

Dal 'also rans finish close

by F.A. MacLeod

"The Bishop's Gaiterettes and the Guelph Gryphons will contest the championship of the Concordia Classic women's invitational basketball tournament Saturday. Everybody else will be also-rans, some decidedly worse than others." This prediction appeared in the Montreal *Gazette* on Thursday, November 29. Being written off as also-rans certainly did not perturb the Dalhousie women's basketball team: they made it to the final in the Concordia tournament, losing to a strong Bishop's squad on Saturday. Anne Lindsay and Carol Rosenthal of Dal were named to the tournament all-star team. Dalhousie was the only team which had more than one of its players named as all-stars.

The tournament was hosted by Concordia University of Montreal and lasted from Thursday to Saturday. Eight teams were competing in the tournament; among them Bishop's University, which was considered to be one of the top squads in the country with three members of the

national team on its roster; and the University of Guelph, which had one Canadian national player. Last year's CIAU champion, Victoria, was not in the tournament. Bishop's will likely gain a No. 1 ranking in Canada as a result of its win in this tournament.

In Dalhousie's first game Dal defeated Concordia by a score of 84-62 after having led at halftime by 47-29. L. Macpherson was good for 27 of Concordia's points, while Carol Rosenthal had 16 and Anne Lindsay and Chris Buckle 14 each for Dal. Lindsay was also the Tigers' top rebounder with 7.

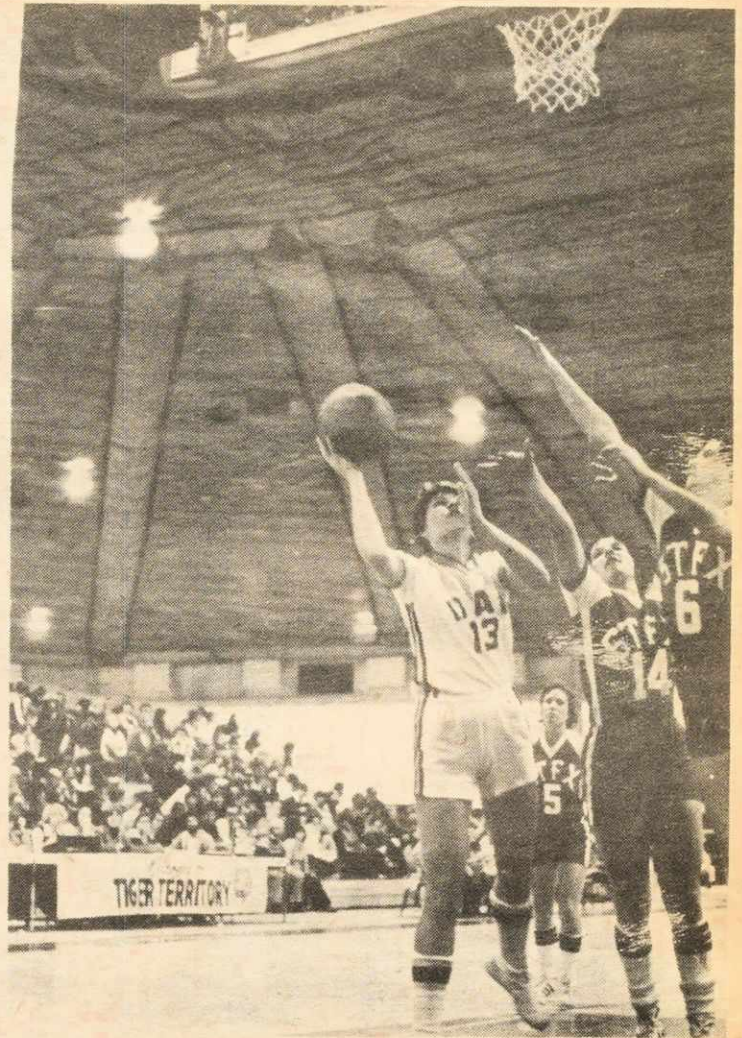
In the game against Guelph, the Gryphons led 27-24 at the half, but were able to score only 14 points in the second half; Dal won the contest 52-41. Candy Clarkson (a national team member) led the Guelph team with 19 points, while Anne Lindsay with 18 (on 64% shooting) and Carol Rosenthal with 14 were Dalhousie's high scorers. Lindsay also led in rebounds with 8, while Jill Tasker had 7.

Although managing to hold

their own against the Bishop's Gaiterettes in the first half (the score at halftime was 24-24), the Tigers ran out of steam offensively in the second half and succumbed by a score of 56-42. The Dal squad's zone defence was no match for the Gaiterettes' strong outside shooting. Debbie Huband, their court general (and one of the three members of the national team playing for Bishop's) led in scoring with 22 points. The high scorers for Dal were Carol Rosenthal with 14 and Jill Tasker with 12. With the exception of Anna Pender-

gast, who shot 71% from the floor, the team's shooting was very poor.

