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This past week was one of the few during the scholastic year in which there was no local athletic activity. We hope that those of you who did not have to travel, not being engaged in athletics, made good use of the time to catch up on studies! Fat chance!

The Panther news from abroad, which we hope you heard over "your Friendly Voice of the U.P.E.I. Campus", Radio CIMN was quite good, as we won three of the four contests played.

However, it seems that, no matter how successful our teams may be, we always wish for 100% success!

In hockey our boys made the long trek to Halifax on Saturday for an evening game against the Dal Tigers who were on a winning streak and tied with Mount A. for the final playoff spot.

The Panthers quickly demonstrated that they had come to win when Albert Roche scored 25 seconds after the game started. The Panthers never relinquished the lead, winning 6-4.

Albert got two, Norman Beck also got a pair while singles came from Greg Gravel and Jeff Lantz.

Although we enjoyed a wide advantage in play we were outshot 33-34 as many of their attempts came from well outside. There were 16 penalties of which we got 9.

After spending the night in Truro the team travelled to Antigonish for a Sunday afternoon game against St.

F.X. The first period ended 1-1, we led 2-1 after two and won 5-3 after a really rough third period.

In this game David Reid gave regular goalie Avalino Gomez a rest and played well facing 33 shots while the X goalie was given 35. Single



goals, for us, came from Don Clow and Miles Grady while Greg Gravel scored three.

Greg, by the way, got no less than seven points in these two games which must further increase his already substantial lead in the A.U.A.A. scoring race.

Who is this guy Gretzky? Our two wins, combined with a couple of recent losses by league-leading U.N.B., tightens up the race for first place.

As far as we can figure out we are tied with Moncton for second place two points back.

The fourth and final playoff spot is a real race with Dal, S.M.U., Acadia and Mount A. all in contention.

There is a big advantage in finishing 1st or 2nd as, in the playoffs, the first game is in the home rink of the lower placed team while the re-

maining two (if needed) are in the home rink of the higher finisher.

The same formula is followed in the final series. It follows then that every game from here to the season's end is important.

This coming weekend we'll play two here against tail-end Saint Thomas, then one here against Moncton on the 8th and here against Dal on the 12th.

The schedule finds us finishing league play away against Mount A. and U.N.B. on the 17th and 18th. There is also a make up of the postponed game against Moncton at a date not yet determined. Playoff semi-finals are on 24, 25 and 26 February.

Our Lady Panthers travelled to Memorial U. in St. John's last weekend where they spilt with the Boethuk team. This brings them to a 6-2 record and a second place tie with Dal-housie.

In Saturday's game with Sherrydawn Jones garnered 13 points while Sonia Edwards and Cathy Chandler chipped in with 10 each but the Pantherettes still lost a close one by a 55-51 score.

Inasmuch as they won by a wide margin the next day, we asked Cathy Chandler about the loss. She explained, "it was just that they scored more points than we did." A good logical answer to a possibly foolish question!

In the Sunday contest Cathy scored 30 points as

the Pantherettes won, going away, by a 77-49 score.

The team had a most difficult return trip, as they had to spend five hours in the Halifax Airport. No, they did not get mixed up in any E.P.A. labour dispute! It was just a long, boring wait.

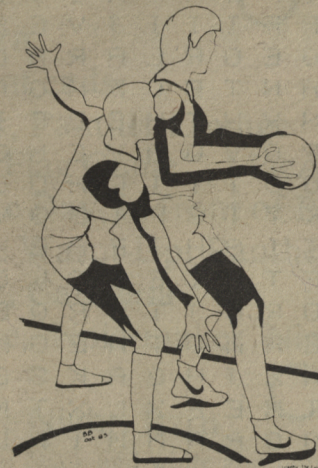
This coming weekend they travel for games at Mount A. and league-leading (undefeated) U.N.B. They'll be at home on the 10th and 11th against Dal. and Acadia, while U.N.B. will be here on the 18th.

There was no action in Men's Basketball, although we hear that Coach George Morrison is working his charges hard in preparation for the home-stretch drive. When you read this they will have played on Tuesday night, at home, against Mount A. and hopefully, it will have been a win by a comfortable margin.

(It is a long time since we sat in an english class and we find it difficult to construct

sentences, written on Monday about a Tuesday game which will be read on Friday! Isn't that called a "Pluperfect" tense?)

The team then goes to U.N.B. for two games and



will have U.N.B. here for two on the 17th and 18th.

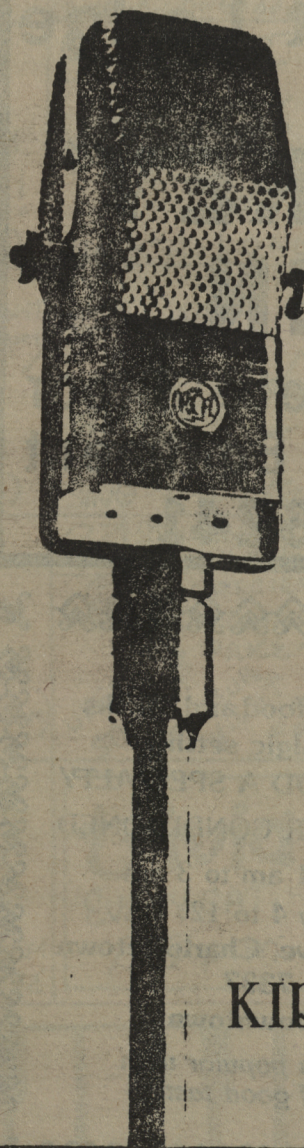
We believe the playoff hopes will be settled on the 10th and 11th when Dal. and Acadia will be here for two four-point games. We hope that Tuesday's "Noisemaker" night doesn't take all the energy from Panther roosters as their support will be needed and appreciated as the season winds down.

We'll close off wondering. This weekend we watched collegiate basketball on T.V. A visiting player was awarded two foul shots and, as he prepared to throw the ball, the din by the fans was deafening. He didn't appear to be at all affected. He made two!

Shortly thereafter a hometown player went to the foul line and there wasn't a sound in the arena. The absolute silence was almost oppressive. He seemed nervous. He missed both!

Life is full of puzzles isn't it? Have a good Winter Carnival!

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