

Awards night ends Dal varsity year

by Carmen Tam

The Dalhousie annual Black and Gold Athletic Awards were held at the McInnes room Wednesday night to honour the varsity community for excellence in sport.

The event, hosted by C100's sport director John Moore, began with fifth-year swimmer Sean Andrews, who sang "O Canada." Fourth-year varsity player Eric Villeneuve, president of the student athletic council, said grace.

The Dalhousie Award for great contributions to Nova Scotian sports was conceived by Dr. Alexander (Sandy) Young, a professor of sport history in the School of Recreation, Physical and Health Education, at Dalhousie University. In 1994 the award was presented to Walter Dann.

In total 58 athletes were recognized by the A.U.A.A. this year (28% of all Dalhousie athletes are A.U.A.A. all-stars.) Six outstanding athletes earned AUAA Rookie-of-the-Year honours: Steven

MacDonald from the men's swimming team, Kirsten Taberner from women's swimming, Cherie Campbell from women's volleyball, Terri Baker from women's track and field, Troy Bezanson from men's track and field and Terry Martin from men's volleyball.



Three Dal athletes were honoured last night as the best in the Atlantic conference: Paula Peters from the women's track and field team, Ian Jackson from men's swimming and captain Scott Bagnell from men's volleyball.

AUAA Coach-of-the-Year honours went to the two AIs, Al Yarr for men's and women's cross country and track and field, and Al Scott for men's volleyball.

This season twelve Dalhousie athletes reached the ultimate level in university sports: all-canadian status. The 1994-95 C.I.A.U. all-Canadians were Rayleen Hill from women's cross-country, Scott Bagnell and Christopher Schwarz from men's volleyball, Tony Pignetellio from men's soccer, the foursome of Paula Peters, Melina Murray, Marsha Moore and Terri Baker from women's track and field and from women's soccer, Carla Perry, Leahanne Turner and striker Kate Gillespie.

The Stephan Yarr Memorial Award recognized Gerry Faber for



Carla Perry, women's soccer
Female Athlete of the Year

Each coach presented a plaque to the most valuable player on their respective teams, as voted by their fellow athletes. Winners were Carolyn Wares and Shawn Planke for basketball, Rayleen Hill and Rorrie Currie for cross-country, Keifer House for hockey, Carla Perry and Tony Pignetellio for soccer, Sarah Woodworth and Ian Jackson for swimming, Paula Peters and Gary Newell for track and field and Kim Sheppard, Chris Schwarz and Scott Bagnell for volleyball.

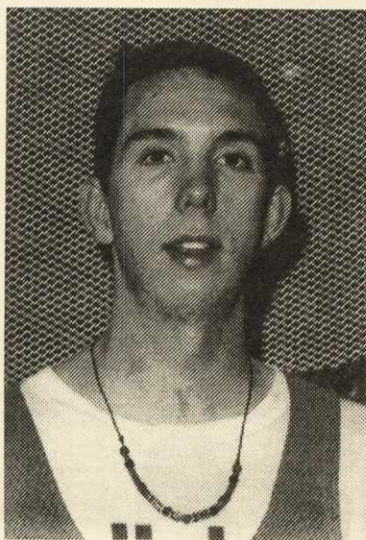
The Class of '55 Trophy for Outstanding Female Athlete was awarded to the MVP of the CIAU championship women's soccer championships. Captain Carla Perry was recognized this year. The Climo Trophy for Outstanding male Athlete was presented to captain Scott "Bags" Bagnell from men's volleyball, who was a double winner, taking home the President's Award for the athlete who best combines athletics with academics at Dalhousie.

Congratulations to all athlete and award winners.



Female Rookie of the Year Cherie Campbell sets up a spike serve

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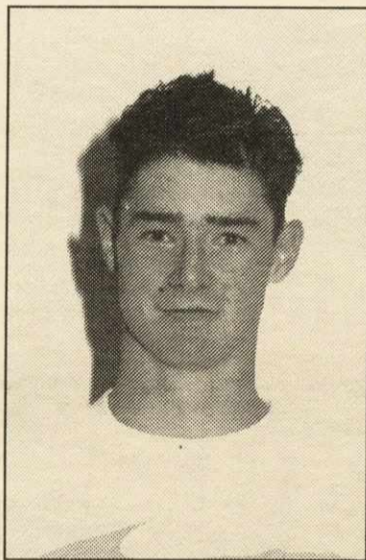


Shawn Plancke

his outstanding job on the men's basketball team. His enthusiasm, dedication and hard work made him a key component in the team's success.

One of the largest teams at Dal is a group of devoted individuals who provide Dal athletes sport medicine and therapy. Dr. Robert Stalker and Dr. Ron Olsen are physiotherapists who work alongside Cynthia Dickie, Daniella Rubinger, Mike Sutton and Karen Decker at the Physioclinic. The Dalhousie Trainer of the Year was awarded to Tiffany Thibodeau for her two-year contribution to the men's basketball team.

Karen Moore, the coordinator of the intercollegiate athletic's program, presented gold "D" pins to Shelley Tessier, Keith Huston, Walter Williams and Dave Robinson who all volunteer their time to support the Tiger teams.



Terry Martin, men's volleyball
Male Rookie of the Year

Volleyball players Terry Martin and Cherie Campbell took the Dalhousie Rookies of the Year Awards, and women's soccer coach Niel Turnbull took home his second consecutive Coach of the Year award. It honours the coach who did the most during the season to build the varsity program.



Scott Bagnell, men's volleyball
Male Athlete of the Year

Hey, so long and thanks for the sweat

The last issue. I have been dreaming about this week for the past 23 weeks but who's counting? Now that the end is so close I have to say I am a bit saddened by the fact. There has been major improvement in the second term for the sports section as we are no longer the last section to be finished. This is largely due to our team of dedicated writers who ensured that we had stories every week. Thanks to Ben Clark, Katharine Dunn, Dan Hennigar, Brent Knightley, Danny MacLeod, Jamie MacQueen, Jefferson "the Beast"

Rappell, Marsha Moore and John Yip for their contributions.

Our goal was to incorporate as many aspects of the sporting community as possible including varsity, intramural and club sports. I believe that this was achieved when the sports section's year was highlighted with the eight page sports supplement which brought together all these goals.

From our intramural section a very special thanks to Geoff Stewart for his time and dedication to keep the

intramural community up to date and Shawn Fraser for providing the weekly scheduling.

To Janine Dunphy at Dalplex, thank you for providing endless headshots and photos.

A very appreciative thanks to the athletic department for acknowledging the efforts of the Gazette's sports section at the Black and Gold Athletics Banquet.

I would now like to thank my co-editor Sam McCaig for helping me keep my sanity and initiating me

into the Big Goats Society. As well, congratulations on being elected copy editor for next year. I know that you will do a great job!

Finally, thanks to all the coaches, athletes and athletic department for all the interviews this season. And Kirk for explaining the differences between matches, games and sets year after year.

Cheers, Carmen

Hi, Sam here.

I just wanted to tag along Car-

men's farewell and pass on my thanks to all the writers, photographers, people at Dalplex and everybody else for making the sports section what it was this year.

Also, I would like to thank the Gazette staff for initiating Carmen and I into the newspaper production process. It's been fun. Special thanks to Lilli and Judy for doing a great job this year and helping me find my way around the office.

Finally, thanks to Carmen for carrying the load (ie. me) this year. You done great.