

# INTRAMURALS

## Badminton Tournament

The Fall Intramural Badminton Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 13 with competitions in Men's, Women's, Singles, and Doubles. Entry forms are available at the Recreation Office. Post Entries will be received on Saturday, October 13 between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m.

## Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament

On Saturday and Sunday, October 20 & 21 the gyms will be alive with the Fall Co-ed Volleyball Tournament. Individual and team entries are being accepted at the Recreation Office between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Don't be left out. Get a group of your friends together or register individually and we will find a team for you. Entry deadline is Tuesday, October 16 at 3:00 p.m.

## Women's Ball Hockey

Women's intramural ball hockey is being offered for the first time ever at UNB in response to requests received last year. Be sure to register your team early. The Entry Deadline is Thursday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. Both team and individual entries are being accepted at the Recreation Office, Room A121 L.B. Gym.

## Men's Ball Hockey & Basketball

The Entry Deadline for the Men's Intramural Ball Hockey and Basketball Leagues is Tuesday, October 16, at 3:00 p.m. Information and Registration forms for team and individual entries are available at the Recreation Office between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Don't be disappointed -- Register early.

## Broomball Deadline Extended

The entry deadline for the Co-ed Broomball League has been extended until Wednesday, October 17. Games will be played on the weekends, either Saturday and Sunday beginning October 20. Team and individuals entries are being accepted in the Recreation Office. Don't miss this ever popular co-ed league.

## Squash Ladder

The squash ladder is underway. Interested individuals may still register at the Recreation Office between 11:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

## Cross Country Meet

ADVANCED NOTICE - The Annual Cross Country Run will be held on Sunday, October 28.

## Officials Needed

The Intramural Program is still hiring officials for indoor sports for the coming year. Anyone interested in officiating in volleyball, basketball, hockey, and ball hockey should complete an application form in the Recreation office between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m. This is a great way to meet some new people, get some healthy exercise, and earn some spending money. Renumeration is based on experience and certification.

## Softball

Ten teams participated in the Co-ed Softball Tournament held on the week-ends of September 22-29/90. The top team from each division were declared winners because there were no play-offs. MacKenzie was the winner of the blue division and the Party Animals captured first place in the green division. Congratulations to the Winning teams and a special thanks to all participants.

# View From the Cheap Seats

by Mark Savoie

There has been a lot of controversy in the national press about female reporters in sports locker rooms. The controversy started when coach Sam Wyche of Cincinnati barred a female reporter from *USA Today* from the Bengals locker room following a loss to the Seattle Seahawks. Wyche was heavily fined for doing so, as the NFL has a standing policy ensuring equal access for reporters of both sexes.

The next weekend a more serious complaint was lodged by a female reporter about the New England Patriots. She claimed that she was sexually assaulted by a number of the players who waved their genitals directly in front of her face. The incident was further magnified by Patriots' owner Victor Kiam's sexist comments about her complaint.

And then the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the CFL announced that the entire media would be barred from the locker room following last Friday night's game against the Toronto Argonauts in order to prevent the entry of a female reporter. This move was applauded by CFL commissioner Donald Crump.

I agree with Mr. Crump, although perhaps not for the same reason. I personally feel that female reporters have no place in the locker room following a game. I also feel that male reporters have no place in the locker room following a game.

The reason reporters insist on locker room access is because it is here that the players are most vulnerable. The interviews take place immediately after the game, when the emotions of the game are still at the surface and there is a greater chance of a player saying something that he will regret. This is ethical reporting?

In a recent radio editorial Mark Roberts of CIHI whined about how tough and unpleasurable the locker room interview is. Then why does he and other reporters do it? Deadline? Bull! The key to a locker room interview is the player's nakedness. It keeps him off balance. Think about it. A fully clothed reporter asking questions of a mostly naked athlete. Of course the athlete is going to be self conscious, especially when you consider that many of the athletes being interviewed are in their early twenties or still in their teens.

Sports reporters seem to feel that athletes have a duty to accommodate reporters. Reporters will go to great lengths to vilify a player who won't give interviews. It is a reporter's job to get interviews with players, but it is not the player's job to give that interview. The reporter should have no right to expect every player to be at their beck and call.

Female reporters have every right to the same access to players as is given to male reporters so long as male reporters have access to the locker room then female reporters should have access as well. But if all reporters are excluded at all times, and not just when there happens to be a female in the press box, then the problem will be solved, as the player's privacy from both male and female reporters will then be protected.

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