

Welcome to Gazette sports

Overtime

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SEPTEMBER HAS COME once again, just as everyone said it would, and *the Gazette* is starting to roll again, just as everyone feared it would. This being the first Overtime of the year, I thought it would be appropriate to introduce new readers to *the Gazette* to the sports department, what we are and what we are trying to accomplish.

Our main priority, of course, lies in covering the Dalhousie Tigers events and happenings. For the benefit of new students on campus, Dalhousie offers varsity swimming, soccer, field hockey, ice hockey, basketball, volleyball, and cross country. Our teams are usually strong, and do well at the AUSA, and sometimes the CIAU, level.

The deadline for sports copy at *the Gazette* is an unbelievable Monday at noon (or thereabouts). *the Gazette* is not printed until Thursday, which means we have a lag time of several days in getting the scores and stories to you.

We hope in the future to have some AUSA standings and stats, although they may not always be available because of deadline restrictions.

The objective of this column is to let the sports editor(s) and sports writers release their views of the world on the unsuspecting public. The column may sometimes contain sport book reviews, some comments on a particular aspect of Dalhousie sports or sports world in general, and there may even be the odd (though aren't they all) column just written to have some fun with the readers, and with sports.

The column may at times be

thought of by some to contain some controversial aspects about sports, sometimes not so. In any case we hope Overtime will always be light, easily read and entertaining.

This year readers of the sports pages in *the Gazette* may see some in-depth sports articles. These may be profiles of different athletes and coaches. They may also be analysis of an aspect of sports. What I am trying to say here is that the articles that grace these pages will not only be game reviews but will hopefully contain some insight into different sports on campus and otherwise.

Dalhousie through the year hosts several major tournaments such as the Volleyball Classic, and the Lobster Pot Hockey Tournament. The articles concerning these events will naturally be longer than the average game article but they may also prove to shed some insight into the event that the average Dalhousie sports fan is not aware of. I'm sure you all would be interested in that.

To all those first-year students who are reading this column, let me make it clear that Dalhousie athletics offers something for everyone. If you are an armchair athlete there is a new club for you (see article). If you enjoy watching games, there is more than enough to keep one busy over most weekends, and there is the fantastic facility of Dalplex. Also if you are interested in writing sports for *the Gazette* there is always room for one more byline.

P.S.—Readers of this column beware: future Overtimes may not be as clear and lucid as this one — you have been warned.

Field hockey nationals in Halifax

By LISA TIMPF

THE ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY Astro-Turf field was the site of the 1985 Senior National Championships for women's field hockey.

Although the event was situated at the home of their AUSA opponents, a number of Dalhousie field hockey players took part as members of the "home team".

Dalhousie field hockey players Janice Cossar, Gail Broderick, and Heather McLean were members of the Nova Scotia Senior team, which captured third spot in the tournament by virtue of a 2-0 win over a strong Alberta team.

The Nova Scotia team emerged from pool play in second spot in their division, losing only to the extremely strong "Red Machine" from Ontario. The Upper Canadian team went on to win the tournament handily with a 4-0 verdict over British Columbia.

In the initial crossover game, Nova Scotia met up with British Columbia, but went down by a 7-0 score. It was a bit of a disappointment to the Nova Scotia team, who had hoped to sneak past B.C. into the finals. The third place finish was nonetheless a credit to their talent.

The Alberta team which Nova Scotia beat in their quest for third spot lost a tough match to Ontario 2-0 in their crossover, in what many fans and officials said was "the game of the tournament."

Meanwhile, Darlene Stoyka, this year's newly appointed Dal coach, was looking at the tournament from a different vantage point. As a member of the perennially powerful Ontario team, which notched their fifth consecutive National Tournament title by winning top spot in '85, Darlene was one of the standouts of the event, scoring three goals in



Forward Janice Cossar hopes to continue to give goaltenders nightmares in AUSA play this season. In action with the Nova Scotia provincial squad over the summer, Cossar proved she knows where the net is.

Ontario's final-game verdict over B.C.

Stoyka and speedy teammate Sheila Forshaw were a one-two combination that many teams found impossible to repress.

Coach Stoyka may not be able to outfit the Tigers team in red, but chances are the Dal team's game will benefit from her years of experience with the Ontario and Canadian field hockey squads.

This year's AUSA league should prove interesting. With UNB and Universite de Moncton

both boasting a number of strong returning players, the New Brunswick teams will be potent. The removal of Stoyka, who rewrote the AUSA record books last year, from the St. Mary's University lineup may lessen that team's offensive onslaught, but they are not to be counted out.

Dalhousie, anchored by the netminding of Claudette Levy and bolstered by a number of players with AUSA and provincial team experience, should have a good shot at challenging for top AUSA honours.

Armchair Tigers coming your way

By MARK ALBERSTAT

THE GRAWOOD WILL BE alive and bee bopping this year on — of all nights — Monday. The sounds being emitted from the popular campus lounge will be the static of live and canned sports and also sports movies.



The group inside will be the Armchair Tigers, one of the newest clubs on campus. The club will "meet" in the Grawood Monday evening for the enjoy-

ment of being an armchair athlete.

Craig Munroe, assistant Sports Information Director for Dalhousie, is hoping the phrase "see you in the Grawood Monday nights" will be a popular one on campus this year.

"We plan to have a movie or some other type of taped sports starting off the evening and then switch over to Monday Night Football," said Munroe.

Membership into the club is \$10.00 for the introductory offer, after which it will increase to \$12.00. For those not wanting to have membership or who just want bring a friend along once, admission will cost one dollar per evening.

"All you have to do basically is show up to the events you're interested in. There aren't too many clubs on campus that are that easy," said Munroe.

The first Monday for the club will be September 16th. Registration begins at 7 p.m. The taped sports offering that night will be the "greatest hockey game ever played," the final game of the 1972 series between Canada and the USSR, followed by the football game. The second Monday night will feature Rocky III and the football game.

Munroe says the club's purpose is threefold.

"First, it will support the athletic program; secondly, it will provide students with a club they need on campus; and lastly, it will help support the Grawood."

The armchair Tigers will "meet" every Monday evening throughout the school year. There may be a brief hiatus at Christmas time.

Field hockey, soccer teams hold tryouts

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS women's field hockey will begin selecting their 1985 team this week. The field hockey Tigers will be holding their tryouts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday September 3, 4 and 5th from 10:00—11:30 a.m. and 1:00—3:00 p.m., and on Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 10th from 7:00—8:30 p.m. All interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information phone 424-3752.

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's Soccer Team will begin tryouts for this year's team on Wednesday, September 4th at 3:00 p.m. The team also has tryouts scheduled for Thursday, September 5th and Friday, September 6th from 3:00—5:00 p.m. and Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 10th from 5:30—7:00 p.m. All full-time students are welcome to attend. For more information phone 424-3752 or phone Eric McIntyre at 429-2260.