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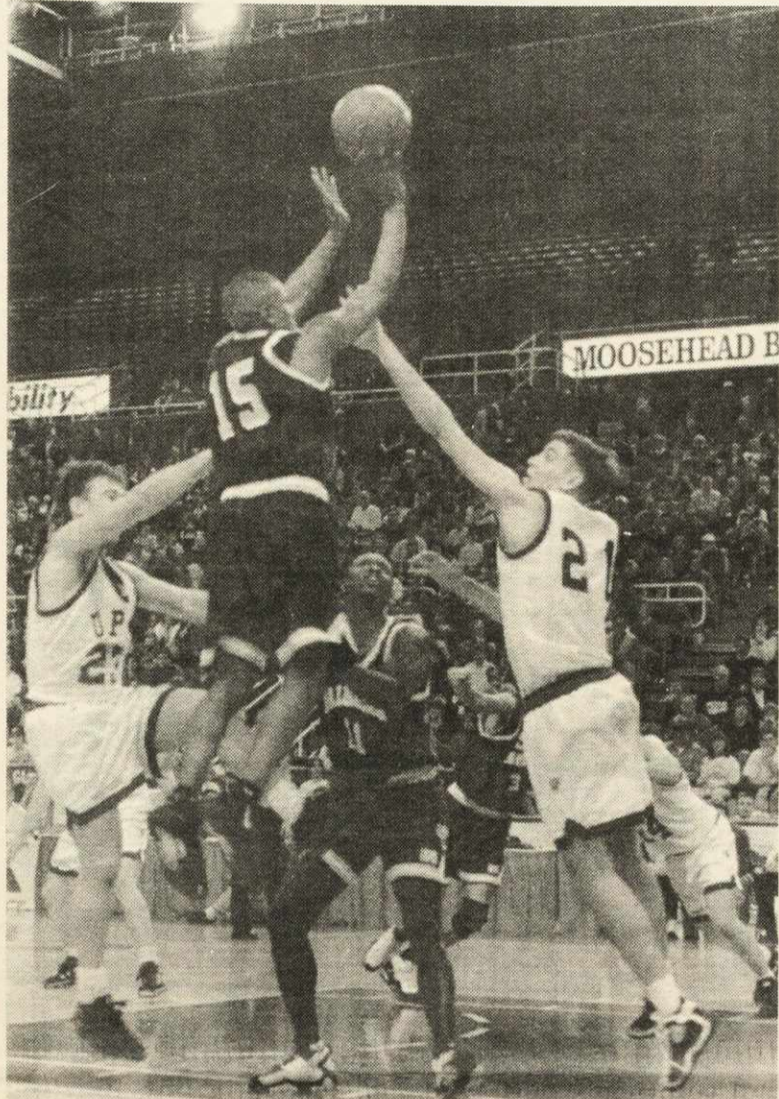
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Varsity teams rolling along Dalhousie athletes have blazed their way through the AUSA this year

BY SHANNON MORRISON

All year, Dalhousie has dominated its AUSA competition and, many times, has shone at the national level as well.

The most recent examples took place this past weekend in Laval, Québec; Windsor, Ontario; and, here in Halifax.

In the AUSA men's basketball championship at the Metro Centre on Sunday, a thrilling 98-95 double overtime victory over UPEI gave Dal their first-ever conference title. With that goal accomplished, the team now sets its sights on the CIAU Final Eight tournament at the Metro Centre this weekend. Seeded third in the event, the Tigers' first game is against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues on Friday at 7 p.m.

While the men's team is just now preparing for its national tournament, the women's squad has just returned from a successful CIAU weekend in Laval. A first round loss to the eventual Canadian champions, the Manitoba Bisons, sent the Tigers to the consolation side. From there, they knocked off Laurentian to reach the consolation final before losing to the University of Victoria. The accomplishment of a sixth-place finish at the CIAUs is a source of pride for the women's team, and with all but one player probably returning, next year looks promising.

Finally, Dal's track and field team captured three gold medals

and one silver medal in an impressive outing at the CIAU championships in Windsor this past weekend. Paula Peters destroyed the competition in the 600m race and added another gold and silver in two relay events — Dalhousie crossed the finish line first in the 4x400m and ran to second place in the 4x800m. On the men's side, Dan Hennigar took the gold in the 1500m final.

This past weekend's exploits give Dalhousie 11 AUSA championships this year — a fact that is even more impressive when one considers that Dal only competes in 13 AUSA sports. Throw in the men's CIAU soccer gold and the women's CIAU soccer silver, and it adds up to a very successful year in Dalhousie athletics.

