



Womens' sports at UPEI:

Is there a future?

The Athletic Committee Task Force's report is almost ready folks! I, and hopefully many of you, would like to know what the group discovered about women's sports here at UPEI and what changes they would like to see made.

Apathy has been a major obstacle in the making of the reports. The group's chair, Doris MacPhee, explained that the meetings held in September (remember?) got a very poor response in terms of numbers. "The feedback from those who attended, however," says Doris, "was very good."

Overall, the project was described as a qualified success. The task force members had a hard time getting together for the meetings. Also the report was due in October. The group chair, however, says that the recommendations are really good. "If some-

body decides to implement them, there will be an improvement in the whole sports scene at UPEI."

The basic content of the rough copy of the report was described as follows:

What is the present status of women's sports at UPEI?

— The women's intramural program is virtually non-existent. Participation has gone down over the last few years.

— Participation for inter-collegiate teams has remained equal.

Note: Men's and women's sports were not compared by the task force. Doris explained that the group felt there was no conflict between the two. The men's teams get more money, but they also bring in more money, support and participation.

What does the task force recommend?

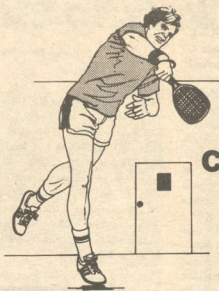
Note: These suggestions still had to be approved by some of the task force members at the time of this interview.

— Do not eliminate the existing women's teams. Basketball should be maintained. Field Hockey and Volleyball need more financial and moral support. The training facilities should also be improved.

— For new teams, such as lady's soccer, the support should be tested first by implementing them on a club basis.

— A new intramural program needs to be devised, with the possibility of separate supervision for it. (At present, the program is supervised by the hockey coach.)

The report will go to the Athletics Council, who will then hold a meeting to discuss its recommendations. The council may then make policy recommendations to the various university bodies, depending on what aspects of the university their suggestions affect.



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