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## Hockey Night in PEI!?

by Amy Gallan

Hockey fans are amazed at the actions of the University of Moncton's Blue Eagles on Saturday, February 27. After calling a goal for the UPEI Panthers with only 31 seconds left in the hockey game at the Sherwood-Parkdale Sportsplex, referee Brian Carragher was attacked by the whole of the Moncton team. The goal, which was confirmed by the goal judge, and by video, meant that the Panthers would move on in the Atlantic Athletic Association Hockey Conference MacAdam division, and that the Moncton Blue Eagles had been ousted.

The goal was first disputed by Eagles goaltender Pierre Gagnon, and only seconds later the rest of the team joined in. The team not only shouted and pushed at the referee and both linesmen, but also assaulted the on-ice officials. Witnesses say that Carragher was punched and kicked in the groin. A pane of plexiglass was broken by a net mooring thrown by a Moncton assistant coach. Fortunately none of the 1200 fans at the game, became involved, and within ten minutes the Charlottetown and UPEI Campus Police had the situation under control.

Moncton head coach admitted to the Guardian that he did not condone such acts by his team but also hinted that the referee involved may hold some of the fault on his own self, saying, "He [Carragher] was out to get us," and "I don't know, every time we come on the Island he's [Carragher] against us."

The University of Moncton has apologized to UPEI for the violent attack. In a letter to Dr. Epperly, Jean Bernard, president of U de M,

apologized for the incident and offered to pay for material damages caused by the team. In a press release U de Moncton said, "This type of behaviour is completely unacceptable and it is deplorable that members of our hockey team would carry out such disgraceful acts."

On Monday the University of Moncton athletic official suspended assistant coach Pat Paviault. Constable Richard Collins of the Charlottetown police says that criminal offenses were committed, yet because of the number of witnesses to talk to, an exact date for charges to be laid has not been confirmed. The AUAA investigation into disciplinary action against the Moncton Blue Eagles is continuing.

## CFS Referendum Official Results

A few weeks ago the UPEI student Union held a referendum regarding its membership in the Canadian Federation of Students. The results from the voting were accepted through council and are as follows: yes - 91, no - 261, abstain - 9, total - 361 votes.

Council has also passed a motion regarding the up coming dates for this year's Student Union general election. For more information contact the Student Union or look in the March 12 issue of the Panther Prints for more information. Hey! Why not think about getting involved and join the student union?

-- Patricia Embleton

## Jean Charest Visits UPEI

by Yvonne MacKean

On February 9, federal Progressive Conservative Party leader Jean Charest visited the faculty lounge at UPEI. He spoke to a small crowd in a very informal manner.

He was met at the airport by the musicians and people greeting East Coast Music Awards delegates. He was surprised and wondered if it was always like this. Charest began his speech in a very light manner, including little anecdotes and shots at the Liberals.

Charest then moved on to discuss his party and its future. He began by remarking that the party "is in the position where it was the government two years ago to a caucus of two members in the House. . . I like to say that we are restructuring or downsizing." Since the defeat, the party has begun to reorganize and restructure. This effort acknowledges the change in voting population, the fact that they are more informed and want to contribute. The party has a new constitution and had wide support at a national meeting. Some of the changes include new ways of choosing a leader, financing, accountability, and new National Council. Charest believes that these changes have made him realize that the party is still a national party.

The PCs also made a commitment to rebuild their policies, which is why Charest came to the Island. This involves regional meetings and working groups. Some discussions include tax reform, social programs, pensions, health care, economy, jobs and trade.

Charest's vision for the future is a country committed to debt reduction ("governments have gone too far"). He also sees problems arising from the unity issue, especially from the Liberals' current solution. According to Charest, the veto bill "will turn Canada into a

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