

# Our Girls Get it on!

## JOCK TALK

Our last week's column was sacrificed because of the lack of space due to the SUN's concentration on the Winter Carnival events. Inasmuch as it will never be read we have no hesitation in claiming it was a brilliant piece of English composition which analyzed intricate situations with amazing clarity, a great contrast with the hurried and hackneyed lines you usually find under the jock talk heading. Of course it did deal largely with the exciting basketball wins over nationally ranked St. F.X. and Dalhousie. We are certain you should regret that you'll never read it! We'd like to start this week off by congratulating David Crockett the winner of Ed Hilton's football pool... the only contestant to pick San Francisco as the eventual winner. We might also warn that we have a new formula and have every expectation of winning next year's pool. We will pick the winners in every game and then go through the schedule and mark our slip reversing our in every instance. Judging from our recent experience in a walk! Using the same formula our greatest competition will come from Securities' Bob Lafferty who picked Philadelphia this year!!

The two basketball teams played at home this weekend. On Friday night the girls reversed their usual formula and seemed flat in the first half as they trailed a taller and seemingly more energetic Red Bloomer team from UNB 42-31 at half time. However, during the rest period Coach George Morrison must have delivered an inspiring address as they returned to the court full of vim and vigor, took over control of the ball, caught their opponents at 55-55 with 8 minutes to go and went on to an amazing 73-62 win. It was the first time a UPEI women's team had beaten UNB. Cathy Chandler set a new

scoring mark for UPEI women as she caged 35 points. On Saturday and Sunday the University of Maine at Machias were able to offer little opposition as the Pantherettes, using mostly bench strength walked off with wins of 88-49 and 57-45. Colleen Rossiter was high for UPEI in both games with 23 and 12. They are at Mount A tonight (this is written on Tuesday) and will be at home to Acadia on Saturday afternoon at 1.00.

Coming off their two spectacular wins over X and Dal we expected the Panthers would take two from the visiting Red Raiders of UNB. Unfortunately for us "Nice-guy" Don Nelson and his crew did not follow the script and took a squeaker on Friday night 93-91 in the first game. With Chris Sumner running wild with 25 points we led by 7 at the half but the Red Raiders seemed to solve our play and quickly assumed the lead early in the second. We caught up again and the lead seesawed back and forth until the final second, when, with a throw-in, we trailed 93-91, the pass was to Billy Redmond and his long shot hit the back hoop and bounced the wrong way! It was a real heart-breaker. Chris Sumner was high for us with 33. On Saturday we played a different game, led 43-37 at the half, fought off a determined UNB drive which brought them to 77-75 and we went on to win 87-79. UNB, whom we must beat out to make the playoffs is now 5-4 while we are 3-4 but, with two games in hand our chances appear good as the tough part of our schedule is over and it would appear that two games with UNB in Fredericton on 19 and 20 February might well decide the issue. We'd like to comment that it may be small and it may have its defects but there is no place that can match our gym when it comes to watching basketball. Where else can a fan get such a

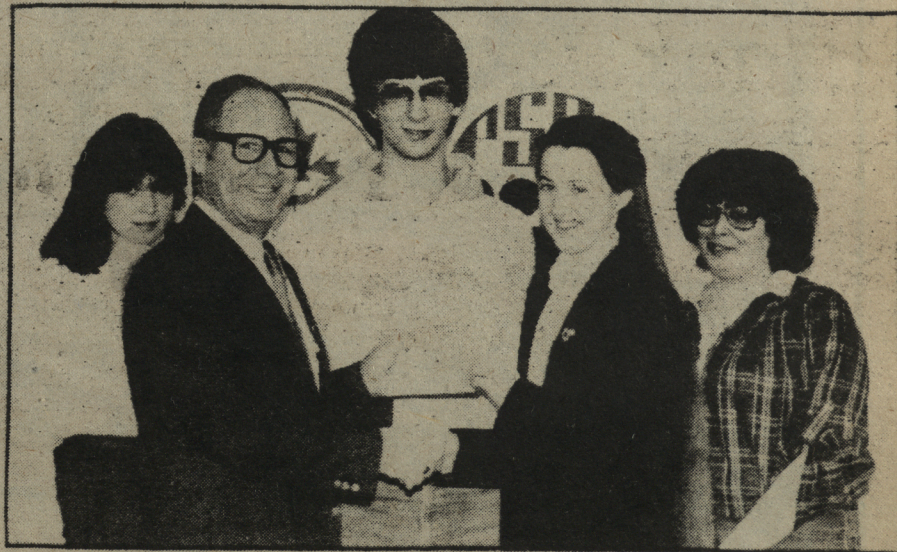
feeling of participation? Where else can you criticise a referee and see him blush? Where else can a fan get an inside knowledge of the home team's strategy by listening in on the low and whispered secret advice of Coach Nutbrown as he gives inspirational counsel to his charges? This is being written on Tuesday night and the boys are playing in Mount A. If they lose there should be a parliamentary investigation. Next home games will be against Acadia on Saturday at 3.00.

In volleyball our team travelled to Antigonish for two games with St. F.X. and lost both matches by 2-3 scores. This brings their seasons record to 2-4 in matches for 4 points. They travel again this weekend to Mount A. for another two matches. They are third in Section B of the league but still have an outside chance for the playoff spot.

In hockey our immediate chances are somewhat dimmed by the 6 game suspension handed out to Doug Currie for fighting in the St. Mary's game which was 2-1 for us when play was suspended for lack of eligible players. The league decision on this game

will not come until some time in February. We deplore fights in hockey and will always wonder why hockey players fight. We have NEVER heard of fighters wanting to play hockey!! This seems to be a season of unusual events in Panther hockey. Due to some sort of mismanagement (not ours) the team was unable to reach St. John's for two scheduled games over the weekend but arrived in time to play one. With the Panthers beefing up their scoring statistics as Norman Beck scored three, Terry McKenna two and singles going to John Butler, Brian O'Stroski, Callie MacPhail and Bob and Peter MacDonald the Panthers had an easy 10-1 win. We now learn that this has been ruled as a four point game and counts as two for Currie. We wonder will all the scorers get double credit?? The Panthers play in Moncton tomorrow and will be at home to Dalhousie and Mount A. this Saturday and Sunday. These will be two tough games which we MUST win. We trust that the festivities presently underway for the Winter Carnival will not deplete the fans energies and that they will be at the Forum to stomp and cheer... noise will help a lot!

## Awards Presented



Ed Gillis, President of the P.E.I. Public Service Association presents U.P.E.I. student Karen Whalen with one of seven \$500 bursaries awarded by the PSA to post-secondary students. Other U.P.E.I. students receiving bursaries were (back row, left to right): Linda Pineau and Mark Victor. Also assisting in the presentation ceremony was PSA Education Committee chairperson Ruth Smethurst (right).