

ANSWER TO BASKETBALL

The University of P.E.I. basketball Panthers will close out their 1977-78 regular season at home this weekend when they play a pair of games against the St. Francis Xavier X-men. The Panthers will enter weekend play needing one win to clinch their fourth consecutive berth in the Atlantic Conference playoffs that will be held in

Nova Scotia next weekend. The meetings between the two clubs will take place Friday night at 8:00 pm and Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at Alumni Gymnasium.

Before the current AUAA season began, many observers thought that the X-men would have trouble because of lack of height. The Antigonish consistently ranked in the top

seven nationally since the beginning of the year. The man to watch on the X-men would have to be last year's leading scorer in Canadian college basketball, Peter Ryan. Local fans will remember Ryan when he played for UQTR last season on the Island and was an all-star at the UPEI Holiday Classic. He has been a major reason

for the success of the X-men this season.

Three members of the Panthers will be making their final regular season appearances in UPEI uniforms Saturday. Dave Arseneault, Dennis High and Butch Postma have all played large roles in Panther fortunes during their days in the Green and White. Arseneault has been a major cog in the wheel of success of the Panthers this season. With the squad faced with such a rebuilding job at the beginning of the year, Arseneault's scoring and leadership pulled the Panthers through some rough moments during the season and made him a bonafide All-conference candidate.

The days that Dennis High has spent in a UPEI uniform have seen the Panthers enjoy their finest moments ever. The 6'10" native of Lynn, Mass. was a vital driving force behind taking the Panthers to the national tournament last year and his absence will leave a gaping hole in the Panther's inside game.

Butch Postma has seen the good days and the bad of UPEI teams over the last four years and is the only one that can say he has been on every playoff team in recent history. The Kinkora native has been a tireless worker and that work has paid off in probably the finest basketball player that Prince County has ever produced.

All three players will be honoured in a pre-game ceremony prior to Saturday afternoon's game.

MODERN DAY ROBIN HOOD CHOCOLATE CANDY CAPER

Bogota, Colombia - Police in Bogota, Col. say left-wing Guerrillas hijacked a truck loaded with thousands of chocolate bars today and distributed the candy in a Bogota slum, most of it to children.

They say that during the morning rush hour, an undetermined number of gunmen stopped the truck at an intersection near downtown Bogota and ordered the driver out.

A Police Spokesman says the hijackers drove the vehicle to a Squatters' slum and when hundreds of peo-

ple had gathered around they shouted Anti-Government slogans and passed out the chocolate.

Authorities blamed the sweet-tooth crime on the "M-19" Guerrilla band. "M-19" stands for Movement - April 19 -- the date in 1970 when Ex-Dictator Gustavo Rojas Pinilla was barred from seeking the Presidency, Rojas Pinilla headed the National Popular Alliance, which drew most of its support from the lower classes. He died in 1975.

The chocolate bar raid apparently was linked to

next Sunday's elections for the National Parliament, Provincial Legislatures and City Councils. Presidential elections will be held June 4th.

"M-19" Guerrillas, who want to establish Socialism in Colombia, have been generous with other people's property in the past.

Last Christmas they seized a department store truck carrying toys and gave the toys to poor youngsters in a slum area.

In January, they hijacked a truck in the city of Medellin and distributed its cargo of chickens to slum residents.

FEES INCREASE ??? MPHEC - AFS LOGGERHEAD

HALIFAX (CUP) - The Nova Scotia caucus of the Atlantic Federation of Students has decided to challenge the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission by demanding that they face students in public forums on campuses. The MPHEC has invited AFS representatives to meet with them privately while in Halifax on a speaking tour in March.

In a caucus meeting Feb. 11, a motion to boycott the meetings was defeated when student representatives agreed that although the MPHEC had proven to be a "facade" valuable information could be gained by questioning the commission in front of students.

Matt Adamson, Saint Mary's Student Council External Vice-President, said, "By exposing the MPHEC to students, AFS can show everyone what a farce this supposedly

"neutral" body has become. This will be an education for students."

Last year the MPHEC asked the governments to increase subsidies to the institutions for 1977-78 by 11.5 per cent but the government decreased this figure to seven per cent. This year's recommendation of 14 per cent was cut almost in half.

Delegates to the meeting mapped out a campaign against educational cutbacks, urging students to research cutbacks in various university departments to discover the effects on the quality of education. A November general meeting of AFS called for the research work but it had not yet begun.

Gene Long, Atlantic fieldworker for the National Union of Students told delegates they must continually gather

information and keep the cutbacks issue alive on campus. "As well, we should pressure the administrations to take a stand on tuition hikes," he said.

PHOTO ORDERS

In recent weeks the Information Office, through its facilities, photographed members of all the academic and administrative departments. At these sessions many persons asked for individual copies of the photographs. To accommodate these requests the Information Office in cooperation with the Business Office has made arrangements for order for prints to be taken.

Beginning Friday, February 17, the photographs will be placed on display in the Robertson Library show case; order forms will be available at the Library's Information Desk. Those who wish to have copies made must complete the order form and take it to the Business Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Photographs are eight by ten inches and are \$1.75 each. Since the orders will be processed during the mid-semester break only (a student project), deadline for orders is Friday, February 24, 1978.