

Panthers Bow Out of AUS Championship Early

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Reporter

The championship aspirations of the UPEI Panthers ended abruptly Friday night as the tournament hosts lost 59-42 to the Saint Mary's Huskies in the quarterfinals of the AUS women's basketball championship at UPEI. Sherelle Carvery, with 14 points, was the player of the game for the Huskies, who would go on to lose to Cape Breton in Sunday's championship game. Alise Brown poured in 16 for the visitors.

The Panthers got the short end of the stick in an extremely low-scoring first half which saw the Huskies lead 24-13 at halftime. Carvery paced Saint Mary's with nine points in the half, and that was all her team would need to advance to the semifinals.

UPEI began the second half slightly better, but the closest the host

team could get was a 38-32 deficit with 11 minutes remaining. Lindsay Coade led UPEI with 11 points, while rookie Jenna Kaye added nine, Melissa-Ann Campbell had eight and Katie Andrews chipped in seven.

In addition to the efforts of Carvery and Brown, the Huskies got secondary production from AUS rookie of the year Kelsey Daley (10 points) and North Wiltshire native Laura MacPherson, who scored all of her nine points in the second half.

MacPherson led the Huskies with nine rebounds, while Coade also had nine for the Panthers.

The loss marked the end of the collegiate line for Andrews, of New Glasgow, and for Katherine Walters and Lindsey Coade, both of Charlottetown.

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in the worst-case scenario, the loss of a semester.

Student Union President Ryan Gallant has been expressing the growing worry of the student body to both the Faculty Association and Administration.

"Obviously we're concerned that any work stoppage would disrupt people's terms," said Gallant. "Our other concern is the long term effects would be for students in terms of tuition increases."

The Student Union has taken a neutral position on this issue, while keeping students informed. "We want to make sure students get all the information." Updates will be posted in the Student Union website, www.upeisu.com.

Lori Wakelin, President of MAPUS, also had a chance to voice the concerns of mature and part-time students with the Administration.

"The immediate concern is for graduating students with the possibility of a strike and how that can be possibly be prevented," said Wakelin. "The long term outlook is that we want to have a quality education and if it means dishing out a bit more money, then I'm up for that."

"I am hopeful and I firmly expect that this will be resolved by negotiation and it's the only way it should be resolved," MacLauchlan said, while also addressing concerns of students that they may lose a semester. "There's no precedent in Canada for an academic semester to be lost due to an academic labour disruption and it would certainly be our intention to make every possible

effort for that not to be the case here; to not be the first."

Faculty members around campus were wary to discuss the dispute last week. Some members of the faculty admitted that this is mainly because they knew little more than what was on the website. Annie Spears, Chair of the Economics' Department did discuss the issue though. She said that although she personally wouldn't want a strike, she has been hearing people discuss the possibility seriously. "Some people are very keen on pursuing [strike action]."

Both the Faculty Association and administration are hoping to avoid any disruption of classes. Peters reminds students that the Faculty Association isn't trying to hurt students; it's trying to bring about a resolution to the issue. "The members are going to do everything they can to get the term finished, but the employers are part of this too."

Peters adds one thing for student to take into consideration: "what do you want your degree to mean 20 years from now? Do you want it to be a degree from a school that people recognize as a school that competes with the best of them? Or do you want it coming from a school that's recognized as a second rate school that hasn't put what's needed on the line to recruit and retain the best people?"

He described the next few weeks as a possible "short term pain, long term gain."

For further information, students are encouraged to visit the Faculty Association website, www.upeifa.org, and the Administration website, www.upei.ca.

