

# sports

## Swim team gets wet

by John Yip

The Dalhousie Swimming Tigers travelled to Fredericton, N.B. for the annual AUSA Invitational. The meet proved to be a successful one, giving all swimmers a chance to compete early in the season. It also gave a strong indication on the strength and depth of the Dalhousie swimming teams. The women's team finished second behind UNB while the Dal men finished second behind a strong team from McGill.

Head Coach Nigel Kemp was pleased with the weekend's victories: "All athletes demonstrated the capacity to race this weekend. Most times were on par or faster than this time last year. The men's team showed a great deal of depth while the women's team came up strong in

the absence of some key swimmers. This year's conference is very competitive; therefore our goal right now is to strive to improve our technique and fitness, so that we can perform at our maximum potential."

Some highlights of the weekend start with third year political science major Ian Jackson, who took the 100m and 200m breaststroke titles. Jackson powered his way to set a new meet record in the 200m breaststroke. Sean Andrews won the 100m fly and was a member of the gold winning 4x100m medley relay. Along with Andrews and Jackson, rookies Steve Macdonald and Shawn Depuis came up big in this relay overtaking rivals McGill and UNB.

On the women's side, first year swimmer Kristin Taberner from Vancouver, set a new meet record in the

400m free, and won the 100m back and free events. Taberner also assisted Amanda Ross, Maura Strapps and Tara Weber to a first place finish in the 4x100m medley relay.

John Yip, co-captain of the men's team was pleased with the team's performance in and out of the pool: "The men's and women's teams swam hard and also showed a lot of team spirit. There was a lot of cheering and everyone supported each other. Overall, it was a good team bonding experience for the rookies and the seasoned vets. We even had an award winning performance in the Belly-Flop Contest by Dave LeBlanc!"

The Dal Tigers will be travelling next to McGill on Nov 11. They will face some of the strongest swimming schools in Canada and the USA.

## Rink rats win, tie

by Jefferson Rappell



Good old New Brunswick. Home of lousy roads, plentiful forests, Irving, and a couple of points in the standings for the Dal hockey Tigers.

The Black & Gold travelled to Moncton Saturday to clash with the UdeM Blue Eagles. The talented squads were even at 3-3 after regula-

tion time. Dalhousie goals were registered by Stephen Maltby and Kevin Meisner with a couple.

In the overtime frame, Dal could not capitalize on power play opportunities and had to settle for the tie.

Sunday brought a new city and a new challenge—the St. Thomas Tommies.

Dal scored early and often, riding a four goal performance by Keifer

House. The lopsided final was 8-2 with other goal scorers including Ulrik Bengtsson, Corey MacIntyre, and Maltby with a pair.

Dal rides a three game unbeaten streak into this weekend when they host UNB at Studley Arena on Saturday at 7:30pm, and Mt. Allison at 2pm on Sunday. Get your rump off the couch and support Dal hockey—this could be our year.

## IN THE CLUBHOUSE

### Time for Tigerball?

by Jake Boudrot

"Put me in coach, I'm ready to play!"

When John Fogarty sang that classic baseball ode, he shared a similar fondness with Mike Crosby. Thanks to Mr. Crosby — a baseball-lover and red-tape-cutter — Dal could be in the game. And to think it took only two years to find one student willing to build an entire program from the bottom up...

The league Dal might be a member of is a rapidly growing one. When it began, as Mr. Crosby says, "all that mattered was that games were played."

Presently, the games are being played at Olympic Stadium (Canadian University National Championships with teams from Ontario, Quebec and an Atlantic region representative).

The man in charge is Ian Mosher. An astute student of the game, Mr. Mosher aims to bring this league to national prominence.

But back to Mike Crosby.

He is a baseball enthusiast who has coached (most recently as an assistant with SMU), and feels that Dal should have a competitive team.

"A university of this size should have twenty people out there who can play," says Crosby.

And whenever Dal is excluded, there is a noticeable emptiness. So far, Mr. Crosby has put out messages on e-mail and plans an all-out publicity blitz.

But there are obstacles to overcome. Witness what it takes to get a sports club officially recognised: ten people must sign a "list of intent" to play next year; an executive has to be elected; a constitution drafted; the minutes of the first meeting recorded; and a budget drawn up for later approval.

Presently, Crosby is juggling all of the responsibilities himself. He welcomes any assistance, saying that "if someone more experienced comes along, I'll step aside." So far, outside interest has been muted.

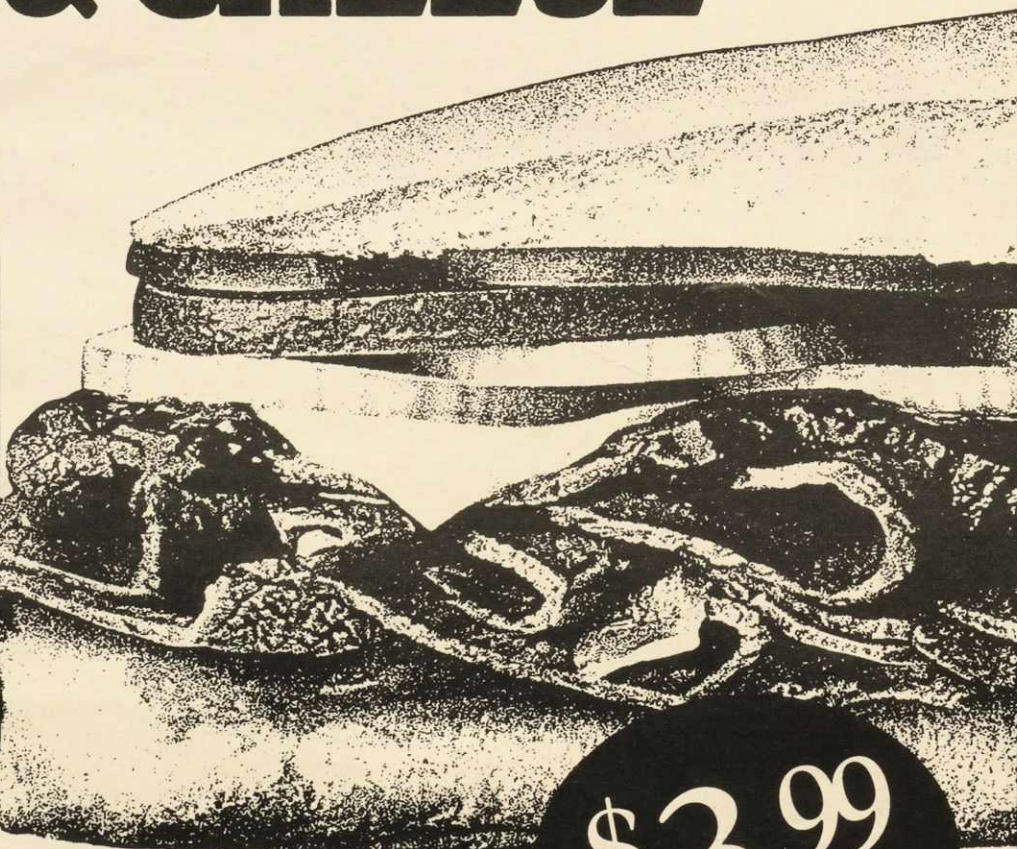
There you have it. Someone has decided to devote endless hours in the name of baseball. So, get out there and give him a push, as it would be very disturbing if student apathy were to squelch any hopes of a baseball team at Dalhousie.

Anyone interested can contact the Gazette at 494-2507 or Mike Crosby at 435-3892.

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