

UPEI TO GET LONG-PROMISED FACILITIES

By Mark J. Walker

How would you like to take a dip in UPEI's new pool or be able to watch the basketball Panthers in a spacious new fieldhouse? If things go right, you may be able to do just that within a little while.

The Canada winter games will be coming to PEI in 1991, and some events will be held at the University. Therefore, the woefully inadequate sports structures UPEI presently has will have to be supplemented.

The major change on campus will be the construction of a fieldhouse complex just north of the rink. The fieldhouse differs from the present alumni gym in that several events will take place simultaneously in the new structure, while one event completely ties up the small gym. When the Games are over, the fieldhouse will become the university's own recreation and fitness complex, and serve some of the needs of our varsity teams.

This is the hope of Merritt Crockett, head librarian at UPEI, who also heads a university committee that represents UPEI's interest to PEI's host society for the 1991 Games. Mr. Crockett explained the funding of the games: All capital costs are shared equally by three parties: the federal government, the provincial government, and the host municipality. All operating costs are picked up by the federal government. Of the \$12 million that will be spent on new structures, \$7.5 million will go towards an arena in the city, while only \$4.5 million will end up on campus for the fieldhouse.

This amount falls short of earlier estimates. In 1980, prior to the announcement that PEI would host the games, Mr. Crockett chaired a committee that developed a plan for a fieldhouse complex at UPEI. This proposal was approved by the Maritime Higher Education Commission, and recommended by the Commission to the provincial government in 1983. The proposal called

for \$5.6 million to be spent on a renovated rink, a swimming pool, and a modular fieldhouse. The province did not act on the recommendation.

Work is being done in preparation even now. The host society and the university committee are currently selecting an architectural firm that will proceed to determine what can be built with the allotted \$4.5 million. This firm will then report to the university and accept input from it before presenting their proposal to the host society.

Providing everything goes smoothly, we could see changes as soon as next spring, with the construction to last approximately 18 months. So if you want any special proposals of your own to be considered (like a private whirlpool) or just want to know the facts behind the Games, talk to Mr. Crockett at the library and keep reading the GEM for further stories.

Elitist education: the debate

By Dolly Bhatia

Last Wednesday, October 28, the Debating Club's debate on "Resolve that Higher Education be Restricted to an Intellectual Elite" was a very entertaining and informative one.

Very convincing arguments and impressive debating styles were demonstrated by both sides. Representing the government side for the resolution was student Shelby Robbins, acting as Prime Minister and English professor Terry Pratt as the second government speaker.

They defined a higher education as a university education and proposed that a university education should be restricted only to those who are capable of contributing to an intellectual university atmosphere. These are the people that will contribute best in professions.

The other less intellectual people would benefit most by being educated in mechanical and technological areas. They felt that in order to prevent the slowing down of intellectuals by non-intellectuals, society should have admittance standards for university.

Representing the opposition against the resolution was Studies professor Gary Webster as Leader of the Opposition and student Bob Smith as first speaker. They asserted that to define the intellectual is impossible and gave examples of people who did not show the capacity for great intelligence (such as high school marks), yet succeeded in university and became great successes.

Also they argued that all people have a right to self-improvement. Restricting a university education to the so called "intellectual" would lead to an autocratic society as stated Professor Webster "These restriction go against the grain of freedom of democracy in Canada."

The judges, Vivian Huizenga, Debating Club President, David Milne and Bob Campbell had a very difficult time deciding the winner. But, finally chose the opposition of Professor Webster and Bob Smith as the winning team. The Debating Club wishes to thank the great number of people who turned out to watch and support the debaters and encourages new people to join the club or to come to the future debates.

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Students evicted for torturing cat

HALIFAX (CUP) - Two students at Saint Mary's University were evicted from residence after they allegedly shaved a seven-week-old kitten's fur off, painted it with correction fluid, drugged it, and threw it out a twelfth floor window to its death.

Charges have been laid against Steve Stokes, 18, and a minor who, due to the young offender's act, cannot be identified.

Cruelty to animals is punishable by a \$500 fine or a jail term not exceeding six months.

The kitten, obtained from a local pet shop, was discovered by SMU student Angela Penney last Wednesday.

day. She was studying in her fourth floor apartment when the kitten landed outside her window. Penney picked up the remains and disposed of them in a garbage bag.

Keith Hotchkiss, the university's director of student services, said the students were evicted Friday.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is investigating the incident.

This summer, two students from Dalhousie University were fined \$350 for unnecessary cruelty to a cat after a similar incident in December, 1986. The two were expelled from residence.

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