



The Campus Roundup

by Windy O'Neill

The natural inference of the past trouble about this corner's comments on the My A.U. would be to lay off—or else—and go back to harmless conjecture on the number of mens' rooms in the new Dalhousie rink, which will be finished in about fifty years. That would be the smart thing. So stand well back for another haymaker.

One of the newly acquired facets of this fine organization is, if you'll pardon us, amateurism. We would like to delve, a little, into the lurid past of the word. It used to be, before the fall of women from their rightful place, that young blades extracted each others' livers just to have some babe throw a wilted, but sweet-smelling rose to the victor before he kicked off.

In later days the boys saw the hopelessness of providing frailties with the style of entertainment that they most enjoy, and banned the old types of exercise for the less gory sort (although English ruggah is still extant)—and so came our modern games.

As people flocked to sport spectacles, promoters got the idea of building stadia to house the games so that modest and immodest fees could be levied on those desiring to gain entrance. This proved such a great success that the wily promoters devised the great scheme of amateurism wherein the most essential thing for an athlete was a vow of poverty.

Then the participants of the games started to look for compensation for their broken limbs and lost time, and the idea even struck them that someone was building a bank account. After their protests, athletes began finding well-worn greenbacks in their shoes, or used to win a bet each game that they couldn't jump over a club bag.

As things became more lax, the promoters struck back by decreeing no athlete could play against a professional and remain untainted. It was through this rule that the great Jim Thorpe fell into temporary disgrace and was made to give his Olympic medals to a less gifted but untainted man.

Today the word amateur has more meanings than a burlesque comedian's jokes. It is a different thing to each sport according to the time expended and the expenses incurred, influenced greatly of course by the crowds that the particular sport draws.

Again, amateur has encountered many vicissitudes in college athletics, depending on the particular section of the world and the breadth of the minds of the inhabitants. Of course, there is no disputing the fact that athletic scholarships have gone beyond all reasonable bounds in some American colleges.

But now to the Canadian scene. The Canadian universities have formed themselves into a group to control Canadian university sports. The CIAU held a meeting last year at which Dalhousie was represented over the protests of the student representatives, by the representative of UNB, who was also the President of the My A.U. It was there that a nebulous code of amateur athletics was formulated and accepted by all.

If the My A.U. runs true to form, these flimsy rules will be shot full of holes in less time than it takes to polish an ear trumpet. Already we have one dandy. The rule is that no player playing for an outside team can play on a university team less he be smirched with the faint aroma exuding from the coin of the realm—BUT any university team may enter in a body in any outside league and still remain untainted.

Acadia is playing in the Valley League and St. F.X. has played exhibition games with APC and Cape Breton Senior teams.

All these university players have played against avowed professionals and remained pure regardless of what the traditional amateur code demands. Amazing! How do they do it?



Ace Furlong and Don Kerr square off at a recent Varsity boxing workout. Boxing enthusiasts work out Monday and Wednesday nights under the experienced eye of coach Jack McKenna.

Boxing Team Hampered By Small Turnouts; Meet Near

Dalhousie's boxing team stands in a perilous position as a result of sparse turnouts to the regular practice sessions Monday and Wednesday evenings in the lower gym. At present there are only four of last year's intercollegiate squad back under the guiding hand of coach Jack McKenna; Jim Cruikshanks, Intercollegiate heavyweight champion last year; Al Kenty, '48 runner-up in the lightweight division; Don Kerr, last year's runner-up in the welterweight class; and "Ace" Furlong, who lost a debateable decision in the middleweight finals last spring. Of these four, only the first three are probable starters. A revision of the weight classes in Intercollegiate competition makes Kerr a junior welterweight, and leaves so far at least, no Dalhousie contestants in the light heavy senior, or middleweight groups.

Dalhousie's sluggers have the services of the best coach in Eastern Canada, Jack McKenna. An outstanding boxer of not so long ago, Mr. McKenna was holder of the Canadian Middleweight championship in his third year of coaching at Dalhousie. Last year he was the coach of the Maritime boxing team in the Olympic trials at Montreal. Together McKenna and Manager Furlong plan to bring in professional fighters to help the young pugilists as much as possible. With this top-flight coaching, second to none in the Maritimes, Dalhousie should be able to produce a strong, indeed a

championship team for the Intercollegiate meet to be held here, around March 1. This may be Dal's only hope of a major Intercollegiate title this year.

At present no exhibition matches are planned due to the late start of the training grind. The Dalhousie Boxing Championships will definitely be held as eliminations and warm-ups for the one really big show, the Intercollegiate matches.

Tigers Lose To Dal Grads

Dalhousie Grads defeated Dalhousie Tigers' varsity squad in a listless exhibition of basketball at the Dalhousie Gymnasium Wednesday night. The game, a slow moving event, ended in a 39-23 victory for Grads.

Alfie Cunningham, veteran Dalhousian, was playing his last game for Grads, and chalked up 10 points.

