

The Mermaids blew away the competition with this sign.

Sue Mason and John Van Buren, both of Dalhousie, were named as MVP's in the women's and men's section. They shared the same honors at the conference championships.

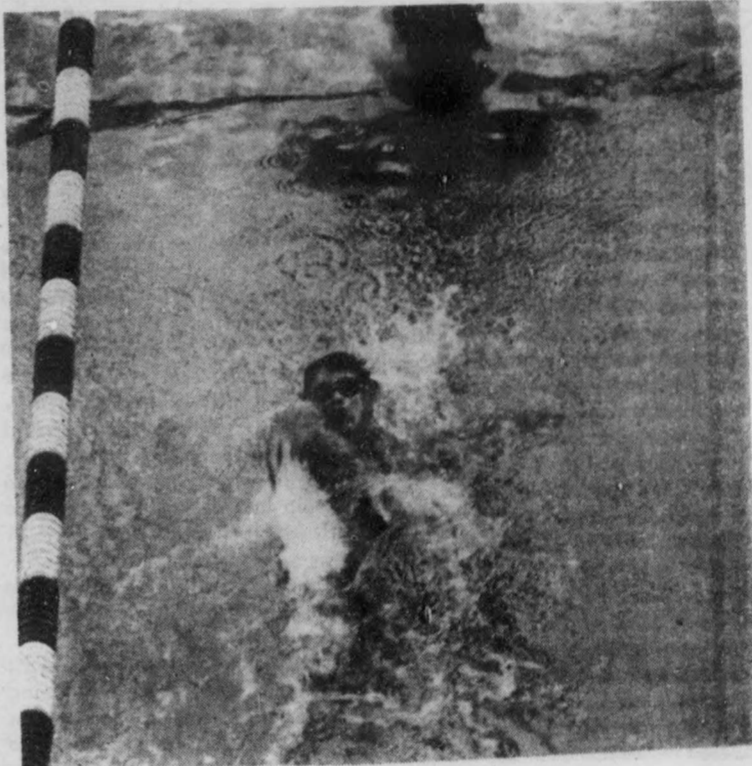
Swim coach Barry Roberts said that the season could not be considered a less than successful because the medals at nationals proved the quality of the team. The Bear said that the meet schedule that the team swam for the year did not really prepare the team for the nationals since it did not provide a high enough level of competition.

Roberts said that the Atlantic conference meet was better as far as the team went because of the fact that the team members had goals in mind while they were competing. He said that the swimmers were going after qualifying times as well as to win the meet as a team but at the nationals those goals were not the same. "Maritime competition is inconsistent and it hurts when we go to the nationals he said, pointing at meets such as those between the Beavers and Mount Allison in which UNB sent a bare bones team and still won the meet."

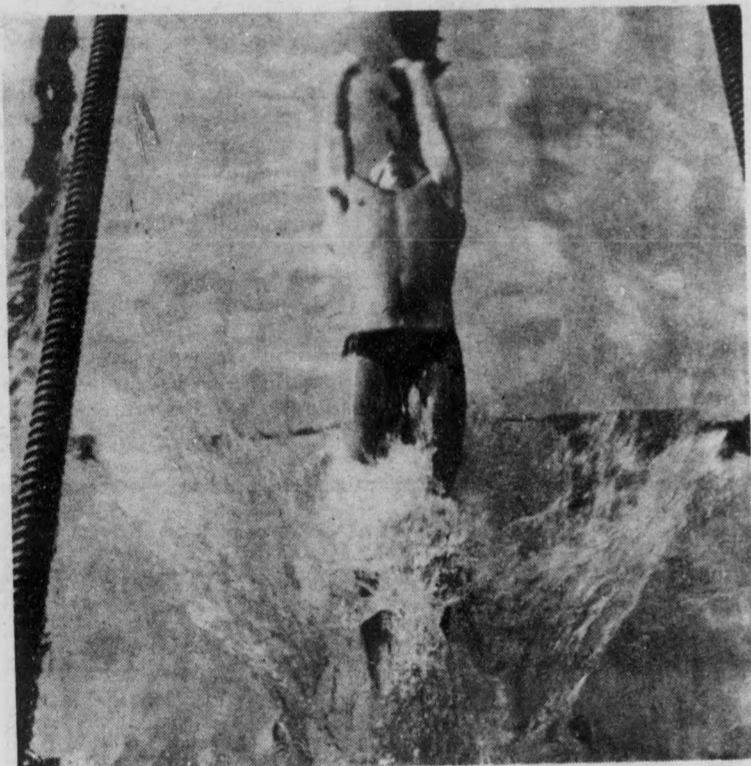
Roberts said that the better swimmers on the team need to get outside the conference during the year and swim in better quality meets in which they can gain experience at a higher level than can be attained in the conference.

