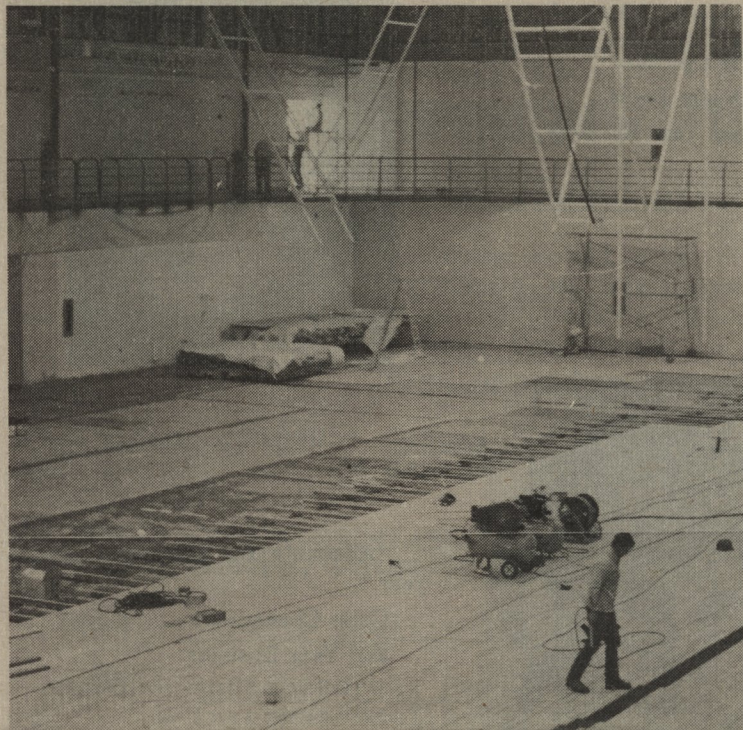


## Field House To Open On Schedule



Workmen scramble around on the gymnasium floor installing the special flooring. The hardwood floor will reduce the number of injuries players receive when they fall during a game. Hanging from above are the basketball nets, only two of the eight can be seen. Above the court is the jogging track. Photo by Sue Rigney.

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GEM Staff

THE \$6.6 MILLION UPEI Field House is on schedule and nearing completion "by the end of December", says a foreman. Opening of the Field House will be expected in February when the University's Athletic Association will be taking con-

trol of field house operations. Students at UPEI will have their voices heard in what happens with Intramural and Intercollegiate programs.

As previously stated earlier in the year, it is still undecided whether athletic fees will increase or not to help pay for the new building, but Ed Hilton does not believe that any new ath-

letic fee increase will be imposed. The athletic fee that full-time students pay every year gives students the chance to be more involved in the Intramural programs, other programs, the use of equipment, as well as other services.

The Field House will be put into use in the spring of next year until just before Christmas when the 1991 Winter Games will be coming to UPEI. The games will take place in January of 1991, during which time the UPEI campus will be shut down, and residents will be removed from their rooms.

Back in 1980, a committee was formed to decide on how we were going to improve on our sporting facilities and where it should be placed. It was decided that the university needed a renovated rink, a 6 lane 25 meter pool with one meter and three meter diving boards, a level entry wading pool, and a field house similar to that which is now being built. The proposal was presented to the Board of Governors and the committee was dissolved in 1981. The proposed project was forwarded to the Maritime Provincial Higher Education Committee who estimated the complex could be built at a cost of 5.6 million. However, PEI did not act on the need, and then when facilities were needed for the Canada Games in 1991, and with lobbying on the part of UPEI, we were able to secure our position as hosts for the games. Because there are no other facilities on PEI that meet the needs of the Canada Games, the whole university will become the Athlete's Village.

In the design of the complex, they were made to be flexible and efficient to fill the needs of the university community in general and competing athletes.

