

# Dead fish in barrels and other beautiful things

Anyone fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to rip open a fish for a biology course may have wondered exactly what happens to those fine aquatic beasts once they are through being poked and prodded. Well, the answer might surprise you. Contrary to popular belief, they are not sent to Captain Highliner, but rather, they are placed in large barrels-- and sometimes Rubbermaid garbage containers-- for storage. Storage for what? Those of us enrolled in Arts and Business may not be able to fully appreciate the value of these deceased fish. Could it be for sentimental reasons, or could it be that there's really no place to put them? Enquiring minds want to know. Now these fish obviously have to be stored in a formaldehyde solution, known as formalin, to preserve them. The last time I cut open a frog, I noticed a slight...odour. And, I don't think you could easily mistake this odour for Calvin Klein's Obsession. In fact, I think formalin has a smell all its own. So, seeing as these dead preserved fish stink so much, call me crazy, but I would assume that you would want to keep these barrels of dead fish away from people. There's one more point worth noting as well: some people are allergic to formalin and can have a nasty reaction when they come in contact with it. So, with this in mind, one would definitely assume that you would want to keep these precious buckets of fish far away from the general public.

However, this isn't what has happened. For beneath the first floor of the old Alumni gymnasium, in a room normally used for audio/visual equipment storage, are approximately fifty containers filled with all kinds of former aquatic life, including wolf fish, flat fish, cod, lamprey, bullfrogs, and as an added bonus to you at no extra charge, fetal pigs. There was even a couple of ominous-looking containers simply labelled "liquid", whatever that means.

When I first entered this room, the smell was overwhelming. My mind was immediately flooded with childhood memories of family picnics. My eighteen brothers and sisters would be huddled around a camp fire, waiting eagerly for dinner as we watched Grandma stirring a huge kettle of boiling garbage. In other words, it smelled bad. From what I have gathered from nose-witness accounts, there was only a mild smell outside of the room on the day the fish were discovered. That was on Monday, the thirteenth of February. I went to see the fishies on Thursday the sixteenth and the formalin could be

smelled at the top of the stairs. Pretty soon, the whole gym will smell of preserved dead things. Furthermore, the room where these dead things are stored in is also a furnace room, making it stiflingly hot, and thus speeding up the evaporation process. On the door to this room there is no indication of what lies beyond, and, of the two doors leading into the room, only one of them is locked all of the time. In addition to that, the door at the top of the stairs is almost always unlocked. Add all of this to the fact that the room has absolutely no ventilation, and you have a really pleasant scenario.

Here is where the unanswered questions start. What are these dead things doing in this room? Where did they come from? One can only assume they arrived from Duffy shortly after the fire, but everything is repaired now: why aren't they back? Who put these things there? Why was this site chosen? Surely a more appropriate storage facility could be found. And lastly, why do we keep dead fish? These fish were supposed to be incinerated. I could understand having a few barrels kicking around, but FIFTY? These fish should have been disposed of. I'd like to send a plea out to all the maintenance people who may have some knowledge about this to please do something to take these beautiful creatures of the sea and onward to their eternal resting place-- outside Alumni Gym.

-- By Sean Steele

## A workhorse on and off the court UPEI's Angela MacIntyre

By Scott MacDonald

Ah, summertime. The perfect opportunity for university students to improve their game, work at a summer job to pay off student loans, and relax by doing various leisure activities. What better way to spend time than by playing golf, going swimming, or raising horse? That's right, raising horses.

Angela MacIntyre of the University of Prince Edward Island's Lady Panthers basketball team raises Belgian show horses with her father in her off season. She currently has ten horses, and they take care of and eventually sell them. MacIntyre is a third year Business student who starts up front for the Panthers, who finished second in the AUAA with a 14-6 record one game back of the front running Dal Tigers.

Angela, from Savage Harbour, PEI, grew up on a farm and has been around horses for as long as she can remember. "I've been working with horses and going to shows on PEI and in the Maritimes since I was six or seven years old. The shows are nice, you keep in touch with the same people every year, and all your life," she remembers.

Basketball takes up a lot of her schedule and she finds it difficult to be with her horses for a long duration. "Being around the horses takes a lot of time (out of your schedule). I try to spend at least three to four hours a week with them, but it's hard as I have too many commitments," she says. Basketball and raising horses are more similar than one would think at first; the two demand a great deal of time and effort, and one becomes close to the teammates and animals that one works with. "Both require (you to spend) a lot of time. You're committed to a team, and you get close to them (the horses) like they're teammates. The horses become like a pet, which is what they are."

If horses were her first love, basketball has quickly become her second. While most of her Panther teammates can boast lengthy careers playing basketball, Angela only began

playing in grade nine. Unlike teammates Eireann Rigby and Charlene Woolaver who both went to Fredericton High, which has 3,000 students, Angela went to Morell Regional High, a school with approximately 300. Playing for Morell, she was twice named a provincial All-Star, and played at the 1993 Canada Games and the Junior National tournament.



During her freshman year, Angela played Junior Varsity, but believes that she probably learned the most from her experience at the Summer Games. During her sophomore year, she not only made the Varsity Panthers, but was an integral part of the team, being thrust into the starting lineup.

"I was put in a situation where I started right away. That gave me a lot more confidence than other first year players. The players (at the university level) were so much faster, their speed was a big thing (to get used to). Players are stronger and a lot more intense," she says.

The 1993-94 team was going through a rebuilding campaign, but head coach Tracey MacEachern found a build-

ing block for the future with the play and rapid improvement that Angela showed throughout the year.

From the outset of this season, the Lady Panthers have shown improvement from last year, as they have proved to be one of the top teams in the AUAA. Angela spent the majority of this season among the league leaders in both field goal percentage and rebounding, taking advantage of her athletic ability, and a variety of face up and back to the basket moves. She has probably the best jumping skills on the team.

Besides her work on the boards, Angela is known for having a cool demeanour on the court, and has excellent defensive skills according to team captain, Hillary Watson.

"One thing about Angela is her calmness; she doesn't get hyper in games. She's very soft-spoken. You can tell her things on the court and it doesn't faze her, she chalks it up to a learning experience."

She's one of our twin towers. With her and Kara (Saunders) inside, they (opposing posts) can't bring the ball inside as they'll swat everything. If there was a blocked shot stat in the AUAA, she would lead it. She gets about three a game," Watson says.

Chemistry is one of the most important aspects to winning basketball, and MacIntyre says this team is rich in that area. "The attitude of the team is a lot better than last year. Everyone on the team is close. I've never been on a team where everyone got along so well, there's a lot of team support and good attitudes."

Going into this past weekend's AUAA playoffs in Halifax, the Lady Panthers hope to rely on that cohesiveness to win them an AUAA title, and their second in the past three years. A lot of the load will have been placed on the shoulders of Angela, and her front line teammates Kara Saunders (who hasn't played since dislocating her knee-cap in early January), Woolaver, and Watson. Watson was named an AUAA second team All-Star in Halifax this past weekend, as she led the Panthers in scoring and rebounding and set a conference record with 63 steals in a season, shattering the previous mark of 48.

-- Angela MacIntyre is #9, located fourth woman from the left in the picture.