

The good, the bad, and the ancient



Overtime
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LET'S TALK ABOUT facilities. Now wait a minute, I don't mean famous outhouses of Nova Scotia, I mean sports facilities on campus.

Dalhousie's sport facilities consist of Dalplex, Studley Field, the Dalhousie Memorial Rink, and Studley Gym.

Let's take Dalplex first. In fact, let's start at the very beginning, the name Dalplex. It took no university-educated linguist to think up such a name. For a university the size of Dalhousie and a facility like Dalplex one would think it could have a better name, but that's very superficial. We now will go through the air-lock revolving doors, and see what's inside.

If you talk to anyone who has ever played basketball or volleyball on the floor in the fieldhouse they almost always say the same thing — you can't move on it. To be totally honest this is being very kind to the floor and its manufacturers (if they are still in business). I have had the pleasure of playing basketball on a hardwood floor. There is no comparison. Hardwood floors prevail. The ball and the players move on it much better.

A common move in volleyball is the dig, which consists, more or less, of a player diving onto the floor to get the ball. The next time you see a volleyball player do this at Dalplex, watch — the shirt they are wearing stays on the floor while the athlete slides inside the uniform. The clothes do not move — just the player.

I cannot say much about the pool because I have never used it. From what I hear I can safely say that the Dalplex pool is well run and nicely kept.

So far we have only discussed two parts of Dalplex. We have not mentioned the courts, the running track, the workout areas, nor the little sports store, but after all

the paper is only so long.

Studley Field is an easy facility to discuss. Rather simply, it is terrible. There have been better fields in model train sets, and there has been better turf to play on in surf and turf meals. However, all this adds up to one thing — home field advantage. The Dalhousie teams have to practice on the field. They know where all the rocks, valleys and glitches are, unlike the visiting team. St. Mary's lost a field hockey player out there during a game on a rainy day in the fall, and she has yet to resurface.

The next facility to be lambasted is the rink. There are a few puzzling things about the structure; why is it ten degrees warmer outside than inside? Why does the roof look like that? And why are there so many doors on the side, yet there is usually only one door open?

Finally I would like to point out one very ingenious thing about the arena that others may not have considered. Visualize sitting on the visiting team's bench. You look across and what do you see? Dal fans. A whole wall of Dal fans. Think about it for a minute — the planners of the rink must have known that if the stands were on both sides of the rink the place would never be filled to capacity.

The last facility to be discussed is Studley Gymnasium. When was this thing built? There has been talk that when the dinosaurs roamed this part of the world this is where they played dinosaur basketball. It should be pointed out, however, that it is a hardwood floor and it is a respectable surface to play on.

So there you have it — an analysis of the athletic facilities of Dalhousie by one of those people who is at almost every Dal sporting event.

Tigers to face Huskies

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS MEN'S hockey team will begin 1986 by playing the St. Mary's Huskies at St. Mary's at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12.

The Tigers are currently in top spot in the Kelly Division with a record of 9-3. St. Mary's is in fourth place in the same division with an 0-11 mark.

Sunday's game will see the addition of Whitney Richardson to the Tigers line-up. Richardson is a former member of the Nova

Scotia Voyageurs and he is expected to be an excellent addition to the Tigers' roster, especially on the power play.

Greg Royce and Jamie Jefferson, two first year players, presently lead the Tigers' scoring parade with 23 points.

The Tigers' first home game of 1986 will be Saturday, Jan. 18, when Dalhousie will host St. F.X. in a 7:30 p.m. contest at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena.

