

Panthermanettes make big splash

By Ross Hartinger

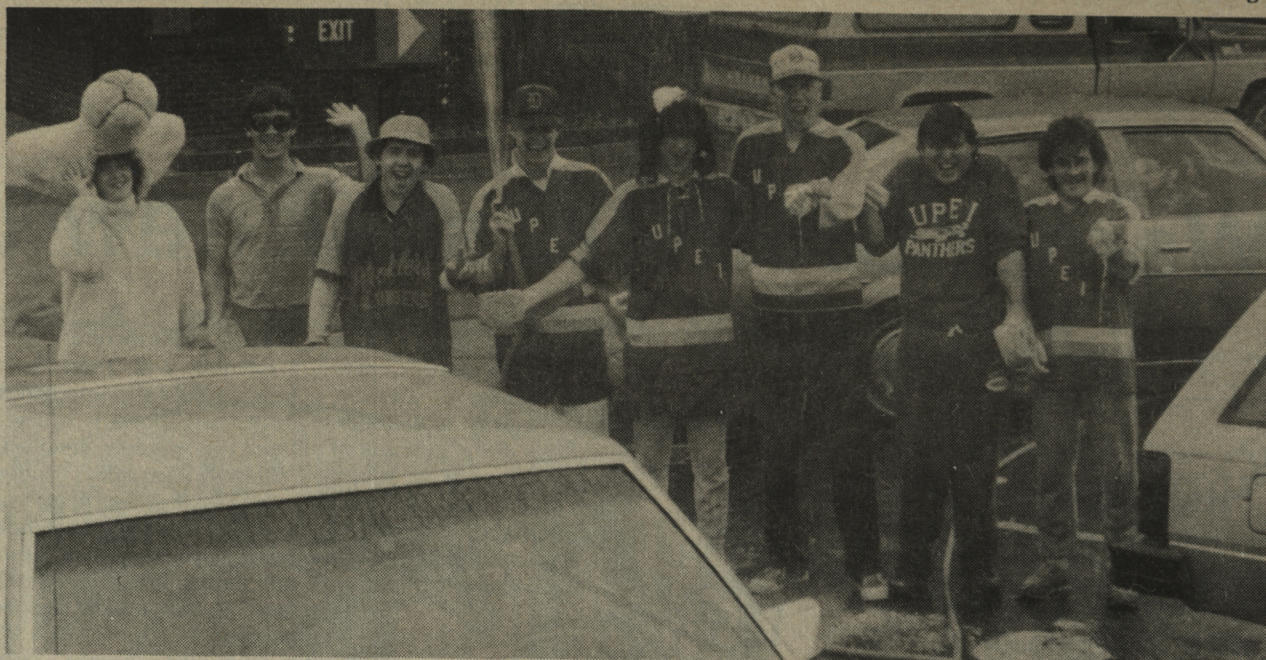
The graceful and sometimes funny Panthermanettes held a car wash last Saturday in an attempt to fund their cheerleading exploits in Nova Scotia at the AUAA soccer playoffs in Antigonish.

Head "ette", Flying Phil, said in an interview with the *Netted Gem* that they washed about one hundred cars Saturday at the Burger King parking lot and they raised some money to help alleviate the large expense of moving the crew around the Maritimes.

He said, "The logistics are awesome and I didn't think we would do it."

But they put on their Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes and wen to it.

They have also held a 50-50 draw and they plan another on this Friday somewhere but Phil didn't say



Guess who, Mom? (Photo: Hartinger, 84)

where; he is keeping it a secret.

"People give more money when they aren't prepared," said Phil.

He also said Steamboat Stanley is going out in the streets to beg for more money ... "It's dedication like that which keeps our spirits up."

The boys (girls) put on great display in the parking lot with an exhibition of break dancing and cheers of "BUSH, BUSH BUSH" (Dumville, operator of Burger King), thanking him for the use of the lot.

Flying Phil would like to thank all the people who came in to get their cars washed and hopes everyone will be loud at the games this weekend. The squad has learned some new cheers and will be recording a live album.

Fitness classes for females only; sorry Ralph

By Carol Doiron

Breaking tradition is rarely easy. It requires at the very least a courageous spirit. And oftentimes, it is hardest on the one who first tries to break it.

Just ask Ralph Webberbauer — one who dared to try (but who didn't know it was a tradition.)

A few weeks ago, he went to the fitness classes held in the UPEI gym. Although he was the only male in the class, no one seemed to mind, or care.

Someone, however, did mind; Ralph was told to leave.

A small amount of investigation has since revealed the reason for Ralph's unexpected dismissal. He was breaking a tradition that few people even know exists.

The fitness class is for

ladies only!

Some of you have probably read announcements and notices to the contrary. They state 'co-ed' and 'everybody welcome.' This is easily explained. When the announcements were being done, there was a mixup in communication.

This event has led this reporter into a second, related, issue. There are no men's classes.

Coach Vince Mulligan, who has been organizing the fitness class for many years, says this is because there hasn't been a real request.

"Men are more outgoing in sports. That has been built in since age two. They come in on their own and work out."

But Mulligan wants to ensure that women get a fair chance at using the gym.

"Women are sort of pushed off by the men. (Giving the ladies a time of their own) ensures that they get fair time. And if we were to have co-ed classes, the ladies who are in need of it most would drop out."