Dalhousie coach Carolyn Savoy was very pleased overall with the performance of her team. She said the best way for the team to learn is to play against good teams such as those in the tournament, that no matter what she tells the players in practice, the best way for them to improve is to go out and play against the best.



Verbal diarrhea

by Greg Dennis

Ah, Christmas! Time of mistletoe, rum egg-nogs, and gift giving. But for most students the upcoming holiday season means exams. Thus, **Professor Dennis** will now hand out the marks for Dalhousie's varsity teams. Some teams will be receiving their final scores while others are getting mid-term progress reports. First those who have completed their year . . .

Golf—(B)—finished second in the AUAA Championships. Golfers Jeff Berg, Don Sutherland, Bob Maloney and Jim Warner shot well in the tourney but could not shake Dal's bridesmaid image. . . **Tennis**—men's and women's—([A]—getting to be boring. The men, led by Jay Abbass and Perry Smith, captured their twelfth straight title while the women took their fifth championship in a row. Carol Rosenthal, Sue Rubin, Joanne Beckwith and Sue Williamson paced the ladies. . . **Cross-Country**—men's [B+]—women's [A-]. The men were led by Robert Englehutt and Tim Prince all season and finished second behind UNB at the finals this year. The women successfully defended their AUAA crown, placing five harriers in the top ten at the finals. Outstanding all season for Dal was Pam Currie. . . **Soccer**—[B-]—rode a roller-coaster season into the playoffs but were ousted in the semis. A key late season win over St. F.X. lifted the Tigers from a C rating. Stars for the soccer squad were Dave Riddell, John Evans, Harry Fowler and Ed McKinley. . .

Field Hockey—[A+]—the brightest student from this fall's class. Sporting a balanced attack and women that give 100 per cent always, the field hockey squad marched through the regular season and took the AUAA championship. They finally succumbed in the Canadian finals but not before winning a couple of games and gaining much respect. Brenda Ogilvie (who recorded 9 shut-outs in 12 regular season games), Lori-Ann Moore, Erin O'Brien and Pam Taylor shone all season. . .

Now for those varsity squads half-way through their seasons. . . **Women's Volleyball**—[B+]—good but having trouble winning the big games. They are getting fine performances from Karen Fraser and Karin Maesson. . .

Men's Volleyball—[A-]—surprise of the class. They are undefeated in AUAA play this season and ranked tenth in the nation. The coaching of Al Scott and return of Jan Prsala are the sparks that ignite the team. . . **Swimming**—[A]—nationally ranked swim team, led by super swimmers Susan Mason and Brian Jessop. The women achieved a significant goal last month by beating the Acadia team. . . **Women's Basketball**—[B+]—still early; play against UNB will determine how good the ladies are. Carol Rosenthal and Anne Lindsay have been superb. . . **Men's Basketball**—[D]—class dunce. The Tigers are not playing well, to put it mildly. Despite the presence of new coach Doc Ryan and two legitimate stars in Phil Howlett and Alistar MacDonald, they are having a lot of trouble getting untracked. . . **Hockey**—[A]—last year's A+ team. The Tigers were beset with problems in the early part of the season and only the outstanding goaltending of Ken Bickerton kept their record respectable. The big 3-0 win over St. F.X. and exceptional play by the defence mean the Tigers are on the right road again. Up front Brian Guallazzi, Rick McCallum and Kevin Zimmel are playing well. . . Sizing up the report card, it is evident that Dalhousie boasts a strong sports program. . .

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Tories decrease funding

CALGARY (CUP)—Canada's results in the 1980 Olympics will mirror the regression of national sports programs, according to the University of Calgary physical education dean.

Roger Jackson, who is a former Sport Canada official, said that the 1980 Olympic results will be below those earned in 1976 and below what may have been achieved under the former Liberal government policy.

Jackson told a press conference held in support of the junior Olympics and Olympic programs, that the Conservative government policy, where it clearly exists, spells a decrease in commitment to amateur sport and university sport in particular.

Jackson said that under the Liberal government amateur

sport was guaranteed an extension of the Loto Canada and a policy paper outlining the future for amateurs had been assembled.

There was, he said, "a strong development in funding until a year ago." In addition, hopes for improved national sport programs were "kept alive because the lottery was to be continued past 1979". The lottery was to provide \$40 million this year.

However, the Tory government has changed much of this in two ways. First there has been a decentralization of funds. The Tories, and fitness minister Steve Paproski have given Loto Canada rights to the provinces, but terms are unclear. What is clear is a reduction from the proposed \$40 million subsidy for amateur sport to the present \$12

million level.

Secondly, is the absence of policy at federal and provincial levels. Jackson blames a "lack of attention from the federal government" for regression of Canadian sport programs. Present funding reflects this attitude. So too does reduced funding for intercollegiate travel.

The Alberta government, after the Loto and money transfer, has been unable to provide proposals on money allocation and priority.

These conditions may interfere with Jackson's hopes to see universities strengthen national programs. Jackson declares "the country has relied on the club system" to develop athletes and he adds "very few clubs came through". However, success occurred from "clubs and the federal government" cooperating. continued on page 23



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