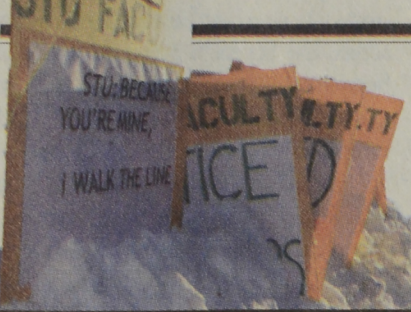


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A greener way

by Josh O'Kane

Next year, students at UNB are going to find recycling a lot easier – and will probably find parking a bit harder.

The University-Community Relations Committee, with members from the City, university administrations, and student unions of Fredericton's two university campuses, is finishing plans to install a recycling station on campus at UNB.

"The original idea came out of a concern that came up during campaigning last year," says UNB Student Union VP External Jordan Graham. "A lot of students recognized that there were no adequate recycling facilities for students... At the same time, the City Engineering Department had been looking at something similar for the area. There was unanimous consent [among the committee] supporting the idea."

The depot will allow for recycling of paper, cardboard, metal cans, and

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One slippery hill

by Naomi Osborne

Every university student has fallen victim to the embarrassment of slipping on ice and falling flat on their back for everyone on campus to see. Campus can be a dangerous place in the winter.

Third year business student, Melissa DeMerchant, recently experienced one of these embarrassing moments when she fell while reaching for the crosswalk button and nearly slid out into the busy intersection at the bottom of Windsor Street in front of Head Hall.

It is because of situations like this that she, like many students, is asking why more isn't being done to provide safe accessibility on campus.

"I know there is a shortage of salt in New Brunswick, but they could be do-

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V-Reds cut six teams

WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM AMONG THOSE DEMOTED TO 'COMPETITIVE CLUB' STATUS



Former UNB varsity athletes Terri Ryerson, Cheryl Hamilton, Leslie Axford, Simon Pearn, Krista Betts, and Patrick Adam stand near the Aitken Centre. Athletes from women's hockey, men's swimming, wrestling, and cross country were shocked last week when the Varsity Reds announced that these teams were being demoted to "competitive club status".

"WE WERE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS... [THE TIMING] OF THIS MOVE IS VERY DISAPPOINTING."

—TIM RANDALL,
CROSS COUNTRY COACH

"I THINK KEVIN DICKIE DID NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE IMPACT THIS DECISION WOULD HAVE... HE SHOULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING [...] TO PREPARE PEOPLE FOR IT."

—TERRI RYERSON,
WOMEN'S HOCKEY GOALTENDER

"IF YOU CAN'T [RUN A WOMEN'S HOCKEY PROGRAM] RIGHT, MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T DO IT AT ALL."

—TERRY HAGGERTY,
DEAN OF KINESIOLOGY

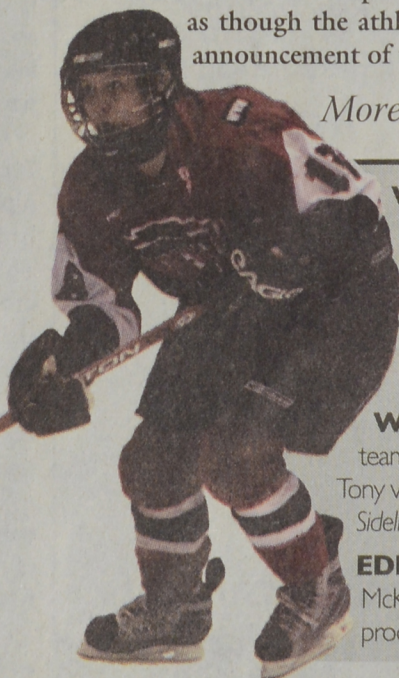
In a surprising decision last Wednesday afternoon, the UNB Varsity Reds announced they were cutting six teams: men's and women's wrestling, men's and women's cross country, men's swimming, and women's hockey have all been reclassified as competitive sport clubs and now fall under the department of Campus Recreation.

The money saved from cutting the programs, approximately \$150,000, will be reinvested into the remaining eight varsity teams: men's hockey, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's volleyball, men's and women's soccer, and women's swimming.

The teams were ranked based on fourteen criteria, including categories such as their success on an Atlantic and national level, fan support, and the teams financial requirements.

The decision has infuriated some members of UNB's sporting community, particularly members of the women's hockey team who will not be able to continue competing at the AUS and CIS level, and feel as though the athletic department failed them with the announcement of this decision.

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To toss or not to toss



A feature-film about one of mankind's oldest games kept audiences in stitches at UNB

by Ashley Bursey

"Three certainties in life: best friends, true love, and Rock, Paper, Scissors."

And with that begins a whirlwind trip into the world of competitive Rock, Paper, Scissors with a new mockumentary, "Rock, Paper, Scissors: The Way of the Tosser," which screened at UNB and STU this past weekend.

The idea for the film, created by April Mullen and former Frederictonian Tim Doiron, was hatched a few years ago when Doiron, living in Toronto at the time, chanced upon an event being held in downtown Toronto: the RPS World Championships, featuring more than 500 competitors, thousands of spectators, and some of the most intense 'tossers' (players) around.

"We thought, 'Wouldn't it be funny if there was a movie about a guy who took this way too seriously?'" says Doiron. "But then when we started looking at it, we realized the subculture of the game was so intense and so insane – we felt like we had tapped into something that was massive."

"Well, Rock, Paper, Scissors is ageless, boundless, cultureless, with no language barriers", Mullen agrees. "And all over the world it's a known subject, so that's a great hook for us, marketing wise, because we're not huge directors and there are no big names in the film. So it's a great catch that everyone can relate to – 'oh, Rock, Paper, Scissors! Oh, I played that game!'"

Doiron's character, Gary Brewer, who utters the philosophical opening words of the film, is the story's main RPS competitor. His girlfriend, Holly Brewer ("no relation...yet") had to quit playing some time ago when a disastrous incident with the game gave her an unnatural fear of scissors.

The movie, done in mockumentary-style, was a challenge for the first-time filmmakers, but the gritty, realistic filming lends itself well to their candid "interviews" and heartfelt characters.

"It all stemmed from characters that we researched," says Mullen. "We did a lot of research at the RPS tournament, so we would go there and compete and take notes at the same time and notice that there were really unique nemesis in the competition world and the cheating that happens, and we learned the rules and the different sorts of characters – we pulled a lot from real life."

"And then when we were writing, we created a really strong group of charac-

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The Social Club is looking for qualified students to fill positions for September. Limited training will occur between March 25th and April 19th. We are looking for bar, coat, bus, door, wait and DJ Staff. 12 positions available. Experience preferred but not required. Please send resume to mattharr@rogers.com. Thank you.

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