

# Mickey's mixed bag

## JOCK TALK

by Mickey Place

We are pleased to welcome back those students who are returning to campus and we hope they enjoyed the summer. We'll also extend greetings to those who come here for the first time and hope they'll soon become Panther Rooters although we'll warn them there'll be ups and downs, natural to a small university competing with larger ones. We'll also advise them that the "Ups" give one much pleasure. Perhaps we are in the same situation as the lad who like to hit himself on the head with a hammer.. it felt so good when he stopped!

Last year we started off many columns with a won/lost statement on the fortunes of Panther teams in the interval since the previous issue. At times it wasn't too good. It, therefore, gives us much pleasure to report that UPEI sports started off in a pleasing way as the Lady Panthers topped les dames U. de Moncton (bilingual yet!!!) 1-0. Year before last the girls went winless and scoreless, we made excuses that they were mostly freshmen. Last year they improved a bit, winning one and tying a couple, so we gave small credit because they were mostly sophmores. This year we expect great things from them as, hopefully, there are a lot of Juniors on the team! Many GOOD players are returning and there are a lot of promising recruits. During the summer, Carolyn Drake, Marlene Costain, and Mary Morrison (Last year's MVP and "Athlete of the Year") played on the PEI Summer Games Team while Libby Baldwin (who scored the goal against Moncton) was on the N.B. squad. All are back with us as well as several others and they will be bolstered by several high school players with good experience. The team will play in the same section as UNB, Moncton, and Mount A. with home and home games between them and single with the members of the N.S./Nfld section. Next home games will be this weekend against St. F.X. and Memorial. We

received some criticism from an outside source last year for the way in which we referred to the players so we'll pick an expression from Coach Mullally's vocabulary and say "Come on Guys!"

Soccer has never really caught on as a spectator sport here at UPEI although we are told it is watched by more fans than any other sport on the globe. We believe that our team this year will be the best we have ever had and hope that the students will turn out to show their appreciation. Andy Cameron, who spent last year with the Canadian National Junior Team, is back along with two of his last year's teammates. Two of last year's all-stars, Al Stewart and Tom Hogan are also expected to be in the lineup.

Although the team finished at the tail end last season with a 1-7-2 record it should be noted that several of the games went the wrong way by one point margins and quite possibly, had they been encouraged by the same enthusiastic vocal support that was once accorded a losing football team some of the results might have been different. Mount Allison will open the season here on the 23rd and we trust a goodly number of students will be on hand to give support.

In basketball there is good and bad news. Have you heard of the chap who, coming out of an anaesthetic after an amputation, was told there was good and bad news for him and which would he like first? He decided on the bad. "We made a mistake" he was told "We took off the wrong leg!" So it is with our basketball fortunes. We'll give you the bad first. Billy Redmond, last year's MVP and "Athlete of the Year" will not be back! Now the good news. The crop of hopefuls for this year's team is really outstanding. There are several players with superlative records coming from outside points and will join the six who are returning to give, hopefully, a most enter-

taining year. Coach Nutbrown is optimistic and enthused but cautions us that many on his team will be making the Big jump from high school to university ball and there is a Big difference. Dave says that, as usual, we'll be shorter than most teams in the conference But he says we will not be outquicken (that word is an intriguing one of his) by any college team in Canada! Dave has high hopes for a good year but believes that he'll have a REALLY good team if he can hold his players at UPEI for a couple more years. Tryouts for the basketball team will be held in the gym on Monday and Tuesday of next week at 3:30 p.m. Any student who is interested in playing is more than welcome. The first scheduled home game will be against the U of Maine (Machias) on October 30 and the first league game here will be against St. F.X. on November 27.

In hockey we learn that the dry-land practice started last night with about 30-35 turning out. We haven't been able to waylay Jack Hynes for information since last June when he told us he had a lot of prospects coming in so we'll leave off UPEI hockey to a later date. While on the subject of hockey we'd like to comment that we enjoyed most of the Canada Cup games although some things in recent times have turned us off professional sport. We are unable to regard the result of the final game as a disaster as we do not equate success in sport with national honor. We think that on Sunday night the best hockey players that Canada could produce were beaten 8-1 by a very good team from the Soviet Union. The game was closer than the score indicates but scoring is the object of the game. Amen.

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On Thursday, Sept. 24th, from 2-4 p.m. the Annual Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic will be held at the UPEI Barn. The quota will be 150 units. But don't stop here - let's try to beat the quota this year! And, maybe you can will some money for your class! The class - Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior - donating the most blood will receive \$50.00 This can be used for your Senior week, or whatever your class desires. So, support your class and save a life that's precious. Please Give!

see you in the barn -  
**THURS. Sept. 24, 2-4 p.m.**