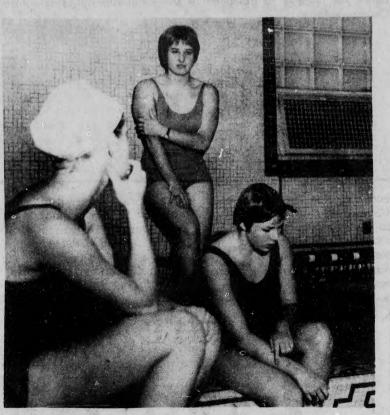
MERMAIDS CHAMPIONS 9 YEARS IN 10 Requires A Special Dedication

strokes.

EDITORS NOTE: The Mermaids begin their swim toward their tenth MWIAAU championship in eleven years on November 19th. They are at home to Mt. A. in their opening regular season meet. Now, into the '66-'67 season with two exhibition meets, the UNB swimmers lost both meets on the last race after leading throughout the meet. The combined margin of defeat in the two exhibitions totaled only 12 points.



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Until the mid 1950's maritime Intercollegiate Swimming for women was considered a minor sport and a very minor sport for the UNB coeds, who rarely had more than two meets a year. Due to lack of members in co-ed enrollment, UNB was forced to drop out of intercollegiate competition for four years

between 1950-1955. In the past 10 years, the UNB Mermaids have never looked back. They have dominated MWIAAU competition and have won this championship 9 out of 10 years with record breaking performances. "Special Dedication"

"Our girls have a special dedication, they train 4 to 5 hours in the pool and 2 to 3

dition throughout the year," says Coach Whitwill. During the practices, girls do all strokes, not special-izing. Coach Whitwill feels that a number of girls are versitile and thus this is a good way to find out which events they can enter. Before

actual practice, each member is expected to complete the warm-up of specific lengths in each stroke. Thereafter, training records and personal records are used as motivation as the girls swim against the clock. Practices include interval training, weight training, and often isometrics. Goals

hours a week of land training,

as well as extra weekend-

work. The long season re-

quires them to be in top con-

The main events that the Mermaids work towards are the New Brunswick Open, the Intercollegiate and the Atlan-

tic Open. This year, after Christmas, for the first time the Mermaids will travel to compete against teams out-side the Maritimes. There is also the Cross Canada Telegraphic meet; however the existing pool is not to regulation size, thus like last year the team will have to use the pool at the Bangor Y. Hopeful for '67

A Mermaid showing the back stroke style during one of the daily swim practices, is a common sight every afternoon from 4:30-5:30, when the Mermaids show their versatility in a variety of

With the gymnasium well underway, hopes are with the completion of the new pool by September 1967. This should simplify the swim team practices - with more pool space and more pool time. The new pool will be of regulation olympic size (25 yards by 25 meters, L shaped) thus the members will be able to practice the proper distances which is an im-

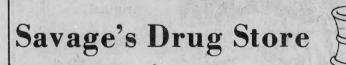
In addition to this, it is the hope of Coach Whitwill, as well as the team members, that swimming will become a spectator sport among the students. The plans for the new pool include stands and facilities for the avid fan.

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one of the best maritime university pools. This will be of great convenience for the team, which now has to travel to all major meets.

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pool. UNB will then be able to host major meets having

possibility with the present

Two Shutouts For Redsticks

The UNB women's field hockey team had a successful weekend, winning two home games against Acadia and Kings College, On Friday, the Red Sticks hosted the Acadia Axettes here at College Field and defeated them by a score of 2-0. At the end of the first half, neither team had scored. Left wing, Barb Mullaly, and right wing, Joanne Taylor, each netted the ball in the second half.

Saturday morning, UNB met University of King's College and won another shut-out

game. Each of the forwards for the Red Sticks had a turn putting the ball in the net -Barb Mullaly, Anne MacNeil, Barbie Roberts, Diane Jung and Joanne Taylor. Centre halfback, Emoy Joshua, scored the last point, making the final score 6-0 for the UNB team. This weekend, the Red Sticks are on the road for their last games of the season. On Friday, November 11, UNB meets Dalhousie in Halifax; on Saturday they go to Wolfville for a return game with Acadia.



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