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Proposed new Health and Wellness Centre

UNB is 'Forging into the Future' with plans for new facility

by Cindy Smith

Just wait a few more years and the view from the SUB patio will be a bit more interesting. A proposed Health and Wellness Centre, which will cater to all your health and fitness needs could be located right in front of the Student Union Building.

The 'Forging the Future' campaign, which will be announced by UNB administration in the coming weeks, will include a new Health and Wellness Centre for the UNB campus.

According to Susan Montague, Director of Development and Donor Relations at UNB, the overall goal for the campaign is in the area of \$60 million. Besides the Health and Wellness Centre, other components of the project will include a university commons for UNBSJ in the area of \$15 million, \$24 million for a people category, which will provide scholarship money for students wanting to study abroad and money for new faculty positions. Finally, the campaign will also include some money for programs, including a downtown clinic for UNB nursing students.

UNB Athletic Director, Clint Hamilton, who is also project leader for the campaign, has been doing research on a number of Health and Wellness facilities in North America since September.

"The next step is to take some time over the next couple of months to explore the full scope of the project. Present those options and it will be up to senior administration and the Board (of Governors) to determine the right option for UNB," Hamilton said.

The entire scope of the centre, which will take up \$10 million dollars from the entire campaign, has not and will not be determined for awhile, but it will attempt to integrate a number of key factors in the university community including athletics, Campus recreation, student services, as well as the Faculty of Kinesiology.

"The key thing that I would say is that this building is meant to transform campus life for students and staff on campus. To do that, we have to be looking at an integrated building - something that incorporates Health and Wellness in terms of athletic and recreational facilities and those kinds of things. Also in terms of student services, particularly student health service," Hamilton said.

Hamilton is very optimistic about the possibilities of the project, and is pleased with the commitment UNB has already

made to building such a centre.

"What I am excited about is there is a commitment level to do this (at the university) - a strong commitment. I think it's got enormous potential to be a huge transformational project for students and staff at the university," Hamilton commented.

The creation of the Health and Wellness Centre at UNB is just in the beginning, planning stages, and Hamilton would not give an indication when the project would be finished. Project teams have been finalized and will begin meeting in late January and early February to look at the financial aspects of the campaign.

Although he is excited about the project, Hamilton didn't want to rush the process.

"It's very important to take the time through the process to do it right," he said.

Hamilton does have some ideas of when he would like to see construction on the Centre start.

"I would say I certainly want to see construction on something like this happen within two years, at least beginning. To me that would be personal. Whether it would be sooner than that, or later, I don't know," he said.

Putting aside his role as team project leader for the 'Forging into the Future' campaign, Hamilton commented on what he would like

to see from his standpoint as Athletic Director. He would like to see a new pool and new gyms, for the swim, volleyball, and basketball teams.

"These would all be multipurpose, they wouldn't be exclusively athletic facilities...as well, within the full scope of the project, there would be potential for an artificial turf facility to take over Chapman Field," Hamilton said.

Furthermore, such a facility has the ability to integrate all of the athletic programs under one roof. Considering the current, rather outdated LB Gym, which lacks sufficient locker room and meeting room space, a new Health and Wellness Centre would be a blessing to the Varsity Reds.

However, as team project leader, Hamilton's role is much more. According to him, the new proposed facility has the opportunity to help UNB address a number of problems in the university community and beyond.

"I see tremendous opportunity right now when you look at things such as research that has been gathered on why students don't come to UNB, or what current students on campus see as lacking. When you look at the province of New Brunswick who just published data on how the children of New Brunswick are the least fit children in the country and

you look at the escalating cost of health care and you look at the city of Fredericton that has real need in terms of athletic and recreational facilities. There's a tremendous opportunity now for partnerships to be derived to allow us to deliver something that's really transforming to the campus and to the students and faculty, as well as to the province," he said.

A specific site for the project has not been determined as of yet, but it will be centrally located on campus and will fit in with UNB's new campus master plan, the details of which will be released in early February.

Student Union president, Milan Chotai, explained a possible site

"In the campus master plan there's the idea of the urbanization of the Pacey promenade. The campus master plan's main purpose is bigger; it's not specific, like what buildings go where, but to define footprints for buildings. There's a very attractive building footprint just in front of the Student Union Building...It's been an attractive location for a wellness centre because it (the building) integrates a lot of student affairs and services - that's part of the need," he said.

A Health and Wellness Centre located so centrally would be beneficial to the university community in a number of ways, especially in creating a better sense of community.

"If it was located there and the student union is here, it would create quite an attractive community hub. Especially with the emerging universal bus pass which is intended to have its main exchange in front of the SUB. With that, you're essentially creating a giant area of activity," Chotai commented.

It is hoped that the final resting place for the proposed facility will be near the Student Union Building. With that the case, many problems will be solved. Chotai was optimistic that the new building would help to eliminate the problem of disability access to student services, as well as to provide a more welcoming environment for new students who are often confused when they first arrive at UNB.

"With all student affairs and services in one building and if the building is constructed well it will meet the needs of disabled people. So now, disabled people - anyone who has a physical impairment - can actually access all of the student services available to them on the campus...for new students, if this building is advertised as the place where all your student services are, it will be easy to find and you'll know where to go - it'll just create a lot less confusion and make this place a little more inviting," Chotai said.