The Field House consists

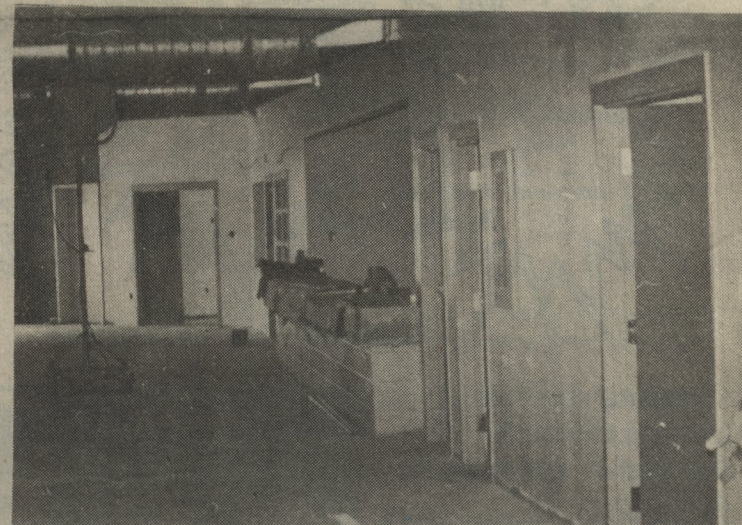
of two parts, the lower level is the recreational and fitness level. On this floor there will be the Control Centre, an exercise/aerobic room, whirlpool facilities, racquet courts for squash and racquetball, a weight room, training and fitness center, almost 300 lockers in the locker rooms for general students, athletes and officials and of course the main courts. Each locker room will be equipped with showers, saunas and hairdryers.

Bleachers will be available to accommodate 1500 spectators when games are played on the competition court. Top quality flooring will be used on the gym floor to reduce injuries. They are even planing ahead to make provisions for the surface to be able to be used to tennis. The new Field House

will be able to accommodate any sporting event except rifle shooting.

On the second level is the Track, this is how spectators will access the bleachers, without having to ever touch the court floor. Also on the second level are offices, work areas for the Athletics Department, a meeting room, canteen facilities and a classroom to seat 40 students. There will also be a viewing area for the racquetball and squash courts. The canteen will operate during games and will be run by Marriott Foods, although snack machines will be located throughout the building.

The inside of the Field House is nearly done, and it should be a much needed and appreciated facility at UPEI.



Canteen section in Field House near completion. In the background can be seen administration offices and elevator. Photo by Sue Rigney.

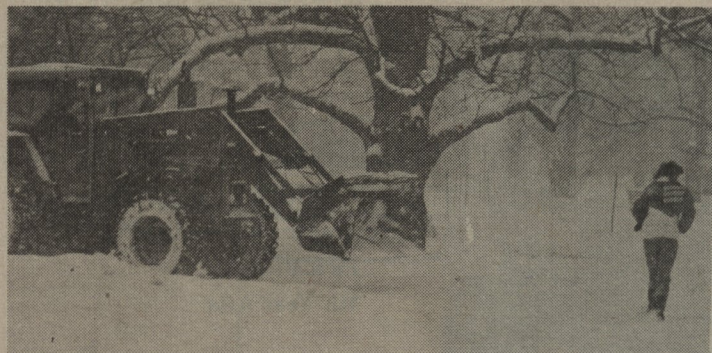
## VAX Facts for Hacks

Sparky "CPU intensive" Codebuncher

*The following article will outline some methods and procedures that will cut your disk space usage, and free up those precious sectors for important files.*

There has been a lot of concern lately over disk space usage on the VAX, and the restriction thereof imposed on the users, mainly the student population. The Disk Space Quota (DSQ) is set at 1000 blocks, and serious offenders have been notified by the Computer Centre to clean up their accounts. While this may seem like

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Students run for cover as Maintenance start cleaning the sidewalks around campus after a storm hits Charlottetown in mid-morning on Tuesday, causing class cancellations for the rest of the day. See page 7 for more storm pictures. Photo by Sue Rigney.