

1991 Winter Games

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The 1991 winter games are coming to UPEI and to accommodate 6.6 million dollar field house complex will be built on Campus. It is to be located on the north side of the rink extending lawn to the parking lot facing opposite the barn. The piggery will be torn down to make way for this construction. Our present alumni Gym in its entirety could fit into about one third of one of the three courts on the first level of the field house.

In 1980 a committee was formed to investigate a site and design for upgrading our sports facilities. The concept for it was a university and provincial resource for training teams. The committee concluded that we needed: a Renovated Rink, a 6 lane, 25 metre pool with one metre and three metre diving boards, a level entry wading pool for handicapped and learn-to-swim classes, and a field house similar to the one that we are getting now. The Steering committee recommended this three module complex to the Board of Governors with no guarantee of cost. The committee dis-

solved itself in 1981. The proposal was then forwarded to the Maritime Provincial Higher Education committee (who always oversees any of these expenditures) and they estimated the three module complex be built at a cost of 5.6 million. The province of PEI, however did not act. Then the need for facilities for the 1991 winter games came about.

Due to lobbying on the part of the University and a need for better facilities here, the university was able to host the 1991 winter games. Other possibilities were to renovate other existing facilities around PEI to hold the games. However, there really are no other facilities to meet the needs of the 1991 games. Thus the university will host gymnastics and badminton and the university itself will be the athletes' village.

Chairman of the Field House committee, Merriott Crockett, describes the plans being designed to build to be flexible and efficient to meet recreational and fitness needs of the university community as well as competitive needs of athletes. It is designed in such a way to equal three gymnasiums.

This would allow and four badminton courts for example in one area alone.

The Field House lower floor is the main access to the level. To pass through the complex you go through the complex to be someone on the right of the complex with 296 lockers and a social room. In each of the three gymnasiums, saunas, and hairdressing exercise/aerobic rooms. Individual exercise rooms are the training for physiotherapy. There will be the weight room all the latest toning equipment. Continuous glassed in squash courts, bath built to interlock place for viewing a

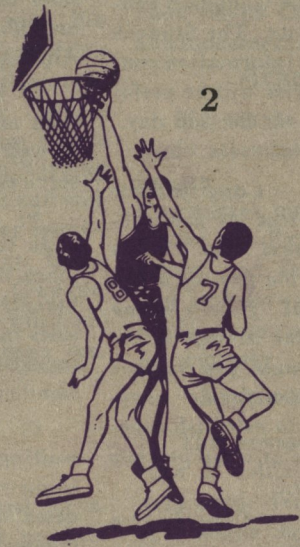
Along the three level are storage areas for 8 basketball backboards and 2 which accommodate games played on bleachers can pull down the games are played. The gym can be pulled down is open for anyone to be playing. Top quality three gym floor to Provisions for tennis. This requires a room that the ball will not. This complex can be an exception of rifle sports.

Access to the elevator is located by physical disadvantage up the stairs and can lead to the bleachers that they are not.

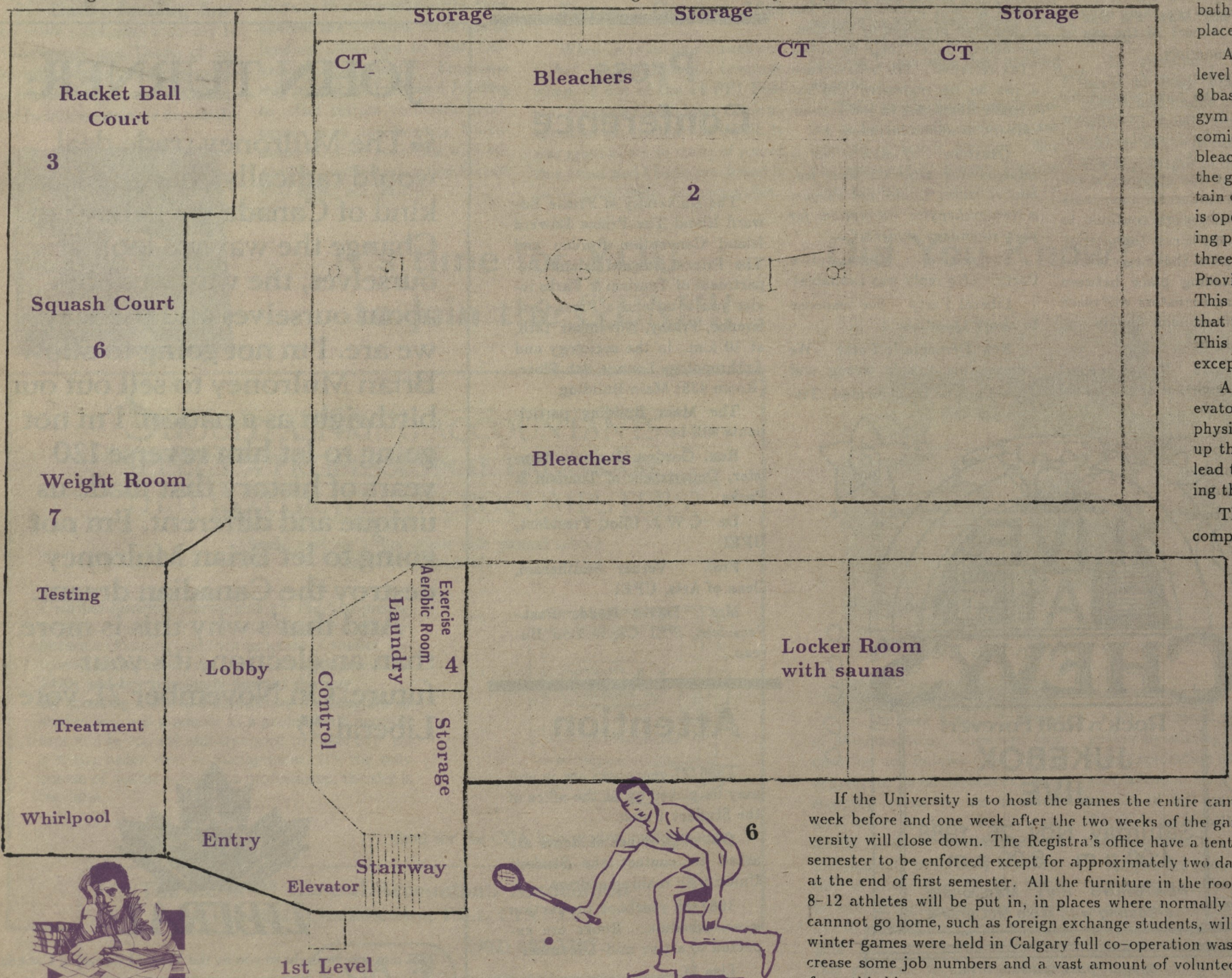
The track itself is a composite surface of



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If the University is to host the games the entire campus will be closed one week before and one week after the two weeks of the games is needed. The University will close down. The Registrar's office have a tentative time table for the semester to be enforced except for approximately two days. Students will be at the end of first semester. All the furniture in the rooms will be moved. 8-12 athletes will be put in, in places where normally only 4 students cannot go home, such as foreign exchange students, will be billeted for the winter games were held in Calgary full co-operation was received from the province. Increase some job numbers and a vast amount of volunteers will be needed from this big event.