

JOCK TALK - off to Antigonish

by Mickey Place

When friends learned that I was planning to go to Antigonish & Halifax on a student "Fan Van" they said I was either insane or the bravest man in Charlotte-town.

As time kept passing on the trip and neither disaster nor discomfort had been experienced, I kept thinking of the man who thought he could fly and jumped from the top of the Empire State Building.

As he plummeted past the tenth floor he said to himself, "They said I was crazy, but I'm doing o.k. so far!

I am happy to say, however, that it was the most pleasant trip.

Blast-off time was an atrocious 6:30 A.M. on Saturday, and five vans made the trip ... 75 people.

Many others went in private cars but we think they missed a lot of un.

We were on the 8:30 crossing and made Antigonish in plenty of time to visit the well-stocked shopping centre before the game with S.M.U.

As the players were being introduced, the Panthermaniacs made a most impressive entrance rolling down from the heights overlooking the stadium.

They and the players received a tumultuous ovation and pandemonium reigned throughout the contest.

We don't know if there were any S.M.U. rooters present but they certainly didn't make themselves heard.

Nobody seemed too concerned when the first half ended scoreless but the crowd went wild when Don Mac Kenzie and Doug Blain scored in the second session.

The only untoward incident of the contest came in the Final moments when a S.M.U. player received a red penalty card for knocking our goalie Jean Francois Painchaud flat.

Our ladies heaped scorn on the offender, designating him as a portion of the anatomy most personal and intimate. Perhaps they were right.

It was then back to the vans and on to Halifax. It is now something of a fad to give cars a name and we think ours should have been called "Calamity Jane" for, just this side of Truro, after being treated royally with a fillup of gas and oil she refused to budge.

Enterprising Les Smith contacted the leasor and we were eventually supplied with two replacement cars.

We then proceeded to the elegant Chateau Halifax and then to the Dalplex, for

Hockey, arriving just as the first period ended.

Our boys beat the Dal Tigers 6-3 in a game that did not seem that close. We seemed to be playing four or five to their six throughout.

At the same time, the play was NOT dirty but extremely close close called and we suspect that we are watched very closely.

Returning to the hotel, we were caught in a most amazing Mardi Gras celebration as literally thousands crammed the streets and downtown section, clogging traffic. They were well behaved and just having real fun.

On Lower Barrington Street we were approached by a well-dressed young lady who questioned us in a dulcet tone, "Would you like to have nice company for the evening, Dearie?" We assured her that, as we had come to Halifax with a group, there was no chance we would be lonesome. But wasn't she hospitable?

Having arisen at 5:30 A.M., a night's sleep seemed most attractive and so to bed we were, however, quartered with three Panthermaniacs. Ours must have been regarded as a hospitality suite, as the traffic seemed like Times Square on New Year's Eve.

Many visitors came and

many stayed but we did sleep quite well ... awakening occasionally to see who the newcomers might bit.

There was a bit of amusement on Sunday morning when someone called to see if Phlying Phil was in our room. A wit said that Phil had been in a brawl the night before and was now in the lockup.

The caller was a cousin of Phil's who immediately went to the hoosegow to bail out the prisoner and possibly keep the family name out of disgrace. The police knew nothing of the incident.

The Haligonian returned to the hotel in great distress but took the joke well when a sleepy Phil came wandering in from a warm and comfortable bed, having been well behaved since his arrival in the city! Phil is phunny but is not a phighter!

Departure time from Halifax was 10:00 A.M. Calamity Jane was still refusing to start so it was the cars back to Antigonish.

On a muddy field our team was terrific and won 5-2.

Fleetfooted Scotty Neil showed that mud doesn't slow him down, as he netted three for us.

After the championship presentations, the handshaking, hugging and kissing, it was on to the Hockey rink where our boys overwhelmed St. F.X. by a 12-2 score.

Great weekend; won four, lost none!

Back to the ferry where the celebrating was intense and good practise for the Blanchard Hall party which followed the arrival of the team and many fans.

We hear that a trip to the semi-final game against Carleton is in the making and, if

the expedition is similar to that just ended, we have no hesitation in recommending it. It should be FUN.

We'd like to make a final comment. The trip was loud and boisterous, the Panthermaniacs deserve a great deal of credit for keeping the crowd amused and in an uproar, the Fan Van and private car people had a noisy good time.

We would like to strees, however, they were extremely well-behaved and there was absolutely no vandalism.

While enthusiastic as one might expect from a group of youngsters savouring great victories, their conduct was admirable. We think U.P.E.I. can be proud of the success of its teams ... and of the behaviour of its student fans! Ottawa anybody??



UPEI Panther (II - Right) Albert Roche and Dalhousie's goal tender Darren Cossar do a strange form of breakdancing Saturday in Halifax. (Photo by: Hartinger).

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Hockey Panthers off to a winning season

By Ross Hartinger

The University of PEI Hockey Panthers won two games in AUAA Hockey action in Nova Scotia last weekend, defeating Dalhousie University Saturday, in Halifax, 6-3, and demolishing a young St. Francis Xavier team 12-2 in Antigonish, Sunday.

Bob Crawford scored in the first period to give Dal an early lead, but at 4:20 Danny Revell stole the puck and scored an unassisted short-handed goal to tie the game.

UPEI picked up two penalties and Dal's Peter Worford put the Tigers ahead on a neat three-way passing play at 8:15.

Both teams spent the next ten minutes killing a number

of penalties.

Then, Ron Carragher broke the scoring drought in the last minute of the first to tie the game 2-2.

In the second period, Jeff Steffen scored UPEI's third goal at :45 and Greg Gravel converted a lead pass from Rob Moffat, split the Dal defense for the eventual winning goal.

John Cossar pulled Dal within one goal but Rob Moffat killed any hope of a Dal comeback when he boomed a slapshot from his point position for UPEI's fifth goal and Albert Roche added another at 6:30.

Sunday in Antigonish, UPEI erupted with five goals in the first period and stretched it to 9-1 at the end of the second, ousting the

St. Francis Xavier X-Men 12-2.

Ron Carragher, Greg Gravel, and Gordie Roche scored twice while Rob Moffat, Kevin Skilliter, Bob MacDonald, Don Clow, Doug Currie and Albert Roche each scored one goal.

UPEI goaltenders Dave Reid and Tony Halliduck split the games, with Reid playing in the net against Dal, stopping about 30 shots, and Haliduck playing in the lopsided victory over the rookie-infested X roster.

The Hockey Panthers play this weekend, opening their home season against St. Francis Xavier Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday afternoon the St. Mary's Huskies will be at the Charlottetown Forum.