It's the old "six of one and a half dozen of the other."

Last year's budget gave the Athletics Department \$339,500. This goes to pay for salaries, equipment, travel, and so on for the varsity teams, as well as for the recreational and intramural events.

Each year's level of spending available is estimated by using the previous year's figures and applying a University-based Consumer price index. The budget committee then sets up a budget, allocating amounts to the different departments.

Despite the inevitable clipping that occurs, UPEI Director of Finance and Administration Dennis Clough, still feels that the Athletics Department's budget can handle a men's fitness class too.

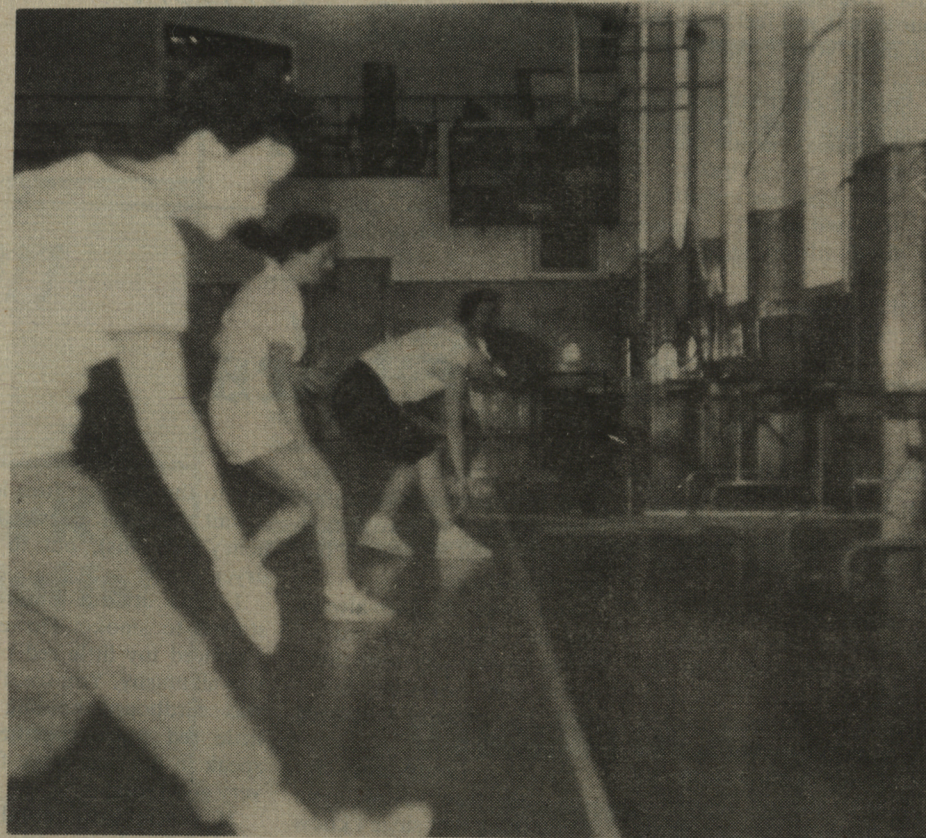
Present fitness class in-

structor Libby O'Donnell, says, "It would be great to have men's fitness classes. However, it could only be done if there was real interest indicated to someone in the Athletic department."

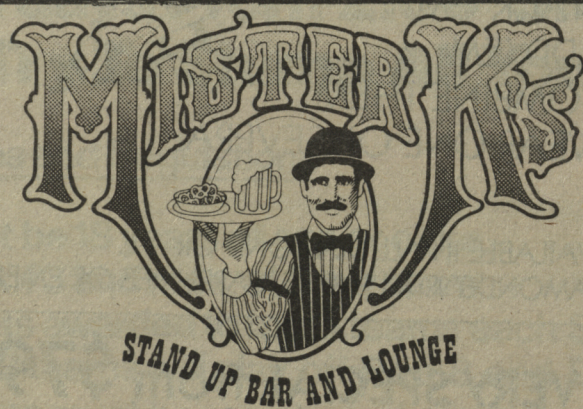
Athletic director Ed Hilton responded, "We've tried but

there has been no interest. I'm sure Vince would be happy to set something up." (Does Vince know this?)

So, obviously the only question remaining is this: Is there a demand out there? You, dear readers, are the ones to decide that.



Women can shape up at lunchtimes in the Alumni Gym, but do men have ... or want ... the same opportunity? (Photo: MacLeod, 84)



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Comment on Intramurals

By The Unknown Sportswriter

The University of Prince Edward Island Intramurals winter schedule is in full swing and the rivalries among the teams have already started.

Intense battles on the ice have already erupted and close-checking games with amazing displays of hockey skills have already been wit-

nessed by the many spectators at the aging UPEI rink.

UPEI intramurals are here and soon real sport champions be crowned.

None of this sissy varsity stuff where anyone can jump into a uniform and say, "Look at me, I'm great because I'm on the big University squad."

This is real competition with pride riding on every

clash of the real men and the real women of sport.

I think we should abolish varsity sports and get a real good intramural program going. The heck with these bush leagues, they are too expensive. And let's face it — they're boring!

With the intramurals truly established at UPEI, we can get back to what University should be. FUN!