Elections ruling quashed

Judicial Board reinstates Killam and Knowles

BY KRISTIN MCNEILL

President and VP Executive candidates, John Killam and Tanis Knowles, won their appeal to the Judicial Board regarding fines that were levied against them by the Elections Committee.

The Elections Committee had pronounced the team automatically disqualified because their total fines were over the amount permitted in the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) Constitution.

Killam and Knowles were fined for three violations: \$75 for posters on doors; \$50 for being responsible for allegedly slanderous comments made by a campaign worker; and, \$300 for post-campaigning after the team failed to remove all signage before the 8 p.m. deadline on Friday, March 8.

Presidential teams are allowed to accumulate \$160 in fines before disqualification. At the end of the campaign period, the combined fines for the Killam/Knowles campaigning violations totalled \$425.

Killam and Knowles appealed to the Judicial Board, and on Sunday, March 10, the three member Board met to discuss the hearing. It revoked all three rulings, putting Killam and Knowles back in the race.

Rulings of the Judicial Board are considered to be final and binding.

The DSU Constitution does not detail that campaign posters may not be placed on doors. According to several candidates and members of the Elections Committee, candidates were informed that postering on doors would be considered a violation punishable by a \$25 fine for each incident.

These rules were reviewed once at the mandatory all-candidates meeting, and again at a meeting held before the campaign period.

"In my opinion, they [Killam and Knowles] weren't really paying careful attention at the meeting to absolutely everything that was being discussed," said Andy Doyle, Chief Returning Officer.

Killam and Knowles said that while this regulation may have been discussed during the meet-

ings, it cannot be found in the constitution.

Marcus Lopes, a candidate for the position of VP Academic/External who was also fined for posting signs on doors, said it was an "oversight" on his part. He said he failed to inform his campaign workers of this specific rule.

Lopes said he never made an appeal about the fines levied by the Elections Committee, but discovered on Tuesday night that the Judicial Board had overruled the Committee's decision to fine him.

The second incident dealt with Article 12(A)(v) of the constitution which states that candidates are liable for any campaign violations on the part of their campaign workers.

The Elections Committee levied a fine against Killam and Knowles for allegedly slanderous remarks made by one of their campaign workers, Marsha Stagg. Killam and Knowles said they became aware that Stagg had been spreading rumours about the Brad MacKay/Katherine Hannah presidential team upon their arrival at the Grawood last Thursday night.

"It shouldn't have happened," said Knowles, "but what we were saying was that we had done as much as we could have to have prevented it."

She said they talked to Stagg in previous days about her conduct during the campaign period.

Knowles also said Stagg wrote a letter to the Judicial Board explaining Killam and Knowles had spoken to her previously.

The Judicial Board also overturned the decision of the Elections Committee regarding the post-campaign violations of the Killam/Knowles team.

"There was confusion on our part about the procedure for the removal of posters," said Knowles.

Killam said they believed that the tear-down might be a task divided amongst the candidates.

"We had discussed this happening, and it ended up just not happening," he said.

At around 6 p.m. on Friday, Knowles and Killam said they be-

came aware that a cooperative effort would not take place. They said other candidates realized this as well.

"At that point, because we had been expecting this [help], we didn't gather our group of campaign workers to help us take the posters down," she said.

With sixteen buildings to visit, she said they managed to get only two people who helped them cover the Dunn and Tupper buildings.

"We were pressed for time to try to meet the 8 p.m. deadline to get all of our materials down," said Knowles.

"All of our campaign workers were from two houses in Howe Hall," said Killam. "There was a brewery tour going on that night. Everyone was out drinking. There was nobody around."

The Elections Committee found six posters in four buildings during its 9:30 p.m. sweep.

Hannah commented that many candidates were concerned about being stuck with posters up after 8 p.m.

"It was made very very clear that [if posters were up] before 7:59 a.m. on Monday, Andy would fine you...and [if posters were up] after 8:01 p.m. on Friday, Andy would fine you..." she said.

Presidential candidate Aaron Poirier also attended both meetings. He said the candidates all thought the second get-together was redundant as it served only to reiterate the rules that had already been firmly stated in the first meeting.

"[Doyle was] very clear there would be post-campaigning fines," said Poirier, and then added that Doyle also spoke about posters on doors and windows.

When asked about any discussion about helping each other out with the take-down, Lopes commented that at the candidates meetings, "We went over what was written and what wasn't written down."

He said talk of candidates collaborating to help with the take-down never officially came up. He also said everyone knew they were responsible for their own posters.

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As we went to press, 8 polls out of 13 had reported and a total of 2033 votes had been cast.

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