstrom, Lacheile Brewer, Karen Fraser, Betty Dermer and Dolores Harris (the coxy). The 3rd place finish by the Men's Heavyweight

Pair: Brian Smyth and Tim Evans, and other exemplary performances by novice crews added to the good placing.

To prove ourselves once again the Heavy 4 took the rematch in Fredericton and Brian and Tim improved by placing 2nd. The novice crews, now blooded and veteran competitors, thanks to yesterday's race, also finished 2nd in the Women's 8 and the Mixed 4.

We thought it was over, but NOOOO. Kim Norris, 26, told us we were on a mission from God; we went to the Halifax sprints.

Two days later we returned from Halifax, sporting a 1st in the Women's Heavy 4, 2nds in the Men's Heavy Pair and Women's Light Pair (Leslie Eglinton and Cathy Ball) and a 1st in the Men's Composite 8 (with Saint John). Novices once again proved their worth by making the beer run.

On to the Nationals and the 100th Annual Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catherines, Ontario!

The (sponsored) Women's Heavy 4 finished a respectable 5th at the Henley, only seconds behind the finest oarsmen in North America. The (unsponsored) Men's Heavy Pair placed 5th in the Men's Open Heavy final at Henley against

the best oarsmen on the continent. The Women's Lightweight pair also fared well. A very noteworthy lightweight men's pair from Saint John, Henry and Brian Flood, won the Nationals and placed 2nd at the Henley. These lads, being from UNB deserve a piece to stay in Fredericton as they are still camping in their tent.

Following the Henley, activities wound down to light canoeing. The club officially turned over facilities to UNB on Sept. 1, 1982.

All UNB and STU students are welcome to come and sweat in a boat with us. Kim Norris, 26, is conducting a class this year for those in Phys. Ed.

Also remember, even though the warm weather is gone, good oarsmen never die, they just drink more beer. That will be proven on the 24th of Sept. at the SUB ballroom, the 1st Rowing Club rant of the year featuring the Terry Crawford Band. We hope to see you there and on the water. P.S. Kim Norris will soon be 27.

There will be an organizational meeting for all interested on Tuesday night, 21st Sept. at 6:00 in room 210 L.B. Gym.



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Saturday, September 25

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