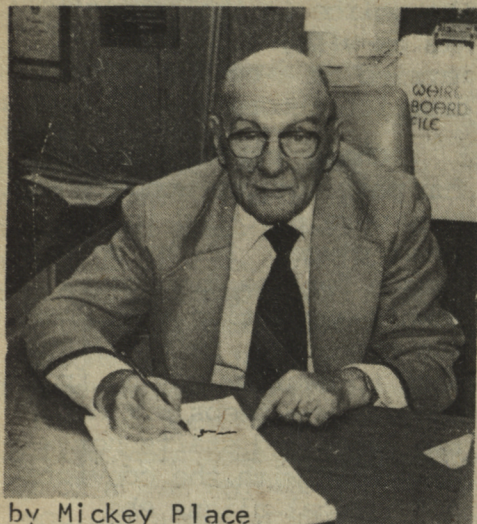


JOCK TALK COURAGEOUS IN ADVERSITY



by Mickey Place

Well it is about time that we could start this column out on a jubilant note. Recently, English Professors have been stopping us on campus to remark how courageously we have been bearing up in our reports of Panther adversity! Sympathy gets us nowhere!!

This is being written on Tuesday night and Marlene Costain, Manager of the Pantherette Basketball Team, just phoned from Sackville to tell us that our girls won over arch rival Mount Allison by a 70-61 score with Sue Betts leading the way with 18 points while Cathy Chandler had 13! This gives our girls an excellent chance of retaining their divisional championship as the standings are: Memorial 6-2 for 12 points, Mount A. and UPEI 4-2 for 8 points, while Moncton are 0-8. The majority of our remaining games will be played here on our home court with Mount A. visiting us on Feb. 4, as part of Winter Carnival and league-leading Memorial- with whom we split in St. John's, coming in the next weekend. We are most optimistic. We note that, in the scoring statistics, Cathy Chandler is fifth with 14 and is closely followed by Sue Betts with 13. We think the standard of play in this league has improved greatly in recent years & we can comment that we have found the games most exciting.

In Men's Basketball, our Panthers journeyed to Halifax and Wolfville to take on the nationally ranked Santamarians and Axemen and, although they gave their best, it wasn't nearly good enough. Gary Heald's talented Santamarians trimmed us 103-74. Tim McCarrigle

led our scorers with 24 while Bruce Campbell tallied 19. It was pretty much the same story next afternoon in Wolfville as Acadia won 102-75, as Vinnie Dipinto led our boys with 16, closely followed by Billy Redmond with 15. This leaves the Panthers tied with UNB for fourth and the final play-off spot both having a 4-4 record at the halfway mark of the season.

We note that Billy Redmond is fourth in scoring with 157 points. This weekend King's College will be here for two exhibition games that will give Coach Nutbrown a good opportunity to experiment with his players. League games remaining will see Acadia, Mount A., Dal and SMU here with St. F.X. UNB (2) and Dal on the road. We might add, to cheer us up, that Dal and Mt. A. are winless in league play, .. hope they are not expecting mercy from our hungry boys! Next home game here will be Acadia next Wednesday night.

We'd like to call your attention to the fact that this will be another of those double headers that we think should be scheduled as often as possible, so we hope a capacity crowd will be on hand from 7:00 P.M. on..the girls DO play a most exciting game and they NEED this win.

In Hockey, the Panthers (1-2 since our last column) are in a real struggle with Saint Thomas for the final playoff spot in the MacAdam Division, but, with a majority (6 of 8) of their remaining games to be played at home, have an eye on a stirring second place finish. Last week we lost to Mount A. in Sackville 7-3 with Brian O'Stroski, Trevor Crawford and Steve Peters (congrats on #1 Steve) netting our markers. Then over the weekend the team took the long trek to Fredericton where they dropped what is known as a "Four Pointer" to the Tommies by an 8-5 score. Norman Beck and Gary Trainor each scored a pair while Thane Campbell chipped in one. Next day we surprised the higher rated UNB Red Devils as we defeated them 7-4. Gary Trainor, who is on a scoring rampage, had a three goal hat trick while Norman

Beck and Mike Ready had two apiece. The standings now show us with a 4-9 record while STU is 5-10. Second place UNB is 6-6 with 12 points. By the way, Norman Beck's 18 leads all goal scorers in both divisions! This weekend's two games at the Forum with UNB are really important in our

drive to a playoff spot and it is hoped that a loud contingent of fans will be on hand to cheer their favourites on to victory. The league leaders Mount Allison will be here on Tuesday...it would be a refreshing change if we are able to gloat over three wins next issue!!!



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ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS YES OR NO

by John Pendergast

In June of 1980, the heads of many University athletic departments met in Halifax, N.S. to discuss the use of athletic scholarships in Canadian Universities.

There was no agreement on the introduction of scholarships because of a deadlock in the vote. Talks and seminars will continue discussion of this matter in February of this year. At the present, athletic scholarships remain illegal in Maritime universities.

Although UPEI Athletic Director, Edward Hilton, did not want to comment, Barb Mullaly discussed the scholarship issue with the SUN.

SUN: What is your general view on athletic scholarships?

Mullaly: Yes and no. I don't object to people with good marks and athletic talent receiving scholarships. However I disagree with high-school mark fixing.

SUN: Is there any way scholarships could be abused?

Mullaly: If highschool marks are tampered with or if athletes receive marks for courses they did not attend. This is presently the situation in ten of California's universities.

SUN: What specifications would there be for athletes to receive scholarships?

Mullaly:

1) Graduate from high-

school

2) Maintain marks that are 75% or higher.

3) Scholarship will only be renewable when the athlete plays his/her particular sport.

SUN: Would scholarships change the amateur status of a university?

Mullaly: No! However if a Canadian student has any athletic grant or aid he/she must sit out a year if they go to an American university.

SUN: Will the provinces pay for scholarships?

Mullaly: B.C. and Alberta are into athletic scholarships. Certain provinces want to keep their athletes in their particular province.

It is the opinion of one of UPEI's collegiate athletes that: "There must be financial compensation...it requires three hours of practice time plus game time and studying. Many athletes can not fit in social life or part-time work to support themselves through university. However, an athlete should not have any deals over his marks."

If athletic scholarships are ever introduced into Maritime universities, hopefully they will not be abused by unscrupulous athletes and coaches.

However, the only problem is money. Gerald Regan, the federal minister of fitness and sport, has come out in favour of athletic scholarships.

Many Canadian students have gone to the U.S. because they can not get scholarships in Canada.