

Cross country team wins big

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's and Women's Cross Country Teams each claimed top honours at an AUAA Invitational held at Point Pleasant Park on Saturday, October 5th.

In the 10km men's race, Norman Tinkham of Dalhousie was the first runner to cross the finish line in a time of 31:12. Tinkham's victory was a surprise to second place finisher Paul McCloy of Memorial. McCloy had not lost a Cross Country race to any Canadian in the last three years going into Saturday's race. McCloy's time was 31:32. Third place went

to another Tiger runner, David Layton, in a time of 32:30.

The final team standings in the men's race were Dalhousie 30, Memorial 44, UNB 56 and Moncton 89.

In the women's 5km race, Dalhousie runners placed first and second in leading the Tigers to top spot. Susan Spargo was the top runner in a time of 18:23 while Annick deGooyer placed second at 18:47. Michelle Cormier of UNB finished third with a time of 18:56.

The final team totals for the women's race were Dalhousie 29, UNB 34 and Moncton 82.

The Scholarship Question



Overtime
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A FRIEND RECENTLY SAID an interesting thing to me: "I really don't think any athlete or university administration can justify sports scholarships or giving jobs to athletes."

Well, as you can guess by now, this edition of Overtime is about that justification.

I was, I have to admit, about to agree with my friend until I did two things. I first put myself in the athlete's position then wondered about how the administration of a university must regard the sports programs and scholarships.

If I were an athlete good enough to be offered a scholarship (and that's an awful long way from where I sit on the press table), would I, like the chivalrous person that I am, say "No, please, I really don't deserve it, put this to better use as an academic award, or buy some books for the library."

Sure, I'd say that right after *Sports Illustrated* offered me the chief editorship.

The scholarships that Atlantic Universities dole out in sports are few and far between and in recent years have gotten scarcer than a fat (live) Turkey the day after Thanksgiving. Not only are those athletes who do get some small scholarship lucky, they are also rarer than the dodo, and that's not meant to be a comment on their academic standing.

The athlete will often work at his or her particular skill twelve months of the year, sometimes several times a week. Granted, this "work" is not always in the form of wind sprints or running marathons, it can be just the odd pick-up game in their particular sport to keep the old shot in working condition or, if they are good

enough, participating on their respective Canada Games team, as this past summer saw.

The point is that many of these athletes come to university, like most of us, not only to have a good time, or to build arm muscles, but also for athletics. They have to juggle academic schedules to compete, losing out on study time and sometimes classes.

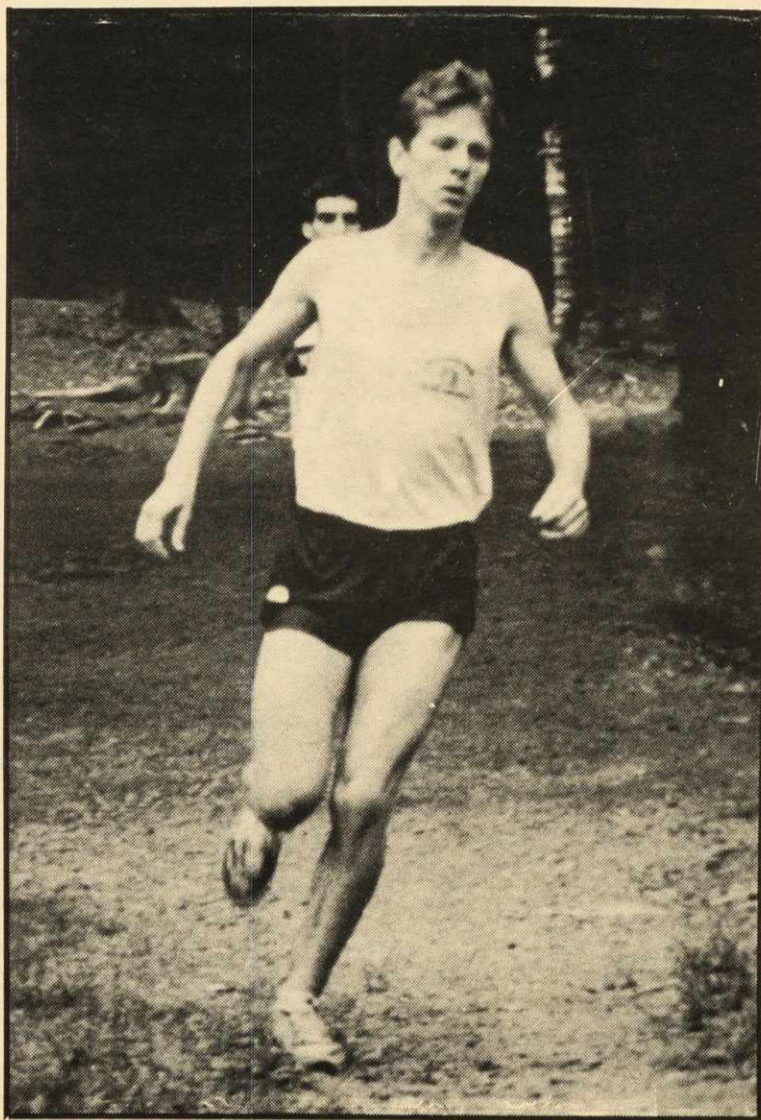
The administration on the other hand looks at the athletes in a different light, which is not unreasonable considering how some things are run on this campus.