Student Refugee Program Fundraiser

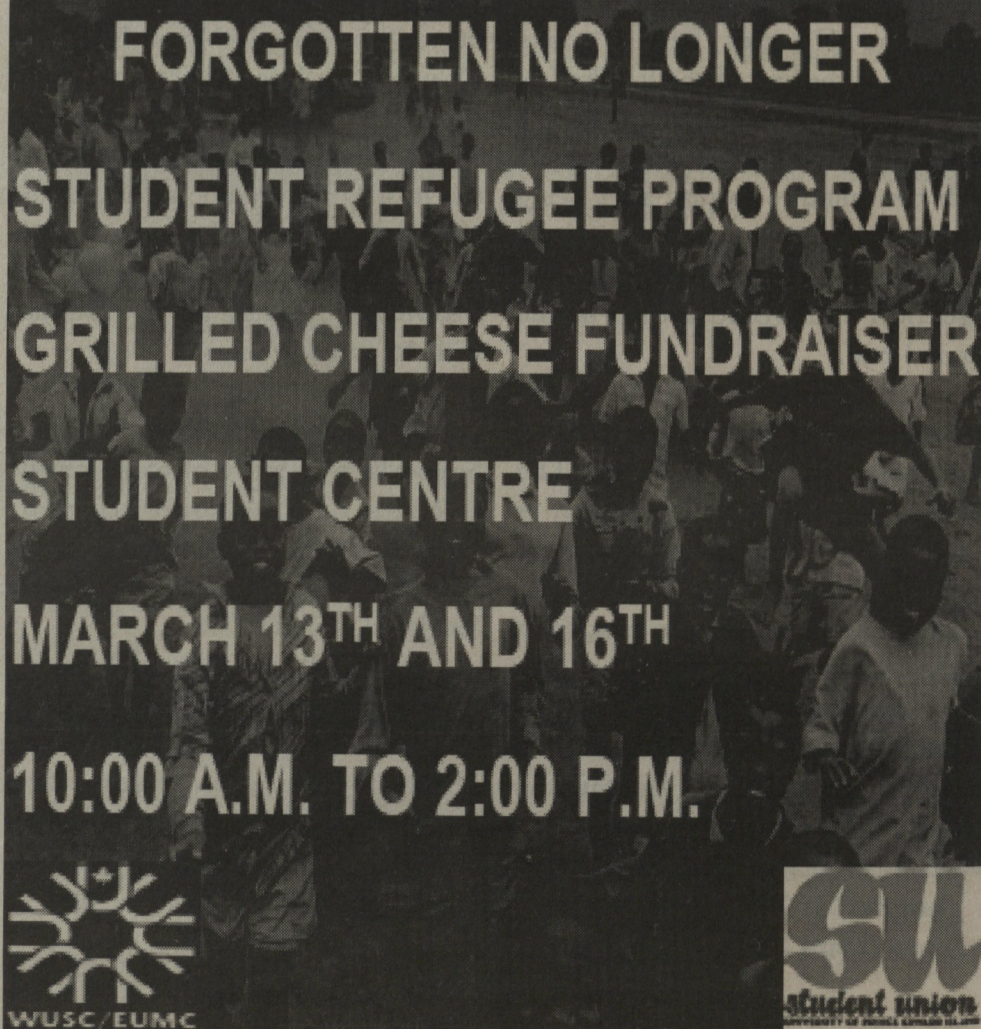
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This year, the local World University Service of Canada (WUSC) committee will be sponsoring a refugee who will commence classes in September 2006. WUSC is a non-governmental organization committed to fostering human development with active programs in South America, Africa, and Asia, focusing on poverty alleviation, delivering clean water and sanitation, strengthening civil society, and promoting education. In addition, WUSC's domestic services, like the Student Refugee Program (SRP), are implemented through an extensive network of over fifty post-secondary establishments. Today, the SRP facilitates the settlement of approximately forty-five refugees each year from such countries as Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Rwanda, and Burma. Since the SRP was created, over 850 refugees have pursued post-secondary studies in Canada. The primary responsibility of a sponsoring committee is to fully fund the students first twelve months in Canada. Local committees raise these funds through a combination of securing tuition and residence waivers, implementing student levies, and obtaining private donations.

In the past, the SRP has been an integral part of UPEI society, and individuals including former student refugee Ruth Mathiang added a unique perspective to such academic

issues as human rights, political systems, modernization, and international law. Ms. Mathiang was born in Sudan and during her tumultuous times in the war-ravaged country, her pastor father was imprisoned repeatedly for his political beliefs. After years of living in persecution, the Mathiang family fled to Kenya and was forced to live in a refugee camp. While in Kenya, Ms. Mathiang (one of approximately one thousand annual SRP applicants) was selected by WUSC to begin studying in Canada. In 2001, Ms. Mathiang was chosen to commence classes at UPEI. In the summer of 2004, I distinctly remember being in the Conflict and Humanitarian Emergencies course when she lectured on the social, economic, and political conditions in Sudan.

The local WUSC chapter in collaboration with the Student Union, the Business Society, the Political Studies Society, and the Education Society would like to invite all UPEI students, faculty, and staff to come out and show their support for the SRP by purchasing grilled cheese sandwiches (for \$2.00) on March 13th and 16th in the Student Centre between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. In addition, the local WUSC committee will be distributing SRP information. Thank you for reading this piece, and I look forward to seeing everyone.



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