

# Nine Innings rates a nine

By MARK ALBERSTAT

FOR SOME BASEBALL FANS the season never ends; in fact, spring training is only six short weeks off. One of those fans counting down the days is Daniel Okrent, the author of *Nine Innings* (published by Tiknor and Fields for \$16.95). Okrent's knowledge, insight, understanding, and ability to communicate what he knows about the game in this, his latest book, is all on display.

Baseball fans often get despondent around this time of year, but with *Nine Innings* by their side there is absolutely no reason to do so.

*Nine Innings* is, as the dust-jacket claims, "The anatomy of

baseball as seen through the playing of a single game." The actual game being examined was played on June 10, 1982 between the home town Milwaukee Brewers and the visiting Baltimore Orioles. The match was won by the Brewers in a rather high-scoring 9-7 affair.

The book begins, after acknowledgments and a prologue, with "On the morning of June 10, 1982, beneath the stands of Milwaukee County Stadium, equipment manager Bob Sullivan and his assistants placed clean uniforms in the clubhouse lockers." The book ends with "Gorman Thomas waited underneath it, and when he caught the ball, he thrust his arms into the air in relief as much as in exultation. The ball game was over."

## I.M. Involved

THE INTRAMURAL OFFICE welcomes you to the 1986 season of fun and sports. This year brings some new leagues and tournaments to sign up for.

Entries are due for the co-ed bowling league and the co-ed swim meet, this Friday, Jan. 10. Next Monday, Jan. 13 is the entry deadline for women's badminton and men's racketball. The team captains' meetings are Wednesday, Jan 15 and Thursday, Jan. 16 respectively at 6:30 p.m. at the Dalplex, Room 223.

The weekend of Jan. 17 is

action-packed, with the intramural badminton and racketball tournaments. The following Monday, Jan. 20th is when entries are due for men's handball and co-ed three-on-three basketball.

January is a busy month in intramurals with something for everybody to participate in. Keep in touch with the intramural office and your favorite sport supervisor. The phone number in the office is 424-2558 — not to be confused with the Dial-A-Rec number, 424-2588. Remember — I.M. Involved!

## Volleyball Tigers on the road

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS MEN'S volleyball team will be on the road this weekend as they travel to Winnipeg to compete in the University of Winnipeg's Wesmen Classic. The tournament is scheduled for Jan. 10 and 11.

In addition to the Tigers and the host team from Winnipeg, the tournament will feature the Saskatchewan Huskies, the Penn

State Nittany Lions, the Manitoba Bisons and the British Columbia Nittany Lions.

The Tigers will play in the same division as British Columbia and Winnipeg.

The Tigers are currently 9-0 in league play and 14-8 overall.

Dalhousie's next home match will be against Moncton on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.

## Athletes of the Week

DALHOUSIE BASKETBALL stars Lisa Briggs and Pat Colley have been named Dalhousie's Athletes of the Week for the week of Dec. 30 to Jan. 5.

Briggs, a fourth year veteran with the women Tigers, scored 20 points in the Tigers' 77-70 loss to the Community Y Panthers boys' team. The Panthers are the top team in the Halifax Juvenile men's basketball league. Briggs, who is a native of Woodstock, N.B., led the Tigers both offensively and defensively against the Community Y squad. The 21 year old captain of the Tigers is an

AUAA All-Star who stands five feet seven inches.

Colley, who is a member of the men's hoop squad, is exactly one foot taller than Briggs at six-foot-seven. Colley had two outstanding games last week in Acadia's Stu Aberdeen tournament. The Dartmouth native scored 10 points against St. F.X. and played brilliantly on defence against both the X-Men and McGill Redmen. Colley, who is a third year Psychology student at Dalhousie, also scored the tying basket that sent the St. F.X. contest into overtime with only seven seconds left in regulation time.

Between these two lines is one of the finest pieces of sports journalism in book format that has been written in a long time. The book is not a *Ball Four*, but then again there will never be another of that importance.

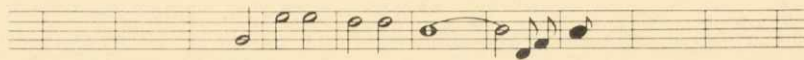
*Nine Innings* is not just an in-depth analysis of every pitch and every move in this one game.

If it were it would never have lasted its 265 pages, nor would it have kept any reader's interest. Instead Okrent keeps the book moving along with diversions into the world of baseball, be it other games, other seasons, or other eras.

One of the more interesting aspects Okrent explores in the

book is the communication and language between a catcher and a pitcher during the game, the true role of manager, and the inside story of pitching. In fact, Okrent takes the reader to parts of the ball-park that the average fan probably would never see.

On a scale from one to ten, *Nine Innings* ranks a nine.



Dalhousie Hockey Tigers

## Lip Sinc Contest

Friday Jan. 10, 1986  
7 p.m. - 1 a.m.

DALHOUSIE STUDLEY GYM

**\$500.00 IN PRIZE MONEY**

Have you or a friend got a Lip Sinc Act?

REGISTER YOUR ACT AT DALPLEX ATHLETIC OFFICE,  
OR THE DAL RINK MANAGER'S OFFICE

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL STARTING TIME JAN. 10/85

Contest open to all Dal Students

1st Prize - **\$250.00**

2nd - **\$150.00**

3rd - **\$100.00**

ADVANCE TICKETS SOLD BY TEAM MEMBERS **\$3.00**  
AT THE DOOR **\$4.00**

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## Basketball

### Secretary's Residence Night

Friday, Jan. 10 - Mount A at Dal (Women) 6:30 p.m.

Mount A at Dal (Men) 8:30 p.m.

Noise contest during men's game between Howe and Sherriff Hall Residences — winners each receive gift certificate from Secretary's — see house president for details.

### Armchair Tigers Day

Sunday, Jan. 12 - SMU at Dal (Men) 3:00 p.m.

All Armchair Tigers receive free admission.

### Coca-Cola Super Societies Night

Tuesday, Jan. 14 - Acadia at Dal (Women) 6:30 p.m.

Acadia at Dal (Men) 8:30 p.m.

Super Societies Noise Contest - winning group receives winter carnival points plus \$100. from Coca-Cola.

## Hockey

### Tony's Super Sub Night

Saturday, Jan. 18 - St. F.X. at Dal 7:30 p.m.

Students with Super Sub tickets receive admission at half price - game program redeemable at Tony's Donairs, Pizzas and Subs for a sub for only 99¢ - numerous door prizes.

