

# SPORTS

by Darrel Cole



## Soccer Panthers

The theme for this year's UPEI Soccer Panthers is youth. The average age for this year's team is 20 years of age, three years younger than last year's squad. This indicates that there is a lot of experience gone from last year's team. Gone are veteran stars Alan Spink, who played soccer this past summer with Ottawa of the Canadian Soccer League, Glen Smiley, and goalkeeper Trent Hayes. In fact there up to twelve people missing from last year's team which was upset in the AUAA Playoffs by St. Mary's.

This year's squad consists of many first year players. A couple of upcoming stars are Paulo Lombardi, a midfielder from Montreal, and Scott Ferrell, also a midfielder from Moncton. However don't jump to conclusions that this year's team will be a flop as a number of key veterans

are returning. Such veterans include team leader Richard-Pierre Giles, Mike Blanchard, etc...

When asked his feelings on how the Panthers will do this year Coach Andy Cameron was very optimistic even though the team has lost a few quality players. Coach Cameron told me at an interview last Thursday afternoon that they will take the season one game at a time and shoot to make the playoffs where anything can happen. Coach Cameron admitted that there will be mistakes, but he said, "we will learn from them." Janos Barna, a second year player and Business Student, also seemed very optimistic about the season and accepted the challenge that this year will be much tougher for the Panthers to win back their AUAA Soccer Crown.

The Panthers

main competition for the playoffs this year in their division will be The University Of New Brunswick Red Raiders and The Memorial Beothuks of Newfoundland. These two teams have lost very few players from last year when they won the AUAA Championship in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. The rivalry should continue this year between these two teams. In the other division which consists of Nova Scotia teams, Acadia University Axemen, and The St. Mary's Huskies will have to be watched while powerhouse St. F.X., like UPEI has lost the majority of their team.

It's going to be an exciting year for our Soccer Panthers, and I would like to wish them luck. The Panthers will be looking for your support out there on the field game in and game out. See Ya at MacAdam Field!

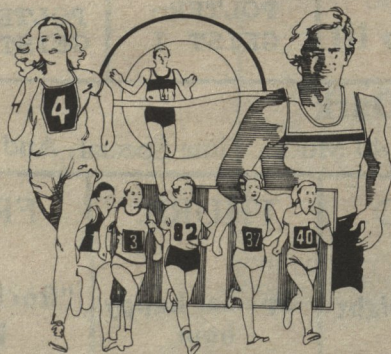
## New focus for physical activity on campus

"Participation" is the focus of the new Fitness, Intramural, and Recreation program here at UPEI. The program is being planned so that students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of fitness, recreation, and intramural activities. Built into the program will be the option of selecting recreation/pick up activities in place of or in conjunction with scheduled competitive activities. The events will be scheduled at various times of the day so that students can build programs that meet their needs, interests, and timetables.

Equipment for pick up activities such as basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, or softball can be signed out with a valid student card from the Athletic Department or Control Room in the Gymnasium.

### Equipment Hours:

Mon-Fri	8:30am - 4:00pm	Main Office Gym
Mon-Thurs	4:00pm - 8:00pm	Control Room Gym
Fri	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Control Room Gym
Sat	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Control Room Gym
Sun	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Control Room Gym
	6:30pm - 9:30pm	Control Room Gym



## Student Medical Plan 1987/88

Upon registration all full time students automatically become members of the Student Medical Plan and are charged \$50.00. If you are already covered by a medical plan you may withdraw from the Student Medical Plan.

Immediately after registration you may pick up your refund at the Student Union Office located on the first floor of the Student Union Building. You will need your 1987/88 Student Card or receipt from the University and proof of another medical plan. If you are receiving a student loan do not wait until the loan has been processed before applying for the Student Medical plan rebate.

Student Medical Plan cards will be available November 1987 in the Student Union Office. If you purchase a prescription before November, hold the receipt until your card arrives then mail the receipt for a refund.

**Student Medical Plan rebates are only available until Sept. 18, 1987.**