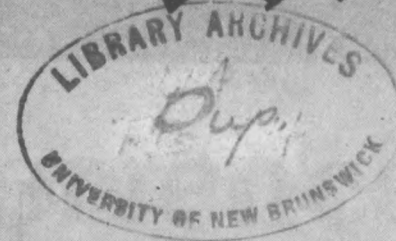


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Varsity-Mania huge success

By ERIC DRUMMIE

Last Saturday the largest crowd of fans to show at a varsity sporting event this year arrived at the A.U.C. for the Red Devils vs S.T.U. Tommie Hockey Game. Fifteen hundred UNB & STU fans arrived to watch the A.U.A.A. grudge match between these two rivals. UNB was victorious for the second time in four games, winning 4-2.

The event was the seventh Varsity-Mania event this year. The event knew the largest crowd of any of the events to date. Carl Burgess, Varsity-Mania Chairman said, "We were hoping for a lot of people, enough to make the A.U.C. look less gloomy."

Varsity-Mania VII was the first of five events this term; the second being tomorrow. V-M VIII is supporting the Red Bloomers as they take on the U.P.E.I. Panthers. "It's hard doing two events back to back. We have to have the flyers and posters ready for the second event before we have even held the first event."

Varsity-Mania will be

supporting the Red Devils two more times in the future. One of these events is a road trip to Mount Allison. This road trip will take students to Mt. A where they will cheer for the Red Raiders in the afternoon and the

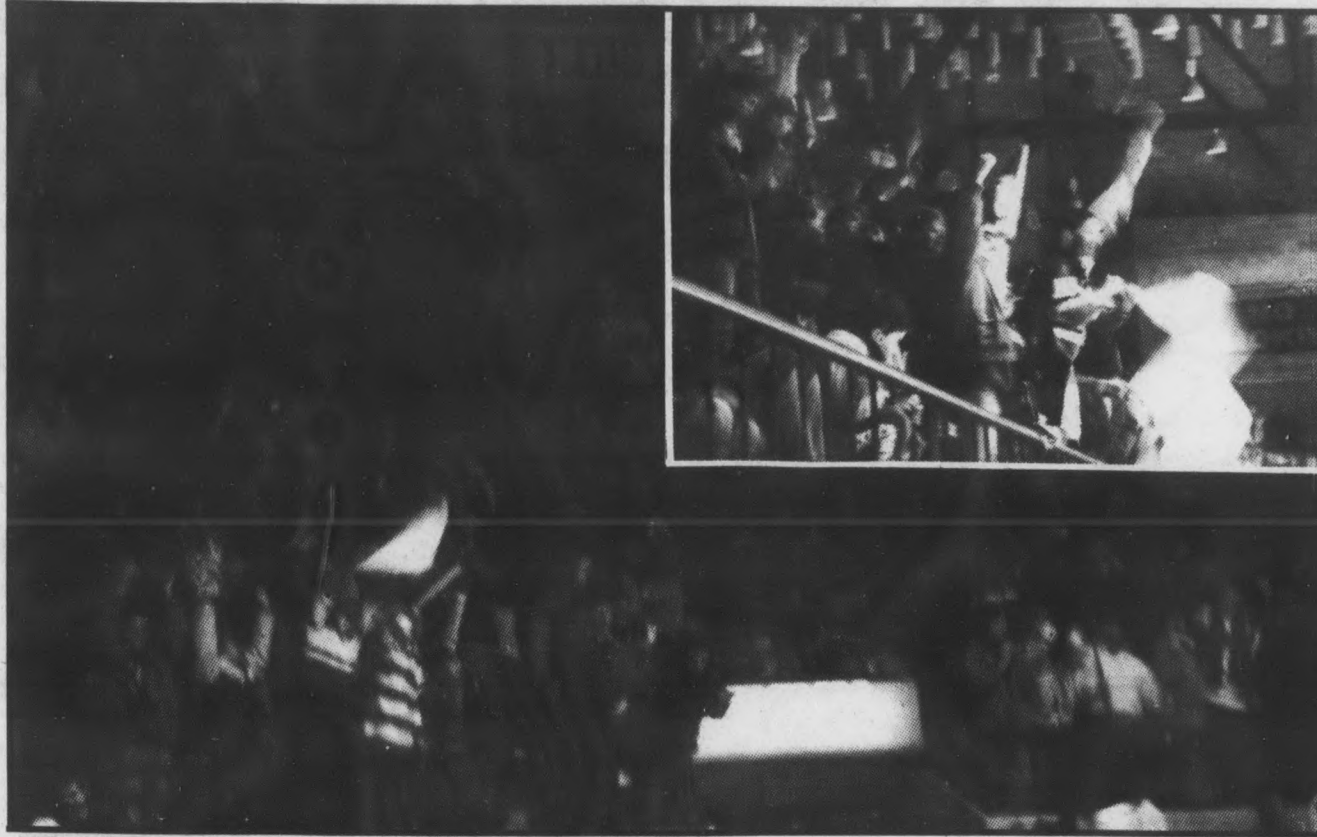
Red Devils at night, returning to Fredericton after the hockey game. The V-M Executive hopes to get four to six hundred students to participate. "It is a bit ambiguous, and it will be hard to get some of the male

