

Dal curlers hog the spotlight

by John Barleycorn

As action began last weekend in the Nova Scotia provincial men's curling championships, in that south shore metropolis of Bridgewater, one of the teams favoured to win was a group of Dalhousie students. Skip Paul Flemming is the only member of the team that does not attend Dal, he is a student of Mt. St. Vincent. Lead and second, Chris Oxner and Vance LeCocq are both in the commerce program, while Third Glen Mcleod is not quite sure what he is in but knows that he is registered at Dal.

Flemming, Oxner and Mcleod all graduates of Halifax West High School (which, by the way is in the west end of Halifax) have been curling together for over ten years,

at the Mayflower Curling Club, and were Nova Scotia's representatives at the Canada Winter Games in 1987. They ended up winning the silver medal. LeCocq is the new member of the team, he came to Dal from Dal. Dalhousie New Brunswick that is.

Over the weekend "the boys" (they have the youngest average age of all 48 teams in the finals) managed to stay away from the bars for a change and ended up undefeated. That qualified them for a spot in the final round of 12. Starting Monday the round of 12 play a round robin and the top four then play off for the one team to represent the province at the nationals. As of Tuesday they are 3-0 in the round robin play, and looking as a good pick to take it. Other teams the Flemming Four-

some have to watch out for are; last years defending champion Alan Darragh of Dartmouth, Truro's Ragnar Kamp, and maybe the sleeper of the event Halifax's Robert Harris and his team of Peter MacDonald, Don Sweete and that bald sensation Kenny P. Myers.

While all this foolishness was taking place on the south shore the real curling event of the weekend, and maybe the year was taking place in Pictou N.S. at the Pictou Winter Carnival Lobster Bonspeil. Down in Bridgewater the only prize was a chance to represent the province in the nationals, while up in Pictou something a lot more important was on the line, canned lobster. Dalhousie was also represented at this event. Rob Corkum, and Alan Manara are both Dal students and Neil Macmillian was a

former standout at Dal in many different sports. The fourth member of the team was Brian Corkum. After dominating the first game of the event and coming away with a victory, the guys from Dal looked like the early favorites to take the top prize of 36 cans of lobster but the long afternoon layoff took its toll on the team and they were not as sharp for that evenings match. Poor shot making, especially by Manara resulted in a loss. Sunday morning behind the outstanding play of Rob Corkum, the team came away with their second victory, and because of a first round bye a chance to play in the second

conciliation final. Poor ice conditions resulted in some lucky shots by the home Pictou team in the next game and the Corkum team was again beaten and had to settle for sixth place overall, good enough for eight cans of lobster.

This maybe Dalhousie's only chance to shine this year on the curling ice because the AUAA championships slated for UNB at the end of this month have been cancelled. So good luck to the guys at the provincials down in Bridgewater. Also if you know any good recipies for canned lobster could you please send them in to the Gazette office.

Swim swam swum

by Ian Robertson

The Dalhousie women's swim team finished their final home meet of the season with a resounding victory over Mount Allison Friday night. The women won every event, racking up a 142-129 margin, to remain undefeated for the season.

Dal was led by Jill Hayden who posted lifetime best times in the 400 meter I.M. and 100 meter backstroke, and Lisa Beaton with personal bests in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle. Other winners were Kellie Andrews (50 free), Robin Mckay (800 free), Marsha

Golan (100 fly), Christy Gustavsson (100 back), Heidi Moores (400 free), and Maria MacPherson (100 breast).

Head coach Nigel Kemp was optimistic about the team's chances at the upcoming AUAA championships at UNB February 14-16. "If both the men and women swim as well as they are capable, we should emerge as the Atlantic region champions. Everyone will have to rise to the challenge for us to succeed. Our goal is to win AUAA's, and to qualify as many swimmers as possible for the CIAU championships."

Dalhousie will host the CIAU championships March 1-3.

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