



Senior Cammie Briggs tries to stuff the puck beneath the UVM goalie as two catamounts defend. (Photo by Dorrie Paynter)

Women skating tough

By Ellen Sheffield

Middlebury's women hockey team, under the direction of coach Bob Ritter, is trying to find the groove. Many of the players on this year's squad are playing new positions, and playing them quite well. When faced with the grave problem early in the year as to who would play goalie, Ritter asked junior defenseman Gretchen Lardner to give it a shot. A versatile athlete, Lardner has worked out well as the new panther goalie.

Lardner in net is one of many big changes this year in the Panther line-up. Missing are graduated center Mary Menard and junior Dagny Bock, who is studying abroad this year. Filling the hole made by these absences are February freshmen Ashley Ransom, Edith Iler, Jen Suduth, Ann Dibuono and freshmen Karen Schmeichel

and Sara O'Herron.

In the season opener against U.V.M., Middlebury started out slowly and found themselves behind 7-2 at the end of the second period. Although they did not win, they did fight back to a final score of 8-5. The second game, against Williams, the lady Panthers skated to a sound 4-2 victory. Scoring were junior Emily Conant, sophomore Ellen Sheffield, and senior Margaret Briggs. The players went home for Christmas vacation with an even record of 1-1, knowing that after the holidays the

toughest part of their schedule was to begin. The only bright spot among three losses to Dartmouth, St. Lawrence, and U.V.M., was a second victory over Williams, 11-7. In this game senior Gayle Weaver, a rookie, protected the net moving Lardner back on defense, sophomore Liza Weekes pushed three home for a hat trick.

The Panthers are in Maine this weekend skating against Colby and Bowdoin and will be back to play Skidmore at home, February 2 at 4:00 P.M.

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