"Dee" Shaw, Tigers forward, had his glasses broken early in the game and suffered a slight cut on the nose, forcing him to leave the game in the first minute.

Girls Trim Kings 25-11

Led by veterans Fran Doane and Pat Snuggs, the Dalhousie "Tigresses" handily defeated King's 25-11, in the first Intercollegiate basketball game of the season, last Tuesday night. The game started very slowly and only the strong defence put up by guards Joyce Parker, Betty Petrie, and Lucy Calp kept Dal in the game in the opening minutes. Then Dal's experienced forward line of Eileen Landrigan, Fran Doane, and Pat Snuggs began to work smoothly, and finally moved out in front.

In the last half the Dal squad continued to drive led by Lib Doull and "Cuz" Cousins with four points apiece. High scorer for King's was Nancy Jones who garnered seven points. Next game in the home-and-home series to decide who meets Acadia's Axettes is scheduled for Saturday at 6.30 p.m.

Girls' Sports

By NOELLE BARTER

Well, the girls' Varsity Basketball team walked off with another victory by downing King's 25-11. It was a very fast game to watch—even the boys thought so. The double dribble has speeded up the game a great deal and the forward line was using it to advantage. Everybody played a fine game, all working well together, but Lucy Calp, on the guard line, turned in a really outstanding performance. The entire line held out the opposition, making good use of zone defense.

I was talking to Pat Snuggs and she tells me that there may be an inter-class swimming meet on Monday, or so she hopes. Watch the bulletin boards!

Haven't heard who the coach is of the girls' hockey team yet, but the season promises to be a good one—like last year's, maybe. Should be interesting if the girls accept the boys' challenge for a game in the near future. Any bets?

SAM PEEPS—

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a-pounding and shouting for money, of which I have none.

Did hear a great to-do about a play for Munro Day, which some say may be called "Munro's Other Life", or "Life Can Be Horrible".

In it there is a poem which starts like this;

"Some of the boys were whooping it up

In a Mushaboom Saloon."

Interfac Statistics

TEAM STANDINGS BASKETBALL

"A" Section					
	W	L	F	A	Pts.
A&S	2	0	63	32	4
Meds	1	0	28	17	2
Comm.	0	1	20	28	0
Law	0	2	24	50	0

"B" Section					
	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Pre-Meds	3	0	80	49	6
Engineers	1	1	46	41	2
Pine Hill	1	2	56	70	2
Dents	0	2	24	50	0

HOCKEY

"A" Section						
	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Commerce	2	0	0	16	4	4
A & S	1	1	1	9	12	3
Pharmacy	0	1	1	8	16	1
Engineers	0	1	0	2	3	0

"B" Section						
	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
King's	3	0	0	19	3	6
Law	1	1	0	6	10	2
Pine Hill	0	1	0	0	8	0
Pre-Meds	0	2	0	6	10	0

INTERFAC SCORING LEADERS

Basketball			
	FG	FS	Pts.
G. McCurdy (A&S)	9	0	18
Wolman (Pre-Meds)	8	2	18
Hannington (Law)	7	3	17
Garson (Pre-Meds)	6	3	15
Belliveau (A&S)	5	1	11
Foster (Meds)	5	1	11

Hockey			
	G	A	Pts.
Piggot (King's)	4	2	6
Murphy (King's)	4	1	5
Fraelick (King's)	0	4	4
Leblanc (Comm.)	4	0	4
Harris (Pharm.)	3	1	4
Ross, B. (King's)	4	0	4

Statistics compiled by Bob Beer (as of Jan. 24).

Small Turnout At Swim Practises

The 1949 Maritime Intercollegiate Swimming Meet is scheduled for March 12, at 8.00 p.m., at the Stadacona swimming pool. This year Dalhousie plays host to the other Maritimes colleges, BUT, as yet Dal has no team. Last year, with extreme difficulties in arranging suitable practice sessions, the Dal team made a remarkably good showing, the girls sweeping to the championship while the boys wound up third behind Acadia and U.N.B. which both possess swimming pools.

This year, unless Dalhousie can develop a team, there are possibilities that the meet will be shifted to either Acadia or U.N.B. There are swimmers at Dal, good swimmers, and an excellent coach, Crease, of the Navy, also we have the use of one of the best pools in Canada.

INTERFAC HOCKEY

Monday, Jan. 31—
12.30—Commerce vs. Pharmacy
1.30—King's vs. Pre-Meds
Wednesday, Feb. 2—
1.00—A&S vs. Engineers
Thursday, Feb. 3—
12.30—Engineers vs. Pharmacy
1.30—Pine Hill vs. Law

INTERFAC BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 28—
6.00—Commerce vs. Law
7.00—Engineers vs. Pre-Meds
Saturday, Jan. 29—
1.00—A&S vs. Law
2.00—Commerce vs. Meds
3.00—Engineers vs. Dents
Monday, Jan. 31—
6.00—A&S vs. Commerce
Tuesday, Feb. 1—
6.00—Pre-Meds vs. Pine Hill



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