residences to participate due to a inter-residence hockey tournament on that same weekend," said Carl Burgess. The plan calls for each house to take a bus and for off-campus students to go on buses offered by the Student Union.

"The students will have to pay for the buses, but we feel it's worth the fun were going to have while there," said Mike Coleman, a V-M Executive member.

V-M has certainly made an impact on the players and coaches at UNB. Shane Parker, Assistant Coach of the Red Devils, said, "It was a big boost for the team to hear the crowd warming up before the game." Jim Born, UNB Athletic Director said, "I think it's good for the teams and fans." V-M has tried to make it more interesting for the fan by purchasing football horns from the Ottawa Rough Riders and foam hands from an organization in Toronto, which they sell at each event. "We tried to get something the fan could bring to each game, whether it was a U-M event or not," said Pat McCarthy, a V-M Executive member.

At V-M VII, Aitken house won V-M VII with 69% of its residence in attendance and Kirk Elliott won fan-of-the-game for succeeding in getting the fans in doing the wave.



Aitken Exhibits School Spirit at Varsity-Mania

Photo by Eric Drummie

Travel CUTS to Submit Tender ?

By STEPHANE COMEAU

Travel CUTS, a full-service travel agency operated by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), has apparently expressed an interest in setting up shop in the Student Union Building.

According to Wayne Carson, chairman of an ad hoc committee struck by the UNB Student Union to consider the current operations of the SUB, Travel CUTS has indicated that they are "very interested" in submitting a tender for space in the SUB. Carson said

that his committee would like to see Travel CUTS allowed by the UNB administration to submit a tender for the office space currently occupied by Maritime Marlin Travel, whose lease is currently being renegotiated. The lease actually expires on July 31st of this year.

Carson claims that meetings with Professor Eric Garland, associate V.P. Administration, and SUB Director Kim Norris have led him to believe that the

University "has already entered into negotiations with Maritime Marlin Travel and, provided an agreement is reached, will not be negotiating with any other Travel Agency." He says that his committee thinks that the University should allow Travel to submit a tender for the office space as well, especially since the lease is likely to be a five year one.

Councillor Carson goes on to say that the University has set an "arbitrary" deadline of January

30th for a decision on the lease. He would like to see a two-week extension of this deadline to allow Travel CUTS to present its case. The Student Council is currently preparing a report on Travel CUTS which will be presented to University Vice-President (Finance and Admin) James O'Sullivan on Monday at which time Carson hopes to set up a meeting between University officials and the President of Travel CUTS. He and CFS Chairperson elect Jane

Arnold also intend to bring up the matter at the January 27th meeting of the Board of Governors of the University.

"We want a fair opportunity to assess whether or not Travel CUTS is a benefit to the University Community", says Carson, "the University has some misconceptions about Travel CUTS which we would like to correct."

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