LeBlanc shuts out STU

Reds take battle on the hill as women's hockey gets rougher

by Tony von Richter

The women's version of the battle of the hill continued this weekend with its second edition taking place at the Aitken Centre on Sunday afternoon. The Varsity Reds defeated the Tommies

by a 3-0 score on November 9th at the LBR.

The fourth-place Reds headed into the weekend only two points up on their opponents with a record of four wins and four losses. The Tommies came into the game with three wins and four losses.

Any contest between UNB and their neighbors on the hill is always an intense affair and this game proved to be no different with physical play being the

order of the day, as 15 penalties were called between the two teams.

Just like in their first meeting the Reds opened the scoring in the first period when Natalie Gautier scored off an assist from captain Meghan Ward 11:19 into the frame. With 2:06 left in the period forward Pamela Phillips fired a shot that trickled past the St. Thomas netminder to give UNB a two goal lead.

The no checking rule in women's hockey seemed to be ignored in a second period that saw both teams play with a quicker pace and more physical intensity. That physical intensity was reflected on the score sheet as well, with the two teams combining for eight penalties in the frame. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty was given to the UNB bench after the coaches were chastising the referee for a debatable high sticking call on the Reds Amanda Wuerth.

Despite the Tommies taking less penalties in the infraction-filled period, the Reds capitalized on a penalty to Hannah Muir-Hutchinson when a

Men tame timid Tigers

by Nathan White

The Varsity Reds men's basketball team overcame a slow start on Saturday evening at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym to post an 81-60 win over the visiting Dalhousie Tigers.

Dal held a slim lead for much of the first half, but the Reds stayed with them and managed to pull ahead in the final two minutes, carrying a one-point margin into halftime.

The second half was a completely different story, with UNB taking advantage of a porous Dal defense, and outscoring the Tigers 48-28 on the way to a 21-point rout.

"I thought defensively we really lost our focus," said Dal head coach John

Campbell of his team's defensive miscues. "We were able to get broken down on the perimeter and they were able to penetrate and then that allowed their shooters to get open. I thought they shot a lot of really uncontested shots from the perimeter."

UNB's six-foot-six, 270-pound big man David Myers fouled out early in the second half, but the Tigers were unable to capitalize as determined understudy Nathan Bokma came off the bench to grab a game-high seven rebounds in just 14 minutes of play.

"He stepped up well and he looked like he had confidence out there," said guard Dylan Lisson, who also had a productive night off the bench with 12 points and four assists. "It's tough coming in to fill. I mean, Nathan's a

big guy, but he's not quite Dave Myers, so coming in for Dave and having to bang bodies is a tough job," added Lisson.

Reds head coach Thom Gillespie was impressed by the performance of the players coming in off the bench. "Certainly our bench has provided a great spark for us in all three of the games [in the second half of the season]... both at Dal and Acadia last weekend our bench provided a real nice spark midway through the first half to keep us within reach on the road, and then today they certainly held their own and again gave us a little bit of a spark in the first half," said Gillespie.

"But we'd be better served to just start and go hard, and play great for 40 minutes," he added, calling the team's recent habit of starting slow and making up for it in the second half, "an alarming trend."

"If we're going to continue to be successful, then we need to put two good halves of basketball together," he continued.

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Brendan Doyle/The Brunswickan
STU's defense was not enough to stop the flaming Reds.

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Slipp more than just a coach

by Cindy Smith

Behind every good basketball team stands a good coach.

As for the women's basketball team, that is definitely the case. Head Coach

Joyce Slipp, who has led the Reds to their current second-place position in the AUS Nelson division, is not only a good coach, she is also an amazing athlete.

Slipp, who graduated in UNB in 1972 with a BPE and in 1974 with a

BA, has been coaching the women's basketball team on and off since 1976. She also spent 13 years as the head coach of the UNB Field Hockey team.

Before she began coaching, Slipp played basketball for UNB as a forward and point guard, as well as a half-back for field hockey. She is humble about her personal athletic career, commenting that the five years she played for UNB were good for the team.

"We won five league championships in Field Hockey and in basketball. We were quite dominant," Slipp commented.

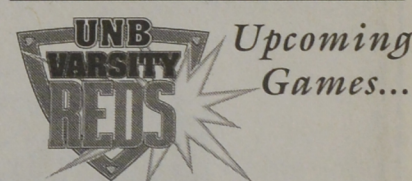
After graduating from UNB, Slipp played on the Canadian National Basketball team from 1969 to 1976 and was the captain of the National team when they attended the Montreal Olympics in 1976 and the Pan American Games.

"We went pretty well all over the world playing basketball," Slipp added.

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Brendan Doyle/The Brunswickan
Tenacious Tom Spink soars above the competition on Saturday.



Friday, January 23
Hockey (m) StFX @ UNB 7:00pm

Saturday, January 24
Hockey (m) SMU @ UNB 7:00pm
Volleyball (w) MUN @ UNB 4:00pm
Volleyball (m) UdeM @ UNB 2:00pm
Basketball (w) UNB @ SMU 6:00pm
Basketball (m) UNB @ SMU 8:00pm

Sunday, January 25
Hockey (w) UNB @ Dal 2:00pm
Basketball (w) UNB @ StFX 1:00pm
Basketball (m) UNB @ StFX 3:00pm
Volleyball (w) Acadia @ UNB 1:00pm

Wednesday, January 28
Hockey (m) STU @ UNB 7:00pm

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