

Swimmers continue to break records

Having swum dual meet competitions over both 25 yard and 25 metre distances during the 1975-76 swim season Dal athletes took full advantage of the opportunity to improve upon previous team marks. In fact nineteen new metric marks were set together with fifteen over the Collegiate 25 yard length.

Lynn Sutcliffe, a third year student of Physical Education headed the womens record breakers over the yards mark, with three new best times in the 200 and 400 freestyle together with a new 100

yard backstroke standard. First year butterfly standout for Ann Duncan captured new best in both the 100 and 200 yard distances of her specialty. Second year sprinter Jean Mason went 'under the minute' to improve upon her own 100 yard freestyle record. Senior, Wendi Lacusta added a new mark in the 800 freestyle to the 500, 1000 and 1650 records she already holds.

The Mens record board now looks to be one of the most respectable of any University team in Canada. Seven marks were adjusted down-

wards as a result of some fine performances by Dalhousie swimmers in 1975-76. Four individual and all three relay marks were rewritten. New individual event record holders are Rober Mezo, 50 freestyle; Richard Hall-Jones, 100 yards breaststroke; Steve Megaffin, 200 yards Individual Medly and Cameron Rothery, 400 yards Individual Medley. These four swimmers combined to set new marks in the 400 Medley Relay and the 400 and 800 Freestyle Relays.

Their performances have been

recognized by the Nova Scotia Section of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association who have selected them, together with fourth year Dalhousie swimmer Steve Cann, to represent Nova Scotia in the Atlantic Open Swimming Championships being held this weekend in St. John's, Newfoundland. The revision of Dalhousie's swim records may not yet be over for the 1975-76 season!

ALBERTA PRESS COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE PROVINCIAL SECRECY

CALGARY (CUP) ---- Alberta's press council has launched an investigation into the provincial government's lack of communication with the media.

The inquiry, which received unanimous consent at a February 27 meeting, was prompted by recent complaints in the press claiming the premier's press secretary has not aided the flow of government information to the public and in fact, has actually restricted it.

Council chairperson Walter H. Johns said the probe is a direct result of the general objectives of the Council.

"Our two main guidelines are to protect the freedom of the press by ensuring adequate access for the press to information of public interest, and to protect the public by ensuring that the press presents that information clearly".

The council will approach the provincial press secretary on Premier Lougheed himself if the inquiry does find the complaints reflect a significant problem, Johns said.

"Of course, we would handle all that in an air of sweet reasonableness. However", he added, "if we need to attack anybody to solve a problem, then by God we will".

EVENT	HOLDER	TIME	YEAR	HOLDER	TIME	YEAR
50 Freestyle	Jean Mason	26.22	1975	Gabor Mezo	22.4	Feb. 1976
100 Freestyle	Jean Mason	59.8	Feb. 1976	John March	48.92	Mar. 1974 *
200 Freestyle	Lynn Sutcliffe	2:17.6	1975	Peter Guildford	1:48.98	Mar. 1974
400 Freestyle	Lynn Sutcliffe	4:57.6	1975	Peter Guildford	4:53.23	Mar. 1974 *
500 Freestyle	Wendi Lacusta	6:11.2	Feb. 1974	Peter Guildford	10:39.2	1974
800 Freestyle	Wendi Lacusta	10:35.5	Feb. 1976	Peter Guildford	17:48.8	Feb. 1974
1000 Freestyle	Wendi Lacusta	13:22.2	1974	John March	56.9	1974 *
1650 Freestyle	Wendi Lacusta	22:18.6	Feb. 1974	John March	2:05.4	1973 *
100 Backstroke	Lynn Sutcliffe	1:08.1	Feb. 1976	Richard Hall-Jones	1:04.8	Mar. 1976
200 Backstroke	Lynn Sutcliffe	2:24.0	Feb. 1975	Jack Smith	2:24.6	1968
100 Breaststroke	Gail McFall	1:12.10	1975	John March	53.37	Mar. 1974 *
200 Breaststroke	Gail McFall	2:38.3	1975	John March	1:59.28	Mar. 1974 *
100 Butterfly	Jo-Ann Duncan	1:05.6	Mar. 1976	Steve Megaffin	2:05.6	Feb. 1976
200 Butterfly	Jo-Ann Duncan	2:32.3	Mar. 1976	Cameron Rothery	4:35.2	Feb. 1976
200 Indiv. Medley	Gail McFall	2:27.0	Mar. 1975	S. Megaffin	3:50.1	Mar. 1976
400 Indiv. Medley	Lynn Sutcliffe	5:20.0	Feb. 1975	R. Hall-Jones		
400 Medley Relay	Lynn Sutcliffe	4:33.3	Feb. 1975	C. Rothery		
	Gail McFall			G. Mezo		
	Patricia Lambert					
	Jean Mason					
400 Freestyle Relay	Gail McFall	4:11.70	Feb. 1975	C. Rothery	3:19.8	Feb. 1976
	Wendi Lacusta			S. Megaffin		
	Jean Mason			R. Hall-Jones		
	Patricia Lambert			G. Mezo		
800 Freestyle Relay	Wendi Lacusta	9:31.1	Feb. 1976	C. Rothery	7:32.7	Mar. 1976
	Jean Mason			S. Megaffin		
	Anne Campbell			R. Hall-Jones		
	Jo-Ann Duncan			G. Mezo		

Ski team 1st in Canada

by Ralph Petley-Jones

The Dalhousie Alpine Ski Team emerged as the top Canadian team at the recent Can-Am ski meet at Owl's Head, Quebec. Placing an overall seventh out of the twenty teams competing, Dalhousie beat such well known schools as McGill, University of Toronto, Laval, Cornell, and University of Connecticut. This fine performance was achieved in spite of poor local snow conditions and an almost total lack of on snow training.

The team consisted of Gill Morrow, Joanne Blaxland, Beth Mitchell, Mary-Beth MacKenzie, Larry Kerr, Greg "Boston" Larson, Ralph Petley-Jones, Greg Henry, Ted Musset, and Mike Blaxland.

It was Mike "the freebie" Blaxland's last race, ending an outstanding university racing career which saw him both as a racer and as coach of the ski team. The team was also very fortunate to have Bill Honeywell as coach and Kell Antoft

as the manager.

In the individual results Joanne Blaxland was the team leader with a sparkling third place finish in the Woman's Slalom. Her consistently fine performance in all the other events gave her the bronze medal for the woman's combined.

However, the lack of snow did not hinder the team's training in what is often considered the most prestigious of the meet's events ---- the boat races. Diligent pre-race conditioning paid off and despite the absence of John "the Caper" Kirkpatrick, Al Sinclair, Mike Keamey, and Dave Greene the Dalhousie team was once again victorious.

Next year is looked forward to with optimism, most of this years team will be returning. With a little help from mother nature the team is confident it can continue to make Dalhousie a force to be reckoned with on the international university circuit.

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