

EDITORIAL & OPINION

LETTERS

Re: Litton

Dear Editor:
I have carefully read the recent pamphlet with local references inserted. The author apparently has no original thoughts of his own to offer. The article leaves much to be desired, both grammatically and semantically.

Despite his agitated one, I hope the author is not and will not become just a mere footsoldier and mouthpiece in a big peace "corporation" like Greenpeace. I agree with the general aims of peace organizations, but I find on some issues that they have a tendency to act irrationally and may sometimes do more harm than good.

A concerned Science student

Re: Ombudsman

Hi,
This letter is late — very late, but here it is. I intended to write this months ago, and I did in fact write several drafts. However, for various reasons (excuses available on request) it never quite made it to print.

To the point. I am your Ombudsman. That means that you have an official venue of recourse whenever you have problems with the university (faculty or administration) or the students' union, its executive, council, administration, or employees.

More clearly, if you have a problem with the students' union or its sub-organizations or the university administration, it's the job of the Ombudsman to try to help solve your problem.

I have used the words "try" and "help" on purpose. On one occasion I tried to help a student and my efforts were in vain, but on other occasions the results were much better.

Generally though, I've found that most people (particularly uni-

versity faculty and staff) are pleased to discuss difficulties with a person who is acting in an official capacity. For example, on one occasion a professor, with whom I spoke about a student's concern, was surprised and impressed that the students of this campus would create such a position for the purpose of helping students who are encountering difficulty. Needless to say — that professor was very helpful in resolving the problem.

I would like you to know that my hands are not tied; the Ombudsman has access privileges to almost every document, file, meeting, etc.... (within the students' union or its sub-organizations) that are normally considered confidential. These investigative powers, granted by the Constitution and reaffirmed by the Council Speaker, enable the Ombudsman to be very effective when the situation requires. Further, while it is not guaranteed I suspect that the university administration would receive well an official representative of approxi-

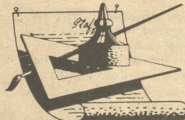
mately 1800 students.

This resource (the Ombudsman) is yours to use, and I urge you to do so.

If you require Ombudsman services, I can be contacted through the student union offices. The best procedure to use would be to call the office and leave a message with enough information to enable me to get back to you.

I hope your situation is such that you won't need the services of the Ombudsman, but if you do, don't hesitate to call.

Kevin O'Brien
Ombudsman



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SPORTS

Panthers looking good

Three U.P.E.I. Teams just completed a most successful weekend and all three are looking ahead to important weekend contests that could settle playoff positions.

The Lady Panther Basketball squad, the only undefeated team on campus and fresh from a 20 point victory over St. Mary's Belles, put their league 10-0 record on the line against arch-rival UNB on Friday. A victory in this game would guarantee them first place and the right to host the AUAА playoffs starting February 28th. The last time these two outstanding squads met, Herm MacNeill's UPEI gals won by a 9 point margin.

Though the Lady Panthers are ranked 4th nationally in CIAU's computerized rankings, they have been unable to crack the CIAU Top Ten voted list which is the official ranking. Coach MacNeill takes the oversight in stride but is quick to point out, "We're one of three undefeated teams in the

country, we win by big margins playing all team members, but the votes outside the Atlantic region give little or no credit to this league. Unlike the AUAА Men's Conference, the female teams haven't made impact nationally. I guess we'll just have to win the AUAА's later this month going to Winnipeg for the CIAU Finals and show them on the court just how good we really can be."

Coaches Vince Mulligan and George Morrison do not have the same ranking problem, but do have their work cut out for them down the stretch during the next few weeks. Vince has his Hockey squad gearing up for two very important encounters with St. Thomas this weekend at the Forum. Last weekend the Panthers defeated the Tommies 8-5 in a wide open fast paced encounter in Fredericton. Coach Mulligan said, "They are the most improved team in the AUAА, definitely playoff contenders and would make the playoffs under a

different league format. Unfortunately, the schedule worked against them so far but we're not taking them lightly. We're 15 and 4 to their 11-7 record, a sweep by them puts them right back in the thick of things. We better be ready Saturday and Sunday."

Coach George Morrison of the Panther basketball team is breathing a bit easier after their impressive win over St. Mary's but is quick to add, "No team like us

go into UNB, we all struggle to win in Fredericton as they have a good squad. We defeated them twice in Charlottetown but by the narrowest of margins. They are definitely key games in more ways than one. We're playing in the Aikken Centre which is very simi-

lar to playing in Halifax's Metro Centre so it will give the guys a chance to familiarize themselves with this type of setting. As things presently stand, we could finish

anywhere from first to fourth in the AUAА. Too much is at stake to take these games lightly by anyone."

With AUAА playoffs fast approaching, Ed Hilton, UPEI's Athletic Director shed some light on the playoffs. "More than likely both our Hockey and Men's Basketball teams will be in Halifax at the end of this month. Men's Basketball playoffs start Friday, February 28th, at the Metro and concludes Saturday. The same night, our hockey squad will most likely be playing in Dal in the second game of the hockey playoffs. A great opportunity for our numerous fans to support both teams in Halifax."

When queried on the Women's Basketball playoffs should they be held on the UPEI campus, Hilton stated, "We're presently putting together a system of reserved seats for the weekend and though the gym is small, we hope to accommodate many fans for the weekend."

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