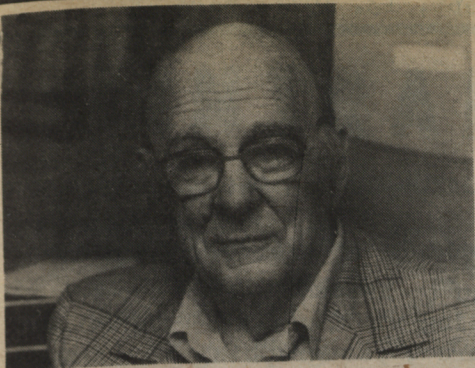


PROMISES OF A GOOD SEASON



JOCK TALK

To the newcomers to our campus we'll tender a special greeting and trust that, beginning Saturday, they'll become Panther Rooters for life...which we'll hope is a long, long time. To the returnees we'll also give welcome and hope that all had a rewarding and pleasant vacation. As for ourselves, we now go about preaching to all and sundry..."When running downstairs, always, always, always hold on to the bannister" As you observe a pitiable character limping about you can see the possible penalty for not following our advice. We will hasten to add, however, if you do insist on breaking an ankle the best place to do it is in Charlottetown, preferably just outside the Security Office in Main. We cannot give too much praise for the considerate manner in which we were treated there as well as in the subsequent time in hospital and, presently, from those wonderful people in the Rehab Centre!

To turn to sports, and with no past games to comment upon, we'll just have to speculate on upcoming events with emphasis on those in the immediate future.

In FOOTBALL, it would seem that the new coach Doug Crossman, an All Conference All Star in his bygone days as a Defensive Back for UPEI, faces many problems which, hopefully, are not insoluble. In addition to getting used to his new role of filling the shoes of capable, long-time boss Ed Hilton, Doug must find replacements for the gaps left by the departure of such performers as All-Canadian Mike Lyriotokis, Mati Kolga, Dan Desjardins, Gary Kennedy, Dave Kennedy, Dave Connaughton, Mike Kennedy, Frank Costa as well as several others who for personal reasons (such as marks) have defected to spectator roles.

Assistant coaches Grant Canvin, Gerry Edge, George Cole, Tommy Corcoran and Jack Myron are working their charges very hard and we have been assured that the 1979 team will have a winning record. Holdovers from last year's 4-3 team include Q.B. Rick Kiraly, an excellent runner (to whom we look for a great year inasmuch as he will now have the benefit of additional coaching from the distaff side) Conference All Star Socky MacDonald, John Paul (not the Pope) MacIntyre, Jim McInnis, Neil Connaughton, Terry Palmer, Jim Revell, Scott Thompson, Carl Adams, Dave Bryant and Vernon Pahl. If we have left off any greats or near-greats, please, no behemoths in front of our desk on Friday morning with an aggrieved "Why did you leave me out?" as we made the list from a not-too-good memory. Of course, we'll also have the very talented Ossie D'Ippolito whose educated toe gave us many points and frequently took us out of trouble last year.



How the boys will stack up against mainland opposition will be indicated pretty well this Saturday when St. F.X. - fresh from a 13-9 victory over always powerful Saint Mary's, invade MacAdam Field for our first home game. We hope a large crowd will be there to chant the old familiar "Beat X...Beat X.. Beat X...." as they cheer the Panthers on. Only two other football games at home this year - Mount A. on 29 Sept. and U.N.B. on

13 October. The Panthers visit Saint Mary's on 22 Sept., Acadia on 6 Oct., Mount A. on 20 Oct. and close out their schedule on 27 Oct. in U.N.B.

We are told that SOCCER is the world's greatest spectator sport but, unfortunately, it has not achieved the interest here that its supporters think it deserves. Coach



Mulligan, usually voluble, was reluctant to make an optimistic forecast inasmuch as his team faces rebuilding and will be composed mainly of freshmen and sophomores. He claims he'll have a GOOD team in a couple of years but would only forecast that that, in 1979, he'll have 11 men on the field. We

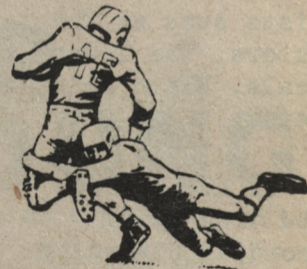
hope he is right for we enjoy soccer and admire the players who certainly use their heads a great deal more than participants in any other sport that we know of. They open against Mount A. on Friday.

In FIELD HOCKEY, Coach Barb Mullaly (who, by the way, we'll congratulate for winning a T.K.O. over a local scribe in the early summer) has nine players returning from last year headed by all star defencewoman Sandy Drysdale and bolstered by two experienced Seniors, Brigid Connolly and Shelly Pepler as well as the two 1978 "Rookies of the Year" Andre Campbell and Mary

Morrison. In practise, goalie Marie Bradley is looking strong after her good rookie season with a 1.8 "goals against" average. With several other holdovers from last year, experience should be a big help and

the players are optimistic about making a playoff position. First game of the season will be this Friday at 4:00 against defending champions, the U.N.B. Redsticks.

We'd like to end off by remarking we regret that we missed seeing former basketball coach Mr. Birger when he visited the Island this summer. We have always thought George is a real nice fellow...and we still do, As a matter of fact we now consider he may be too nice as his visit here seems to have resembled the second visit of the Pied Piper to Hamlin Town. While we like you, George, please, please do not come to our shores too often...couldn't we meet on the Mainland???



Beat X...Beat X...Beat X...

FOOTBALL PUB.....

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Saturday Afternoon

in the Panther Lounge

2:30 - 6:30

Please bring I.D.