Roberts added that the weight training program initiated by assistant coach Don Wilson provided the basis for this year's program that it greatly improved the strength of the team members.

As far as the women were concerned, Roberts said that this



Banks in the backstroke leg of the 200 IM.



Bruce Williams performed well in the backstroke events.

season was a "turnaround year" in that there was only a small number on the team but these had quality and will provide a good basis for next year. He said that recruiting has not gone well for the past few years and that next year looks good providing the university can come up with a good coach to replace him. Roberts goes on to Toronto next year for further graduate study.

He said that one of the major problems this year was the fact that instead of having the swim team as his prime responsibility,

he was also saddled with the job in intermural director and coaching the local age group swim team.

He said that next year the team needed a full time coach who could get the type of recognition that he feels goes with the job.

Although the team is officially finished swimming inter-collegiate, several members will continue to train for the national championships that will be held in conjunction with the Pan Am Trials.

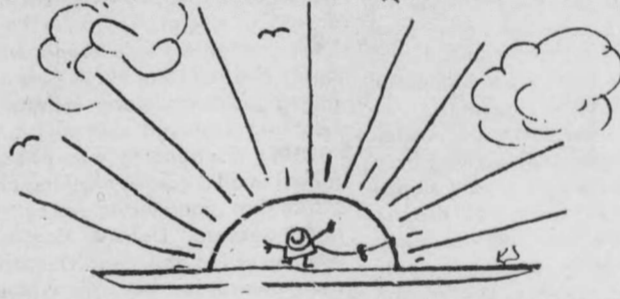


Did you know

If you think professional football is a rough game, consider our earlier American sports history. The Indians set the tone early on with their game of Baggotaway -- later named Lacrosse. The goals were miles apart, and a good game demanded 200 to 500 players. By most accounts, the games were conducted in true American spirit: anything goes, including tripping, fouling, and stomping on one another's head. Women were confined to the sidelines, but made their preferences known by chasing after the players and clubbing them with cudgels.

Years later frontiersmen out West like to relax after a hard day's work with a good gouging match. It was a form of wrestling which allowed kicking, biting and kneeing. The winner was expected to go for the eyes.

Those who didn't lose that one sometimes indulged on contests involving shooting a mug off a man's head from at least 50 paces. Winners got a quart of whiskey -- losers, a decent burial. (News-crypt)

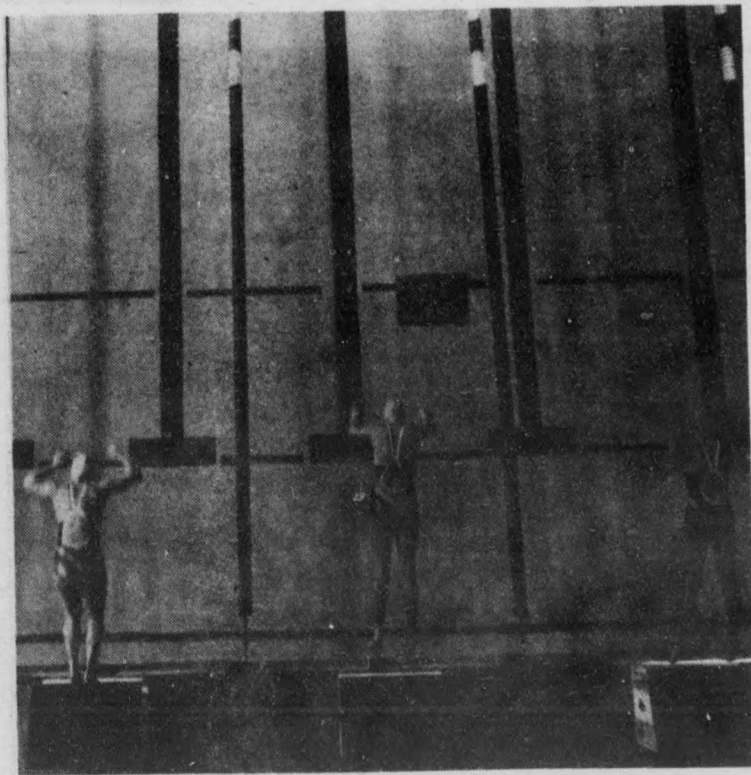


Women's Residences

The Women's Residences at UNB will have some vacancies for Dons during the 1979-80 session.

Interested persons are invited to contact the Dean of Women for more information before March 31.

(Tibbitts East 154; Telephone 453-4800)



The Acadia women proved a formidable opponent at the conference meet but UNB threw a big scare into them as they led mid-way through the meet.