The administration must see sports in a few interesting ways, the least of which is a financial drain. Let's face it, sports fans, if professional sports franchises are not going to make money how is university sports going to make money, and Dalhousie is by no means excluded.

The other side of the coin has to be that our athletes can be seen as quasi-ambassadors for the university.

If one were to look at how well our teams have done in the AUAA and nationally, it could be easily seen as some good advertising for the university, not to mention the facilities (excluding Studely Field of course).

After I had thought about all this, which of course took a mere few seconds in my cheetah-fast brain cells, I responded "I wouldn't be so critical of sports scholarships. They aren't so simple and straight-forward as they seem." It was a safe statement and if Dal athletes want to give me a scholarship for all the writing and free promotion I do for them, I won't feel bad and will have justified it in print.



Norm Tinkham runs for the win. Photo by John Chan, Dal Photo.

Tigers lose two

By LIONEL WILD

DESPITE FINE SHOWINGS IN two university rugby matches on the weekend, the Dalhousie Tigers came out on the short end of both games.

On Saturday, the Tigers battled with Saint Mary's Huskies and a substitute referee, losing the former match 9-8. St. Francis Xavier were the opposition the next day, and their skillful play helped them to a 14-6 victory.

Saturday's match was particularly frustrating for the Tigers. "We are launching a formal protest with the Nova Scotia Rugby Union," said Dalhousie captain Ian MacLeod. "They haven't sent us referees in two of our last three games."

Instead, the Saturday match was officiated by a recently accredited referee (and Saint Mary's student) who made several extremely questionable calls. Three Dalhousie tries were disal-

lowed on strange grounds, and in a one-point game, that margin was crucial to the outcome.

In addition, one of the three penalty kicks scored by Saint Mary's fly half John Schimmel involved a questionable judgement call.

Scoring one try each for Dalhousie on Saturday were second row forward Adam Bienenstock and scrum half Lionel Wild.

"We stole nearly every ball in the scrum," said Tigers' number eight man Peter Cook. "We were just rolling over them."

The loss seriously damaged a berth in the Nova Scotia Universities championship.

The controversy obscured a splendid Dalhousie effort. The Tigers were regularly pressing inside Saint Mary's end of the field, where the forwards were aggressive in driving over the Huskies' pack.

The Dalhousie front row overpowered their opposite numbers while in the line-outs, the Tigers were effective jumpers.

On Sunday, a better opposition and nagging injuries thwarted another solid Dalhousie effort.

Scoring tries for St. Francis Xavier were winger Roger Smith, wing forward Forrest Spencer, and number eight man Darrel O'Brien. Fly half Tom Halloran added one convert.

For Dalhousie, fullback Scott Yaschuk was successful on two long penalty kicks.

Although the Tigers had several walking wounded, the defence stood up under early pressure, and soon the Tigers started taking the game to Xavier.

Marauding wing forward Glen Crane and Lenihan gave Xavier trouble throughout the match. In the Dalhousie three-quarters line, inside centre Paul Wogan and crashing outside centre Chris Carter had strong performances.

Dalhousie is going to need continued production out of these and other players as they head into the homestretch of the Nova Scotia Rugby Union's short autumn schedule.

Next weekend, it's off to Truro to play the town's club team.

Athletes of the Week

FIELD HOCKEY GOALTENDER Claudette Levy and Cross Country runner Norman Tinkham have been named the Dalhousie Tigers' Athletes of the Week for the period of September 30th to October 6th.

Levy, a fifth year Physical Education student, registered her eighth and ninth straight shutouts in AUAA play this year in games played on October 2nd and October 5th. The Halifax native has not allowed a goal to be scored against the Tigers in regular season play this year and she is a major reason why the Tigers are in first place in the Eastern Division of the AUAA with a 8-0-1 record.

Levy is a former AUAA All-Star who was one of the final cuts from the 1984 Canadian Olympic Team.

Tinkham, a fifth year Commerce student, became the first

Canadian university runner to ever beat Memorial's Paul McCloy in a cross country race on Saturday, October 5th. Tinkham placed first in the Dalhousie Invitational held at Point Pleasant Park while McCloy had to settle for second spot.

Tinkham, a 22-year-old native of Yarmouth, ran the 10 km

course in a time of 31:12. Tinkham's time was 20 seconds faster than McCloy's time of 31:32.

This is Tinkham's second selection as a Dalhousie Athlete of the Week this year. Last year he received the award five times and was named the Dalhousie Male Athlete of the Year.

Tiger sports this week

Date	Sport	vs	Place	Time
Oct. 12	Field Hockey	St. F.X.	Away	1 pm
Oct. 12	Soccer	Memorial	Away	3 pm
Oct. 13	Soccer	Memorial	Away	Noon