

Sports:

UPEI SPORTS SET FOR BANNER YEAR

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Another school year is already under way, and by extension, writing assignments, midterms, and literature reviews will soon follow. All these academic labours carry with them a certain degree of pressure and stress. But what better way is there to resolve those feelings than by actively sweating and burning calories?

Furthermore, we are the beneficiaries of a university sporting facility second to none in the Maritimes, why not take advantage of our good fortunes? The Fieldhouse literally has something for everyone; squash and racquetball courts, aerobic classes and a weight room, an indoor track and, yes, even gymnasiums (ooh, yah).

There are also many intramural fitness and recreation programs, lead by hard-working people who measure success only by our participation and enjoyment levels. The women's and men's intramural basketball leagues, for example, are about to begin, and volleyball will soon follow. Other sports soon to be represented in league play include: racquetball, squash, badminton, hockey, and ball hockey.

In addition to leagues, there are countless intramural tournaments and fun events. This coming weekend, for instance, we are having a co-ed softball tournament, followed by Mudbowl II next weekend-which is guaranteed to be the most exciting afternoon this autumn. But to find out about all the upcoming events, and to sign up for them, you will have to speak to someone at the Sports Centre front desk, or call Ron Annear at 566-0715. He will always find a way to help you out, and answer any questions regarding intramurals.

Intramural sports are also a great way to meet new people. In that respect, worrying about whether you have enough people to sign up a whole team is pointless; just sign up alone, or with a friend.

Turning our attention to the performance athletes sharing our campus, we find undefeated records in two of the four AUA Varsity teams that have already seen action this season. The UPEI Panthers women's field hockey team battled to a pair of scoreless draws against Saint Mary's Huskies in Halifax last weekend. Jill Arbing, a halfback converted to keeper, logged two shutouts for the Panthers, while Lori Creed was Saturday's player of the game. The UPEI rugby team fared even better this past weekend, sweeping UNB in a pair of home games. The UPEI first team won 17-5 with tries from Ian Johnston, Bill MacQueenin, and former Mount Allison football star Jeff Dand.

The men and women's AUA soccer teams have also kicked off their seasons. Despite a 1-4 record, the men are fielding a talented team which has lost some very close matches, all inflicted on the road. This team is young, starting up to ten rockies per game, and should get stronger as the season progresses. The Panthers' begin a five game home stand September 30 against the X-men at MacAdam field, and head coach Bruce Norton is confident that his team can still make the playoffs. The Lady Panthers soccer team has also struggled on the road with a 1-3 record so far this season. But expect a record which better reflects this teams ability with five straight home games on tap. The ladies also play Sept 30 at MacAdam field. Game time is 12:00 pm.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

The UPEI Women's Rugby team got their 1995 season off to a great start on Sept 16th. They played their first game of the season at home against UNB winning 10 to 3. The women are looking forward to a promising season with the return of many veteran players as well as numerous rookies. Two of the rookies (Colleen Peters and Sarah Evans) made a name for themselves when they scored the winning tries for the

home team. UPEI's MVP was veteran Shannon Gillis.

The team would like to say a special thanks to Shannon Gillis, Natalie Bulger, Tracy Malone and Marley Harris for all they've done for the team and wish them all the best as they leave us. UPEI Women's Rugby will be hosting their next home game on Sept. 30 when they play the Loyalists.



BY J. JONES

If UPEI awarded doctorates for watching TV, I admit that I would be a first-class student with high honours. I'm not addicted to TV, it's just that..... well, okay, I am addicted. So, with September being the traditional starting point for new TV shows (and the traditional ending point for a substantial amount of new shows), I figured I'd make an easy target of that so-called universal medium, prime-time television.

Without any more ado, here is my 'wish list,' or more often, my 'hate list,' of what I want to see on TV when I want intelligent entertainment (an oxymoron, I know).

I wish that *Entertainment Tonight*, *Extra*, and any other tabloid show were able to discuss a show/movie/video/book without using the words "hot," "sexy," or "glamorous." Note to John Tesh and co -- there are faults out there in Hollywood, and some of them are more obvious than the San Andreas.

I wish that *Full House*, *Brotherly Love*, and *Sister Sister* would do episodes about fratricide and sororicide. No personal grudges about the actors/actresses, I just happen to hate their "acting."

I wish that decent Canadian shows would complete a "full" season of programming instead of ending in late April. Some shows, like the *Royal Canadian Air Farce* and *This Hour has 22 Minutes* should be run for the full year with new episodes -- too much fodder is missed during the summer.

I really really wish (no, pray) for the demise of televised award shows. Too many awards, too much competition, too many losers. Soon there will be an award show for the best award show. Imagine..... "In the category 'Best Music Award', the nominees are: the Grammys, the American Music Awards, the Junos, the Soul Train Awards, the Canadian Music Video Awards, the MTV Video Awards, the Brit Awards," plus the half-dozen country awards. Enough already!

If only one of my wishes come true, I hope it is this one: true international news. Not American news. Not news from the United Kingdom. International news. I want to see how the economy is recovering in Mexico; the results of the last elections in

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Hong Kong; how South Africa is dealing with white separatists demanding their own homeland. I want news that is international, not news that affects popular places on the globe.

I wish (I know, I'm starting to sound like Skee-Lo) that networks would bring back the following shows: *The Critic* (made *The Simpsons* look tame), *Sliders* (so much could have been done!), *My So-Called Life* (the closest imitation of the *Degrassi* series to ever emerge from the US), and *Blossom* (yeah right!). I also wish that networks would ban cliff-hangers for season finales. *The Simpsons* "who shot Mr. Burns" caused more email arguments than you would believe possible.

And while on the subject of bans, please send a letter to ABC. State this very clearly on the envelope: TGIF wastes time that could be used to test the emergency broadcasting system. Enough time has already been wasted on this "idiot-training-session" time slot.

You might be saying to yourself "Ah, he's great as a critic, but what can he suggest?" Well, this is it: dark comedies. *The John Larroquette Show* is the target that many shows just can't seem to reach. Sure, there are other decent comedies (like *Frasier*, *Ellen*, and *Roseanne*), but none has even come close to the wonderful cynicism of John Hemingway. Some may mention *Murphy Brown*, but it's not quite the same type of nastiness.

For the record (as I'm certain I am going to be recorded in some way, shape or form), these are my preferred shows: *John Larroquette*, *Roseanne*, *The Simpsons*, (okay, anything with a sarcastic edge that says "bite me" in an attractive way), *ER*, *Frasier* (high-brow physical comedy), *Seinfeld* (way too many imitators though), the *X-Files* (creepy and thought-provoking) and of course *Friends*.

Anyway, here's a parting thought: what's the freakin' deal with those freakin' Muchmusic VJ's? Are they anything more than pretty wallpaper between videos, or what? Until next time, keep your eyes on the ground and your head in the clouds....