

Sports facility still a complex question

By Jill Warburton

A renewed proposal for a new Sports Complex at U.P.E.I. goes before the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission later this month says U.P.E.I. Athletic Director Ed Hilton.

In 1982, M.P.H.E.C. recommended that the provincial government fund an on-campus complex at a cost of \$7.5 million. The government decided then to postpone reconstruction.

The plans on which the 1982 estimates were based are being used to re-evaluate the cost at 1984 levels. A proposal including these updated costs is presently being prepared and will be presented to the M.P.H.E.C., which is likely to recommend the plans to the P.E.I. government.

The Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs, George McMahon, was unavailable for comment, but the director of Youth and Fitness, Dr. Dave Boswell, made the official comment "no comment".

He said he does not know that a proposal was ever made to government or that

it was put on hold or turned down.

Boswell admitted there has been some talk of a new athletic facility for the 1991 Canada Games and that he is on "an internal government committee looking at ways and means."

He said there is paper flow between the levels of government but that a complex is still very much in the "embryonic stages".

Boswell hopes he should be able to provide some answers in six months to a year.

Leone Bagnall, the Minister of Education, commented only that the subject has not been discussed in Cabinet in the past couple of months but that it was looked at on several occasions in the past with no policy decision being made.

The complex is being delayed by lack of funds. Hilton says if the P.E.I. Government were to construct a facility now, it would be paid for 100% by the province, with the possibility of university-organized fund-raising.

However, were the university to wait until P.E.I. hosts

the 1991 Canada Games (when the province is likely to require a more complete facility that it has now), the funding would be split between the three levels of government.

If U.P.E.I. was chosen as the site for the Canada Games, the federal, provincial, and municipal governments would each pay one third of the initial cost.

Ed Hilton says he doesn't want to wait that long for a

new complex, and hopes that construction could begin as early as 1985.

He notes that the Alumni Gym has already been condemned, and even if our basketball teams were to finish first we could not hold the playoffs here. Hilton says the city of Charlottetown has been very cooperative about U.P.E.I. using the Forum, but thinks a suitable on-campus rink would promote more enthusiastic student

support.

The increased opportunity for fitness, recreation, and intramurals, as well as for the Panther teams, would create a sense of campus spirit which is not evident now, Hilton believes.

The Island community as a whole would be drawn closer to the university because the public would also use the facility. It would probably be used for provincial games and selection, training,

and competition of our provincial teams.

Hilton sums up his feelings with: "I don't know why U.P.E.I. students haven't been raising hell over these athletic facilities."

If the plans were approved, students would have nothing to complain about. The blueprints call for renovation of the existing rink (to include enlarging the stands), and for office space and a field house

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Diamond speaks at brain banquet

Learning how to deal with anxiety and make responsible choices will mean "a stronger sense of self" and more freedom, Dr. Beverly Diamond, UPEI's 1976 Governor-General's Gold Medal winner and PhD in Mathematics from the University of Manitoba told UPEI students

Thursday night.

Diamond was the guest speaker at the fifth annual Academic Awards and Honours Dinner in the UPEI cafeteria.

Slightly less than the 199 students who were named to the Dean's List last year attended the banquet, of

which Dean of Science Ivan Dowling was the Master of Ceremonies.

Diamond said the thing she remembers most about her undergraduate years at UPEI was the warmth of the faculty, the way professors cared about students and the quality of education.

"That's not true of every university," she said.

In speaking of life choices, Diamond said students face more of them all together at this point in their lives. She mentioned the increased number of choices available to women today and the tension of choosing majors, courses, and friends.

Insecurity along geographical, political, economic and educational lines obscures the clarity of choices, says Diamond.

The following students were awarded prizes:

Andrew Humphrey, Ch'town
Colby Lewis, York
Heather MacNevin, Sherwood
Blaine Bernard, St. Louis
Deanna Dykeman, York
Rhonda Matters, Ch'town
John Orr, Mayfield
Shirley MacLeod, Uigg
Willard Burke, Ch'town
Tony Lai, Ch'town
Christopher Leary, Borden
Angele Hache, St. Chrystostome
Robert Kelley, West Royalty
Kamal Gupta, Sherwood
David Condon, Appin Road
Maureen McKenna, Ch'town
Kevin MacIntyre, Mt. Stewart
Kimberly Jones,

Burtts Corner, NB
Michael Vriend, Covehead
Gordon MacDonald, Bothwell



Dean's List students enjoy a well-deserved meal at the Academic Awards and Honours Dinner Thursday night. (Photo: Ross)

McCarville now Women's Coordinator

By Michael Zinck

This year's Student Council has incorporated the portfolio of Women's Council Coordinator for the first time.

It is not the most visible of roles, yet it encompasses 50 percent of UPEI's student population. This makes it clearly the most representative of portfolios a UPEI Student Council Representative can hold.

Mary McCarville is not holding the portfolio so much as trying to nurse it back to health. In the peak of condition last fall after its founding work by Ronald Murphy, the issue quickly fell into a state of near coma by last Christmas.

Mary's role as women's council coordinator is to coordinate activities that will inform and make aware to women and the student population as a whole, issues such as pornography, sexual assault, job opportunities or the role of Anderson House in the community.

The concerns of women at UPEI are important, and for Mary the real job is to keep the interest in the issues high, so as to ensure that women become involved in the problems and take a part in solving them.

Becoming a volunteer is one way Mary sees for you to develop understanding and

awareness. By being involved you are assisting yourself and others to be better informed about what is happening.

Mary is also arranging a visit to UPEI by the Women's Employment Coordinator of Canada Manpower for the end of October. She has written the head of the National Women's Commission to say there is an interested representative at UPEI.

Mary recognizes the value of having the position of Women's Council Coordinator incorporated into the Student Council agenda. This gives it a political backing, and the weight of council helps to ensure that it will not soon die of disinterest.

But finally, it is the concerned interest of Mary McCarville and others like her, who believe that these issues are real and need to be addressed directly, which will ensure not only the survival, but the strengthening of the position of Women's Council Coordinator.

And that, coupled with the students' support, is the only way solutions to the problems will be found.

Otherwise Mary's role as Women's Council Coordinator will end up becoming a token women's position, and it seems there are enough of those around already.

U of C women's centre "laughed at"

CALGARY (CUP) — University of Calgary students trying to organize a women's centre face "complete opposition" in their fight against pornography and inadequate campus security.

"We were laughed at," says Jenny Irving-Halladay, an organizing committee member. She says her group is ignored by student council, student services and faculty heads, all who refused to give them space or funding.

"The student union also recommended we call ourselves a club," she says. Clubs may receive some office space and are eligible

for a small grant.

The organizing committee has temporary office space in the social welfare student lounge, plans to lobby for tighter campus security and fight pornography on campus.

"It is useful to have a temporary room to prove we are useful and have viable issues to work on a continuing basis," says committee member Anette Cerafitzky.

Deirdre Wall, student union executive and women's committee member, says the group is targeting the en-

gineering students' annual Lady Godiva ride and pornography at the university bookstore.

She says each year the engineers parade a naked woman on a horse through the campus in mock imitation of the famous Lady Godiva ride for the suffragist movement at the turn of the century.

"I want porn off campus," she says. She points to a poster advertising a recent fraternity party on campus depicting a naked woman being chased by a man on horseback carrying a whip as

another example of violence against women.

Although the group has met with some co-operation from students, committee member Pat Stanley says she also gets comments such as "What's the matter, you got a Freudian problem here?"

Plans for a new women's centre at one other campus has also been delayed. The University of Saskatchewan student union, which shut down its women's directorate last October, has not yet decided how to replace the services it eliminated.