

## Dalhousie has its own Sister Act

by Jennifer Beck

It's unusual enough when there is one pair of siblings on a sports team. The Dalhousie women's basketball team goes one better - they've got two.

There's the MacKenzie sisters, Gail and Renee; and the MacAfee sisters, Toni and Julee.

They range in height from 5'4" (Gail) to 6'2" (Julee) and in age from 19 to 25.

The younger sisters say they started thinking about basketball because of their older sisters.

"The only reason I played was because of my sister," says Renee, 19. "The best part is I've been on the team at Dal for two years, and even though

Gail's 25, she just joined so she's the rookie this time. I got to initiate her and everything."

For Toni it was travel that made her play basketball.

"I was into volleyball in junior high," says Toni, 19. "The reason I got into basketball was that Julee was on the team and I saw she went on the greatest trips."

The sisters say playing different positions than their siblings keeps the competition level down.

"She's bigger, I'm faster," says Toni of Julee. "She's post, I'm wing. It's sort of my job to give the ball to my sister. But I'm more competitive than she is, I re-

ally want to win."

"When it comes right down to it, Toni is probably better than I am," says Julee. "Toni won a foul-shooting contest and says it was because of all the foul-shooting games of 21 we played at the net in our yard at home. She's the toughest player out there."

Toni and Julee also know what it's like to be

unable to play.

Toni has been playing basketball for four years straight and is plagued by back problems. She's missed a lot of practices this fall because of her back and was unable to play in the exhibition game the team won against Acadia.

Julee has had six operations on

her knee so far. She had to take two years off from basketball, and she says she couldn't imagine not playing for any longer. She says being injured helps her understand her sisters' frustration with her back.

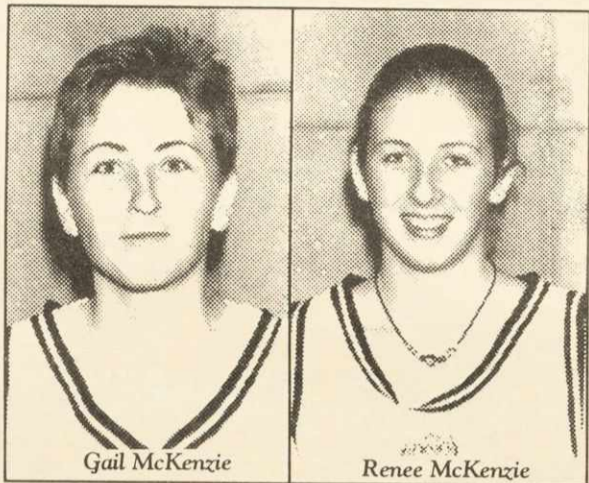
"I can understand the constant kind of pain Toni's in. I also understand how she's going nuts, not playing," says Julee.

The sisters say that when they're playing or practising they don't feel any different from anyone else on the team.

Julee says this has a lot to do with coach Carolyn Savoy.

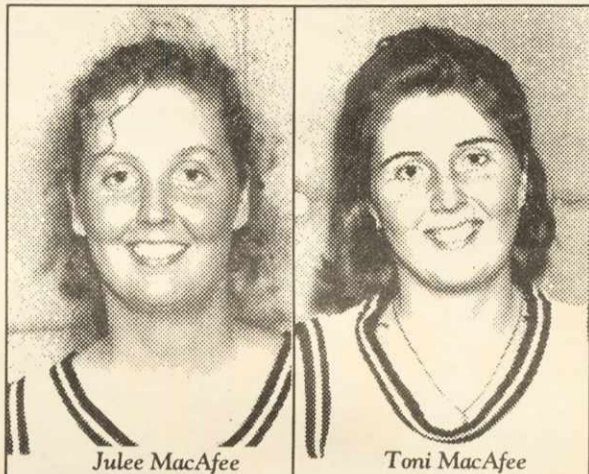
"I can't pinpoint her technique," says Julee, "but coach Savoy's teams are the closest I've ever been on."

Maybe it's who she recruits.



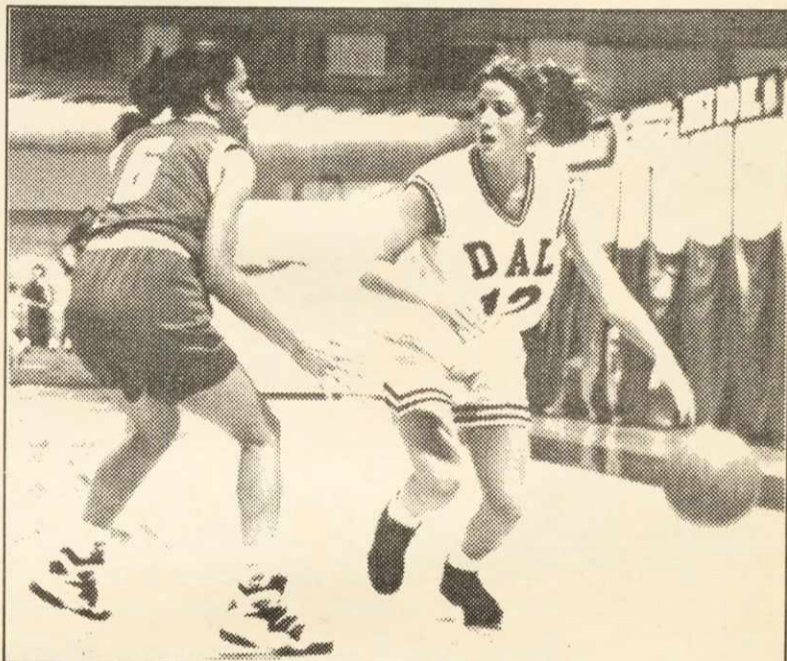
Gail McKenzie

Renee McKenzie



Julee MacAfee

Toni MacAfee



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Jennifer Offman leads a Tiger attack in action Friday night at the Dalhousie Subway Centennial tournament last weekend. Offman and her teammates settled for third place with an 80-56 win over Guelph. The University of Winnipeg won the tournament with a 92-75 victory over the University of New Brunswick. The men's and women's teams start their regular season with a home series against St. FX on Tuesday. The women's game starts at 6:00 pm while the men follow at 8:00 pm.

Congratulations to Dalhousie students Kim Oxner, Alexa Bagnell, Kirsten Campbell, Stacey Nicholson and cox Paula Jardine, a King's journalism student. They were selected Sport Nova Scotia athletes of the month for their third place finish at the Head of the Charles Rowing Regatta in Boston last month. The Charles is the largest single day regatta in the world.

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