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Panther fans can look forward to the coming weekend with great interest as the two basketball teams face old rivals in our gym while the hockey Panthers travel to Halifax and Antigonish for two most crucial games. We might point out that radio station CIMN "The friendly voice of the U.P.E.I. campus ...700 on your dial" will be carrying both hockey games. We don't know if their potential listening audience can be extended to the far reaches of the gym but it might be worth a try at the interval between games or halves of basketball. We prophecy that the noise & excitement of the actual game time would make listening impossible but it is worth a try and we would suggest to the powers-that-be in the radio station that they advise the gym officials how the games are going at appropriate times.

In men's basketball, Coach Nutbrown takes his Axemen here for the first time since he abandoned us for the more verdant fields of the Arropolis Valley. We like and respect Dave & we think most on campus share our sentiments towards him. These feelings of course seem to increase our desire to beat him! We wish him every success with his new team..... except when they PLAY THE PANTHERS! We expect Guy Mac Isaac, a former Panther, will be on the Acadia team. Due to injury, he didn't play for us last year although he was a student here but, due to the transfer rules, former Panthers Chris Sumner and Skeeter Mower are not eligible until next year. The Axemen have had indifferent success so far this season with a 3-7 record but, in

all games, they have been competitive and we expect that Dave will do his utmost to beat out his former charges. Sporting a 5-2 record the Panthers are in third place behind St. F.X. & St. Marys. Because of irregular scheduling the standings in the A.U.A.A. are this year determined by percentages. Once again the national rankings seem screwy & we are really puzzled! St.F.X. leading the league with .777 are ranked third. St. Marys with .727 is in second place in the A.U.A.A. but is not ranked. Dal., 4th in the A.U.A.A. with .625 is 7th! It would seem that if we could win two this weekend, we should make the select list. That honour after 15th of Feb. will entitle any player to mail a letter to any place in Canada for 32¢. In their only game in the past week, the Panthers had an easy time rolling over the winless Mounties in Sackville by a 106-86 score. Curtis Brown lead our team with 24 while Tejan Alleyne chipped in 17. After this weekend, we will face a rather difficult schedule with "away" games at St. F.X. and S.M.U. on the 12th and 13th; Dal. and Acadia on the 25th & 26th. In between we'll have the all important series against UNB (the team we must play off for the play-off spot) on the 18th and 19th. Mount A. will be here on the 22nd We'll repeat our advise to all Panther fans that they should reserve 4 & 5th of March for the A.U.A.A. play offs in Halifax. Curtis Brown has promised us that the Panthers will be there and he has never lied to us yet! The Lady Panthers found the weekend going pretty tough as they dropped a pair on their mainland road trip. On Friday night Dal. played superbly as they overwhelmed our team 72-34.

Why do expatriate Islanders always shift their peak against us? Sue Betts led our scorers. On Saturday it was closer but we lost to Acadia. It was close for the first half as Acadia led 41-40 but we weakened under the Axettes pressure in the closing moments & we lost 78-66. Sue Betts led our team with 25 while Dora Enman had 14. With a 3-7 record the Lady Panthers are not enjoying as successful year as was hoped but it should be remembered that their leading scorer Coleen Rossitar has been sidelined for the season by an injury and that two veterans players decided at the last moment to go elsewhere. Were it not for these unfortunate incidents we think the team would be in contention for top spot. Fortunately new players have responded well to the challenge. We hope the players will be encouraged by the large crowd that we anticipate will be on hand when they play Acadia on Saturday at 6:00 and at 1:00 on Sunday when second place Dal. will provide the opposition. Most fan will stay for the men's games which will follow.

Unfortunately Coach Donna Sears Volleyball team does not enjoy a very high profile on campus athletics & we were pleased to read Bob Gray's complimentary column in a recent Guardian which gave great praise to the play of all-star Jeanna MacKinnon. We must confess that we are not very enthusiastic over this game(We can't follow everything!) but we feel we should remark that we have a great admiration for teams or players who with little or no credit or attention still persist in their efforts to bring credit to the university. They are just as much a U.P.E.I. as the more popular hockey and basketball teams that get all the publicity. This week they dropped three to the Memorial

Beothuks, 15-5, 15-7, 15-8. Wait till next year!

In hockey, the situation is growing desperate but there are still some rays of hope. Last week just after we went to press we learned that we dropped a most important game to Mount A. The team we MUST beat out if we have a chance at the play-off spot by a 7-4 after falling behind 5-1 in the first period. We fought back to a 4-5 score early in the third only to have the Mounties get 2 later on. All games left on the schedule can be classified as "must" ones. During the coming week we have "Away" games against Dal., St.F.X. and Moncton. Over the weekend we looked very good in two exhibition games against the Charlottetown Islanders, Intermediate "A" Champions. We won the first game 8-5 on Saturday night as the young Panthers turned on the heat with 4 in the 3rd period. The second game we lost 4-3 but, nevertheless, won the city title 11-9. We might note that 8 of our 11 goals were scored while we had a manpower advantage which would indicate that our power play is in high gear. In the first game, Dave Reid, who gets little opportunity to show his skill performed well as he faced 31 shots. In the second, Avelino Gomez was called upon for 34. We won a cup indicative of the city title & defenceman Jeff Lantz was chosen as our outstanding player. We feel we should apologize to Avelino because in our haste last week we referred to him as Alfredo...so very sorry Avelino... we don't think Alfredo would be worth a damn in our nets while we have a very high regard for your abilities!

Standings 31 Jan. 83

Hockey						
	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Dal	16	3	0	117	56	32
Mon	14	1	1	122	49	29
SMU	10	7	1	80	62	21
MtA	8	8	2	85	90	18
UNB	8	11	0	76	98	16
UPI	7	10	1	77	83	15
Ac	6	9	2	77	94	14
SFX	5	11	2	61	88	12
STU	2	15	1	73	149	5

Women's Basketball						
	W	L	F	A	Pts	
UNB	9	0	712	467	18	
Dal	8	7	1	550	371	
14 SFX	5	2	431	349	10	
SMU	5	5	667	607	10	
MUN	5	5	510	617	10	
UPI	3	7	532	657	6	
ACA	2	6	398	453	4	
MtA	0	10	446	725	0	

Basketball						
	W	L	F	A	Pts	
StFX	7	2	782	687	777	
SMU	8	3	791	714	727	
UPI	5	2	603	546	714	
Dal	5	3	651	599	625	
UNB	4	5	708	656	444	
ACA	3	7	678	758	300	
MtA	0	9	681	934	000	