

# HOLT ON SPORT

This weekend both the basketball and hockey teams were playing away from home so I don't have any direct comments on the games they played: I didn't see them.

There may be criticism of my column in that I confine my comments to the so-called major sports, basketball and hockey at this time of year, and football when it was current. It is not that I don't follow the other sports on campus, I am a Dal fan in all sports. It is just impossible for me to see all the sundry and various athletic events which involve Dalhousie teams and athletes. I comment on what I see; that was the whole idea of this column in the first place. I am not a sports reporter as such. If you want to see game reports, don't look to this column.

I was approached last week to put something in about the Women's basketball team. I said I would if the information was at the Gazette office Sunday night when this column was written. It's not here so its not in.

As far as the women's sports are concerned it will get a mention if it's here on Sunday night. But to the women of the Dal teams, if you want proper coverage dig yourself up some female sports fan who will do the job. I'm sure we can give you the space.

This point also applies to the minor sports in the men's side. I used the word minor only to distinguish them from hockey and basketball in this season. If the information is left for me on

Sunday night it will be mentioned, but as I said, if you want proper coverage get yourself a reporter. The staff of the Gazette is all voluntary and there are no sports writers among them. Sports coverage therefore suffers except for this column, which can't possibly cover everything.

### RICHARD MUNRO

Last week a Dalhousie student, Richard Munro, from Bridgewater, won the National Senior Men's Cross Country Race held here in Halifax. It appears to me, that most people on this campus do not fully realize the significance of this achievement. To be honest I was not fully aware of what it meant until I was cornered by coach Al Yarr and it was explained. It simply means that Richard Munro is one of the best long distance runners in Canada. In that meet he defeated, and I might say easily, (he was 42 seconds ahead of the second place finisher) several runners who have sub four minute miles to their credit and other runners who have competed for Canada in international events.

The winner of the National Intercollegiate Cross Country finished fourth in this race. Congratulations go out to Richard from this corner. It is high time that he was recognized for the great athlete he is.

### OTHER THINGS

The basketball team was off in Upper Canada at Waterloo, Ontario competing in the Naismith Classic Tournament.

They wiped out Queen's 83-36 (stick to football, boys) and all reports indicated that they played one of their best games of the young season. They played what Yarr called a "total game" on defence and were on top of Queen's all the way.

Against Simon Fraser they were in the game to the end, with the margin never varying more than six points in favour of either team. Late in the game Dal was trailing by six and went to a press. It was a gamble that didn't work and Dal finished on the short end of a 82-68 score.

The experience should serve them well as they are going to be in a real dog-fight for the Conference championship this year. They have the edge on the

other teams in experience, but in one game anything can happen. Like SMU two weeks ago! St. Mary's, Acadia and X are all going to be very tough.

In hockey, the boys, (by the results of the games in Newfoundland) appear to be getting it together as a team again. They defeated Memorial 7-5 and 10-5. After the trials and tribulations which have plagued the team, let's hope they settle down and make a real fight for the play-offs.

In basketball the boys have one League game before Christmas against Mount Allison, on Saturday, December 4, at the Forum.

In hockey the team has finished the pre-Christmas part of the regular schedule but

during the break they are going to be busy. They are in one of the Hockey Canada tournaments, this one at Three Rivers, Quebec. Then they travel to Boston for a game with either BU or BC. Following that it is on to Bowdin College in Maine for a tournament.

In closing, congratulations to Remo "The Hawk" Manicini. Who's he, you say? He is a Dal student who took first place overall in a gymnastics meet at UNB. UNB, Dal and Acadia were involved and Remo took first place in the horizontal bar, the rings and the side-horse events for a score of 40.6 out of a possible 60.

This is the last issue of the Gazette until January 14, therefore it follows that this is the last column until then.

## Dal swimmers spirited; polo team in upset win

by Slim Slick

At the first AIAA swimming competition held at the Centennial Pool November 20, Dalhousie's swim team more than made for its lack of speed in eagerness and hustle.

Dal's "Tiger Roar" was never squelched (courtesy Bill Draper) and this demonstration of team spirit made a considerable impression on everyone present.

Dal's women easily outdid the men as far as speed performance was concerned. They won five events compared to the men's two wins (by Peter Guildford).

Standouts for the women were: Gail McFall (first in the 200 yds. Breaststroke, second in the 200 yds. Individual Medley); Anne Gass (first in the 200 Freestyle, second in the 500 Freestyle); Leak Hall (first in the 50 Freestyle, second in the 100 Freestyle in a fast 1:09.1); Shawna Perlin (first in the 200 Backstroke); and Donna Sutcliffe (first in Women's Diving).

Vince Pothier came third in a



highly contested men's diving.

In final team standings: in women's competition, Mount Allison vs Dal 52-35; in men's competition, Memorial vs Dalhousie 54-37, Memorial vs Mt. A. 55-41, and Mt. A. vs Dal 51-43.

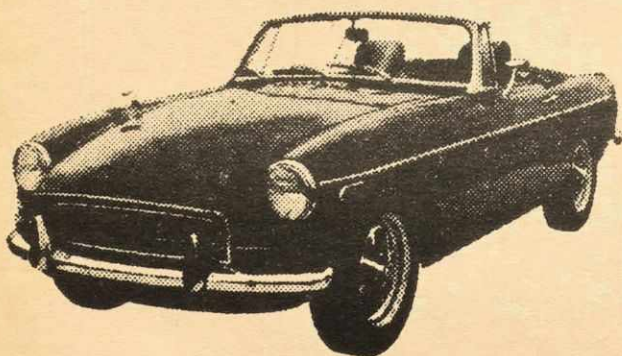
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Dalhousie's 14-man water polo team upset the defending Nova Scotia Senior Water Polo champions, the Shearwater Polar Bears nine to five in a hard swum contest November 22.

Team captain Bruce Wildsmith set the pace with six whipping goals followed by Tom Gillis (two) and head coach Kelvin Williams (one), to put the game out of reach for the Polar Bears.

An excellent start of the season for Dal's Polo Boys who are looking out for new talent. Interested people are invited to contact Williams at the Centennial Pool Tuesdays or Thursdays at 6:10 p.m.

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