

# sports

## Swimmers win at AUAA meet

by John Yip

The AUAA Invitational held at Dalplex last weekend gave the men's and women's swimming teams a preview of what is to come at the AUAA championships, to be held in three weeks time at the University of New Brunswick.

Traditionally a three-day meet with heats in the morning and finals at night, this year's format proved to be shorter in duration but taxing on the swimmers. Four sessions were crammed into a two-day span, giving the swimmers minimal time to recover between sessions. Nonetheless, the Tigers roared at the fatigue and excelled in the pool.

The first session saw Matt Fraser swim an impressive 1,500 metres in 17:16.13. Donna Phelan equaled the CIAU qualifying time in the free by clocking a smoking 27.93.

This is the third consecutive year that Phelan will travel to the CIAU championships, held in Victoria this year.

Katherine Dunn, last year's AUAA rookie of the year retained her throne as the 200m backstroke queen.

Dunn cruised to a 2:21:37, beating her nearest competitor by more than seven seconds. Jason Shannon, a fourth-year Commerce student, won the 200m back in 2:07.68.

Two hours later, the second session saw Katherine Dunn taking her second and third victories of the day by winning the 400m free and the 50m back. Sarah Woodworth joined Dunn on the winners' podium by capturing the 400m individual medley by a comfortable margin. On the men's side, Sean Andrews flew through the 50m fly despite being ill all week.

After a grueling first day, the second day proved to be even more successful. Bridget Byrne won the 100m free consolation finals by touching out teammate Rebekah Lawson. Ian Jackson outpaced the competition to win the 100m breast in a stunning time of 1:07.68. Francois Anctil qualified for the CIAU with a dramatic finish in the 100m fly. His time of 59.13 equaled the CIAU qualifying time. Anctil was ecstatic after qualifying.

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## Swimmers ready for nationals

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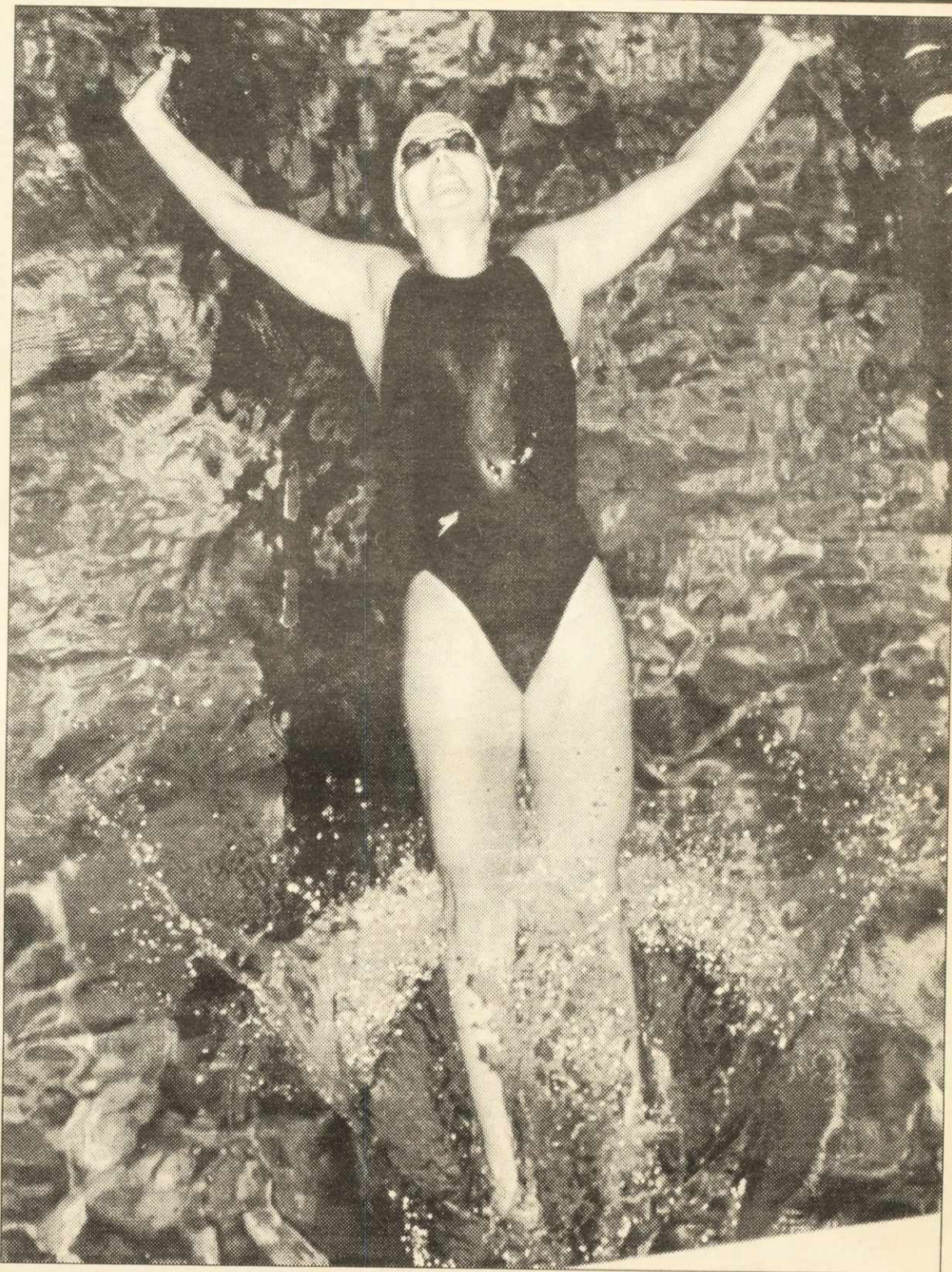
Each year, teams from across Canada compete against each other in search of the thrill and prestige of a national title. Unlike other sports such as hockey, basketball or volleyball, where the AUAA champions advance to the CIAUs, swimming is a bit different. Qualifying for the CIAUs is an individual accomplishment. Time standards are based on

the top 16 times from the previous year's championships.

These times are equal or better than the regular Swimming National qualifying times, and in some cases faster than the Olympic Trials qualifying standards.

The CIAU championships cater to the elite of the elite. Not more than 130 swimmers are able to qualify. Many of Canada's Olympic and National teams come from the

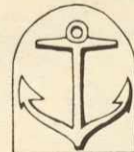
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Kirsten Matthews takes the plunge in AUAA swimming action last weekend at Dalplex. DALPHOTO: MIKE DEVONPORT



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