



Sports News

Eight is Enough Athletic Director search delayed again

An opinion piece by Scott MacDonald

Eight months: that's roughly how long it takes to finish a school year, to create a human life, and to find an athletic director. Yes, it was eight months ago that a search committee was assembled to select a permanent Athletic Director for UPEI; however, the Board of Governors has seemingly decided to ignore the committee's work and reject their recommendation.

Though this remains unconfirmed, many believe the committee had decided to award the full-time job to current Athletic

scene at UPEI grow a great deal in both intramural and community areas.

Mullaly was gracious when interviewed, but declined comment when asked what reason there could be to reject her: "I'll just have to put my head down and keep working," she says. There's nothing I can do about it."

While Mullaly cannot comment officially, the delay in finding a new AD seems absolute rubbish. Mullaly is reportedly favoured by the committee and by current UPEI president C.W.J. Eliot, but most importantly,

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Director Barb Mullaly. After all, Mullaly has four years experience and would appear to be ideally suited for the job. Unfortunately, the Board doesn't seem to want her-- which raises the question: why?

After all, the committee was assembled for the express purpose of finding a 'new' athletic director. For months they have interviewed candidates and weighed the evidence to decide who will be the best possible choice. The search committee purportedly backed Mullaly, who has long worked for the university as either AD or as the director for other university fitness and intramurals programs. She was the clear front-runner for the job, why was she turned down? She has run the university program for the past four years both smoothly and gracefully, dealing with any problems in stride. She has seen the athletic

she is favoured by UPEI students.

In fact, one student was quite upset about the situation: "It stinks. She's worked really hard here for the past four years, for all of us, and she may not get her job back because of a few stuffed shirts on the Board [of Governors] who are treating this job competition as nothing more than a popularity contest. Or on the influence of a few people outside the university community, these are the same guys who hike up our student fees year after year. I guess this shows they really don't care about the welfare of the community."

Whether Mullaly gets the AD job or not, she will still have a job on campus-- her previous position, in charge of other athletic programs. The sad fact is that the university has succeeded in alienating someone who works hard for them.

We would be very interested to know how the student population feels about the manner in which the job search for Athletic Director is being conducted. Please, feel free to express your opinion in the X-Press. Submissions must be handed in to our office (room 06 Main) by Friday at 9:00 a.m..

Letter to the Sports Editor OOPS

I noticed that there was a bit of false advertising in last week's edition of the X-press. In the sports segment a hockey game was scheduled for October 12th but was not actually held. The sports centre knew nothing of this game, nor did the workers at the Civic Centre. I was very disappointed to say the least. At seven o'clock

I loaded up my car with avid Panther hockey fans. Fifteen minutes later we arrived at the rink. To our dismay the only thing to be seen were little girls taking their figure skating lessons. I think next time the game dates and times should be double-checked.

-- A very disappointed sports fan

Sports Notes

Correction: My apologies to anyone who believed that the SMU-UPEI hockey game was to be played on Wednesday when it was actually on Saturday night. The schedule of games that I had (which I picked up at the Field House) listed the game as being played on that date. I was not aware of the change until after the article was already in the paper. If you're unsure of game times, check the *Guardian* or go to the Field House and pick up a pocket program which lists the schedules for all four winter teams. Again, sorry for any mixup. Also, this schedule should not be read by pregnant women, children under four, or people with asthma, nor should you stare directly into it.

***The men's hockey team does indeed play their home opener for the regular season on Saturday October 22nd, at 7:00 at the Civic Centre. Check at the Fieldhouse for possible pre-game activities, but in any event, head out and support them since they look to be the best unit we've put on the ice in several years.

***Men's basketball plays in a pre-season tournament at UNB the weekend of the 22nd as well.

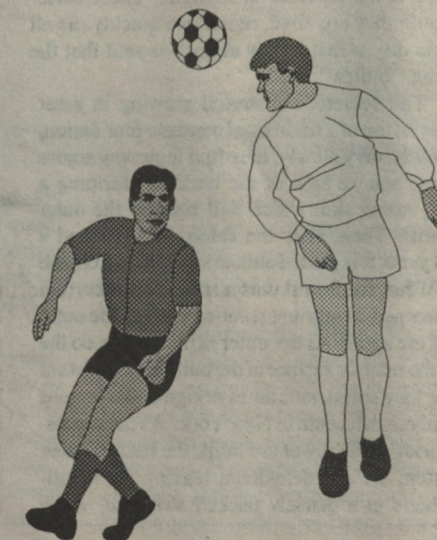
***The Lady Panther's basketball team gets an

early season exhibition game against St. Thomas in Fredericton the weekend of the 22nd also.

***Field Hockey team plays in UNB on both the 22nd and 23rd.

*** Men's soccer team plays at home against UNB on the 22nd at 2:00 p.m..

***Ladies' soccer team plays against Mt. Allison on the 23rd in Sackville.



Sports Trivia

- 1) What is the only team to score 158 points in a regulation NBA game and lose?
- 2) Who was the first woman to race in the Indianapolis 500?
- 3) What was the uniform number of Yankees great Mickey Mantle?
- 4) What are the two Nordic skiing events?
- 5) Who's the only pitcher to start for both leagues in baseball's all-star game?

- 6) Who did the Seven Mules block for?
- 7) What four tournaments make up golf's Grand Slam?
- 8) What Yankee catcher was killed in a plane crash on August 2, 1979?
- 9) Who holds the NFL record for most touchdowns in a season?
- 10) How long does a 15 round boxing match take?

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