

RIGHT outta LEFT FIELD

by J. Jones

This week: Scattershot remains of not-quite-fully-developed ideas

Due to circumstances beyond my control (ie. term papers, surprise tests, and lack of attention span), this will be a purposely eclectic column. Basically, it's a bunch of ideas that have been running through my head that are just too short to expand into full-length columns, and too good to let them slip away without an audience.

First topic: poetry. Sorry, I just don't get it. It might be a mark of my ignorance, but I just don't like poetry. Even as an English major, I don't like it. I try to, I really do, but I just don't like when I have to think when I'm reading something that is only a few lines long. There are only a few types of people who like poetry in my opinion: those who write poetry, those who teach poetry, and those who write Hallmark cards.

Music -- could somebody please explain the concept of 'alternative' to me? I always thought that alternative music meant music that is not popular. So, in that case, since the Smashing Pumpkins have the top-selling CD, does that make them pop, not alternative? Maybe the powers that be should invent a new name for alternative in order to create less confusion for those who try to stick to original definitions. I'll throw my hat in the ring and offer "crunk." That way, if you say you like crunk music, I won't be left wondering exactly what the definition of that type of music is. Maybe music-moguls should just start a dialect of their own, with definitions to suit their own needs. Then again, do we really need labels for different types of music?

Birthdays. I'm approaching a significant numerical age soon, and I'm getting pretty philosophical about aging. When you start seeing people that you've grown alongside of suddenly move away, get fabulous jobs in far-off parts of the world, and otherwise are just better of than you are, it makes you feel pretty insignificant. Moreso,

when you realise that you're not getting any younger, and the more you think about it, the more you are dreading high-school reunions that haven't happened yet.

The weather -- it just wouldn't be a local paper without someone mentioning the weather, would it? For some ungodly reason, this doesn't seem like fall to me. Sure, the leaves are being raked into piles (and the assignments are piling up), but it just isn't fall yet. This bugs me because I can't get into hockey when it doesn't seem like fall. It must be some recessive Canadian gene of some sort, but hockey in October or November (not to mention April, May, June and July) just isn't 'right.' Hockey to me should be played (and especially watched) when the snow has fallen, not when there is a 'slight risk of a few flurries.' Hockey and snow are indivisible to me: without one there is no other.

That just about wraps it up for my 'random thoughts' column of the week. Someday, you know, I going to steal a decent tagline and stick with it, but until then, uh, uh, um, you know. Don't die.

by Lorne Caborn

The UPEI men's and women's soccer teams finished a strong season with a pair of semi-final defeats on the weekend of November 3-5. After capturing quarter-final wins, both sides suffered shut-out losses to the Dalhousie Tigers and the Acadia Axettes, respectively.

On Friday the Lady Panthers pounded the UNB Varsity Reds 4-1 as the Panther's offense bared its claws. Susan Wylie had an outstanding performance, netting three goals in the process of being named player of the game. Sara Driscoll scored the other goal for the fifth-seeded victors, pushing them forward to Saturday's game against top seeded Acadia. Defence was the story for the Panthers all year, but neither that nor the Lady Panther offense could get going against the high-powered Axettes. Showing why they deserved the number one spot, the Axettes

UPEI Soccer Teams Finish Strong

dominated the UPEI squad on route to a 5-0 victory. The team still wasn't finished for the weekend, though, as Sara Driscoll and Stella Teoli garnered spots on the All-Star team.

The men's side also posted a quarter-final win as the sixth-seeded Panthers knocked off number three-seed Acadia in a 1-0 shut-out. Brodie McMurrer kept his torrid scoring pace going as he netted the winner nine minutes into overtime. Robbie Mosher posted the shut-out which propelled the team into Saturday's game against the regular season champion Dalhousie Tigers. This time the Panthers were on the losing side of the shut-out as the eventual AUAA champions posted a 4-0 victory. Glen Miller was the only Panther to make the All-Star squad.

With strong finishes on both sides, UPEI is looking forward to next season with the Panthers hopeful for another good soccer season.

Face-Off

by Yvonne MacKean

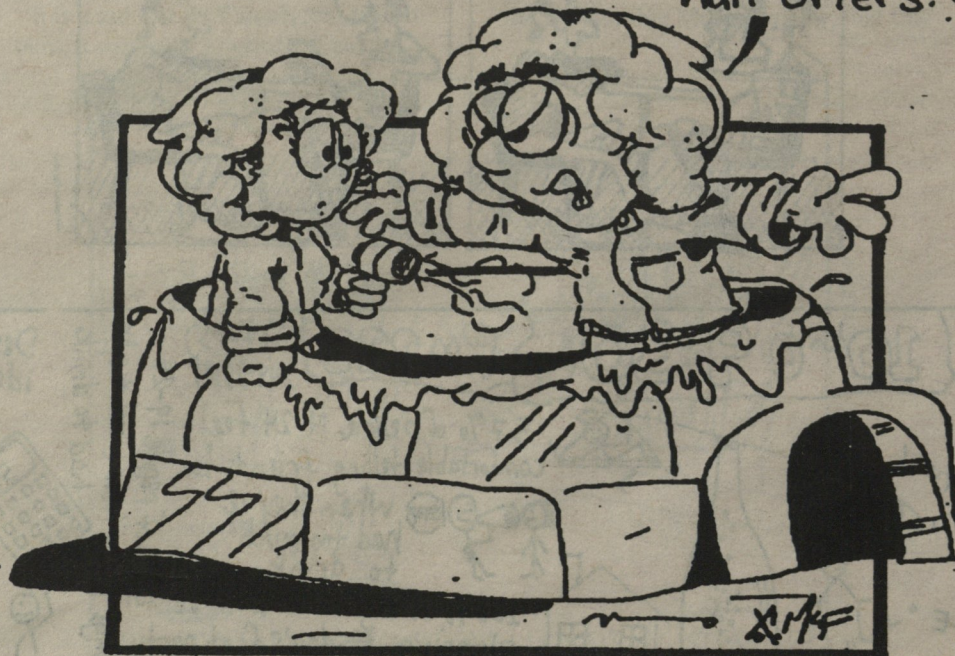
On Saturday November 4, the St. Mary's Huskies rolled into the Civic Center to battle the Panthers in AUAA hockey action.

The Panthers gave up the first goal to MacCabe of the Huskies. However, a goal by Colin Wilson, assisted by Skilliter and Sproul, tied the game. The Panthers went up 2-1 on a goal by Forbes MacPherson, assisted by Cory Power.

The second period saw the Panthers pad their lead. John Nelson scored the third goal with assists going to White and Kowan. KJ White got the Panthers fourth goal, assisted by Nelson and Walker. The second St. Mary's goal was scored by MacCabe.

The third period saw SMU come back to life. Several unnecessary penalties gave the Huskies the opportunity they needed. The Huskies scored three unanswered goals by MacCallion, Coffin, and Redmond. In spite of a valiant effort in the last two minutes of the game, the Panthers were unable to score and lost 5-4 to the Huskies.

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