

The Front Row

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According to Bruce, this column is a sort of "politically correct" alternative to Mark Savoie's 'View from the Cheap Seats'. Mark has already indicated that he will be addressing issues affecting "either the sports world in general or the respective worlds of major competitive sports". This suits me just fine, because my bi-weekly contributions to the Front Row will deal primarily with university sports and local athletic issues. Hopefully there will be little duplication of issues between the two Bruns sports columns, excepting of course Mark's opinions on the varsity teams' name change. As you may have noticed in last week's issue, Mark's column featured his own interpretation of the new Varsity Red's logo complete with hammer and sickle. Hence 'The Front Row', by default, becomes the "politically correct" Bruns column.

Personally I have mixed feelings about the name change issue. While I was admittedly fond of some of the old team names, I tend to agree with the reasoning that a unified monicker will bolster sales of varsity sports memorabilia and clothing. Unfortunately, simple Bruns sports headers like: "Bloomers win in OT" have now been replaced with the unwieldy likes of "Varsity Red's Women's Basketball team win in OT". Aside from the logistics of fitting such lengthy headlines over our stories, I've come to grips with the name change and can even confess to liking the new logo.

I had the opportunity to attend the annual UNB Meet The Coaches press conference last week. Each team's coaches gave a quick talk outlining their expectations for the season. As could be expected the brief speeches all tended to be upbeat, so much so in fact, that the Daily Gleaner's Bruce Hallihan dubbed the conference an "optimists are us" affair. Women's Volleyball coach Al McGarvie went so far as to guarantee a top two AUAA finish for his squad. Perhaps not an unlikely possibility considering the Lady Red's finished third last year with a 12-4 record and earned a berth in the AUAA championships.

Men's volleyball coach Paul Belanger made the most of his summer post as Head coach of New Brunswick's Canada Games entry. Belanger has recruited nine players from the other maritime entries in hopes of strengthening an already talented, but inconsistent, young squad.

Athletic Director Jim Born mentioned that both he and Physical Education Dean Dr. Terry Haggerty have been canvassing alumni country-wide for contributions to the Campaign for Excellence in Intercollegiate Athletics. The campaign's goal is to raise a one million dollar endowment over five years, that would go towards programs on campus. During the summer Dean Haggerty indicated that he is not ruling out a future revival of the UNB football program which has been dormant since 1979, provided the endowment goals are met. Incidentally, as Mark Savoie has pointed out, the Red Bombers have thus far managed to avoid having their name changed.

Anyone with questions, comments, complaints who wishes to submit them in the form of a letter to the sports editor can do so by dropping it off at the Bruns office, Room 35 of the Student Union Building. Better yet, if you would prefer to write for our sports department, feel free to drop by the office at anytime or phone us at 453-4983. Hemingway who, back in the days of intramural bull-fighting and varsity big-game hunting would have made a great Bruns Sports writer, believed that some writers were intended merely to help another writer write one sentence. If that should be the extent of my writing's lasting value, I hope that the single sentence is culled from my musings in the pages of the Brunswickan.

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CAMPUS RECREATION

INTRAMURAL SPORTS:

OFFICIALS NEEDED

Officials are currently being hired for :

Soccer	Softball
Touch Football	Hockey
Basketball	Volleyball
Inner-tube Waterpolo	Ball Hockey

All those interested in applying should fill out an application form in the Recreation Office Rm A121 LB Gym between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Mondays through Fridays.

CHANGES FOR ALL INTRAMURAL SPORTS

1. OPEN REGISTRATION:

Last year, many teams were denied from playing in the Intramural Sports leagues because the number of teams was limited. The first-come, first-serve procedure allowed established teams to register early while new teams to the league ended up on waiting lists. This year all teams that register during the registration period according to the rules governing registration will be permitted to play. This may mean that each team could play fewer games than last year's season games.

2. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:

In intramural sports, accounts of unsportsmanlike conduct, (toward referees and opponents) occurred last year where participants' safety was jeopardised and the level of enjoyment was severely affected. This year three changes were adopted to combat this problem.

- i. team managers and captains are required to assume a greater responsibility for their team members including sportsmanship, safety, and player eligibility.
- ii. acts of unsportsmanlike conduct, before, during, and after games and practices will be disciplined with a minimum of 1 year suspensions.
- iii. recreational play will serve as the primary format of all intramural leagues. Those wishing a competitive format will be offered an additional single-elimination tournament (for an additional fee) providing they act sportsmanlike throughout the season.

3. STAFF DUTIES RE-ASSIGNED:

The rules governing intramural sports were based on the honour system; each team, its manager, and individual players were asked to abide the rules, and to report any violations of rules. Last year's review revealed that many rules were broken (players played for more than one team, non-students and non-members played while students were denied the opportunity to participate, and eligibility for playoffs was disregarded.) There is not enough money in the budget to hire additional staff to ensure that rules and regulations are observed. Therefore, staff will be re-assigned duties; rather than record and maintain standings in recreational play, supervision of games and player eligibility checks will be assigned.

INTRAMURAL ICE HOCKEY

The following changes were made to the 1993-94 intramural Ice Hockey program that all managers and captains should know.

1. All players are required to have their I.D. at all games and practises. Players must have an ID in order to appear on the ice.
2. If your team wishes to sign out equipment then you will be required to sign-out the equipment 15 min. before your scheduled game time. 5 minutes before game time, no equipment will be issued.
3. Referees are encouraged to apply early because a referees clinic before the season begins and is mandatory if you wish to referee in intramural ice hockey this year.
4. Fees are as follows:
 - \$100 Entry fee for recreational play + equipment rental + practices
 - \$150 (2-\$75 performance/default checks)
 - \$25 Entry fee for competitive tournament

FALL SPORTS

Registration materials will be available from the Recreation Office approximately 10 days before the entry deadlines. Start planning your indoor intramural activities now!

Sport	Registration Dates
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CO-ED

Softball	Tuesday Sept. 14-Tuesday, September 28
Broomball	Tuesday Sept. 21-Tuesday, October 05

MENS

Ice Hockey League	Tuesday Sept. 21-Tuesday, October 05
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