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Panther Pride

by Lorne Caborn

A call to all Panther supporters has been issued as the fundraising for our mascot continues. While the Panther will remain the official mascot, a new costume must be purchased, as the old one has become slightly worn out. To help cover the cost of the new outfit, a pub night will be held with proceeds going to this cause. A good time is sure to be had by all with Lugnuts and Wishbone providing the entertainment for this "gala" event. With prizes and liquid specials galore, this wet pub is not something to be missed. Saturday November 4 will go down in Panther history as the day the mascot was saved. Tickets are only five bucks and are rapidly selling out, even as you read this. The doors will be opening at 8:00 pm so make sure you get there early, you don't want to miss a second of the excitement. Remember, when people ask where you were the night the mascot was saved, you can say, "I was helping save it!"

Important Weekend for UPEI Soccer

by Lorne Caborn

The weekend of October 20th to the 22nd proved to be an important one for the Panther soccer clubs. The men kept their playoff hunt alive with a crucial tie against Mt. Allison while the women secured a spot in the post-season with a win and a tie.

On a day seniors will remember as their last at MacAdam field, rookie Brodie McMurrer stepped up, leaving hopes for a promising future for men's soccer. The science student capped off a strong second half, scoring two goals to produce a 2-all tie against the Mounties. The second goal came with just eight minutes remaining in the game, giving the Panthers a record of 3-4-4 and fifth place in the standings. One game remains for the Panthers and the outcome will more than likely determine whether or not they make league playoffs.

The women's squad also had a strong weekend as they finished the season undefeated at home with a 1-1 tie against Mt. Allison and a 1-0 shutout against the Moncton Blue Eagles. On Saturday fans were witness to some fast-paced soccer as Lori-Ann Howard scored early in the first half. The Mounties' Marina Sampson scored the goal for the visitors. In the second match, defense was the story for the Panthers with Stephanie MacEachern scoring the only goal of the game. With a record of 4-3-3 and one game remaining the Lady Panthers could finish as high as third and no worse than sixth.

Playoffs for both sides start on November 3 at the home of the first place teams.

Women's Rugby

by Jennifer Griffen

October 21st proved to be a disappointing day for the UPEI women's rugby team. After a hard-fought game against Mt. Allison, UPEI came out on the bottom with a score of 22-5. Pam Paynter scored the sole try for the home team. UPEI now stands second in the league with a record of 3-3-0 and 69 points.

On October 28th UPEI hosted Mt. Allison in the semi-finals. Thanks to everyone who showed up for their support!



Lady Panthers In Action Hockey Team Gets Booster Club

Photo by Lorne Caborn

by Amy Gallan

A booster club has been organized for this year's UPEI Panthers hockey team. There were booster clubs for hockey in years past, but they were never very successful. This year's club hopes to change this pattern.

The club was organized by Debbie Brown to help increase spirit for hockey fans, and also for the university in general. Because the hockey games are now held at the Civic Centre, the number of fans attending the games has decreased. To help nip this trend in the bud the booster club has arranged for free transportation from the Student Union Building to the games and back. The funds were raised for this by selling buttons for a draw at \$2.00 each. The draw will be held November 17 for the \$1000.00 worth of prizes. The booster club is also hoping to raise enough money to allow them to attend away games with the team.

On Thursday, October 12, the booster club had a "meet-and-greet" at the cafeteria with the hockey players. This was to help the booster club members know who they are cheering for at the games. The meet-and-greet went very well.

Booster club membership is open to everyone who wishes to join, regardless of age -- not just university students. The club encourages everyone to show school spirit in supporting the team, by volunteering, or attending the Panthers hockey games.

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