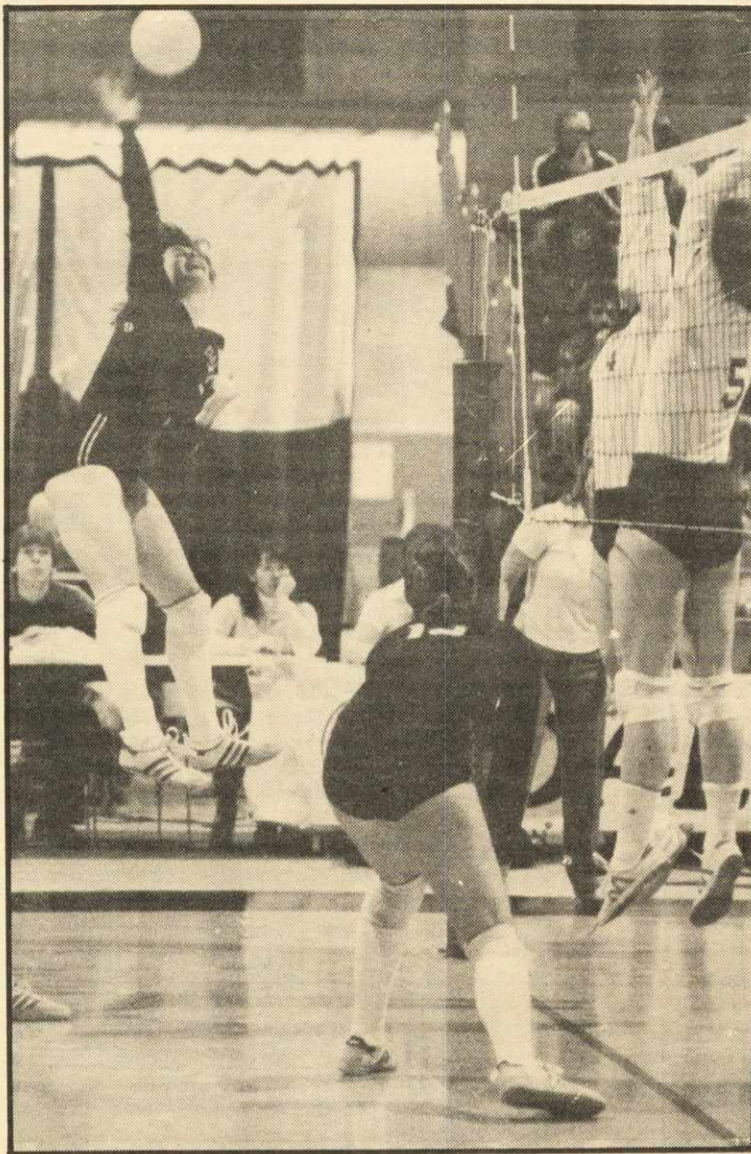


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Volleyball Tigers win Invitational

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS WOMEN'S volleyball team captured top spot in the M.S.V.U.-Dalhousie Invitational Round Robin Tournament held at Mount Saint Vincent University last Sunday.

The Tigers finished the tournament with a perfect 4-0 record. The Dalhousie squad recorded victories over the Dalhousie Club team, 15-9, 15-11; Village Gate, 15-11, 15-10; St. Francis Xavier, 15-1, 15-7; and M.S.V.U., 15-11, 15-13.

The Dalhousie Club team cap-

tered second place at 3-1 while M.S.V.U. and Village Gate tied for third place at 2-2. St. F.X. finished at 0-4.

The Tigers were led by Karen Fraser, with 28 kills, four digs, three ace serves, five stuffed blocks, 76 percent serve receive; Simona Vortel, 22 kills, seven digs, four ace serves; and Sandra Rice, 19 kills, six digs, and five stuffed blocks.

The Tigers will travel to Manitoba this weekend to compete in the Winnipeg Wesmen Invitational.



Tigers begin second half

THE DALHOUSIE MEN'S and women's swim teams will begin the second half of the AUA dual season this Friday, Jan. 10, when they travel to Acadia for a dual meet slated for 7 p.m.

Both the Tiger teams are currently 5-0 in AUA dual meets this season while the Axemen and Axettes are each 0-5.

The women Tigers have won 51 of their last 52 AUA dual meets.

Tigers continue winning ways

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's basketball team extended their unbeaten streak to 6-0 with an 86-75 win over St. Francis Xavier X-Men at Dalplex Tuesday night. The win tightens the Tigers' hold on top spot in the Atlantic Universities Basketball Conference.

Greg Brown led the Tigers with 26 points, while Chris Ross led the visitors with 16.

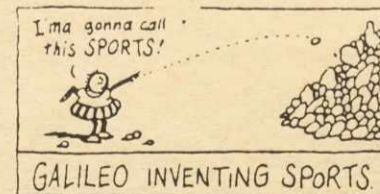
More than 1600 fans watched the Tigers roar back from a 33-29 half-time deficit to regain the lead at the six minute mark of the second half, and go to record the victory by an handy 11 point margin.

On Friday, the Tigers will host the Mount Allison Mounties in an 8:30 p.m. contest. The game has been designated Residence Night with all students who live in Howe and Shirreff Halls having the opportunity to win a free gift certificate from Secretary's. The residence house and sister floor that makes the most continuous noise and shows the most enthusiasm throughout the contest will each receive the free certificate. All residence students will receive admission at one half the regular price with their meal cards while students who bring a noise-making device to the game will be admitted free.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, the Tigers will host the St. Mary's Huskies at 3 p.m. The contest marks the first time that the Huskies have played in the Dalplex since Feb. 24, 1984.

The final game of the Tigers' home stand will be against Acadia on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 8:30 p.m. This game is also the Coca-Cola Super Societies Night with the society that makes the most noise receiving \$100 and points towards the Winter Carnival's Super Societies contest.

Some people think Galileo invented sports.



Some people think Galileo invented everything.



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