

Top athletes

Mason and Van Buuren

The Class of '55 Trophy is awarded to the most outstanding Female Athlete of the Year at Dalhousie. This year's winner is Susan Mason, an exceptionally talented swimmer.

In this her first year of interuniversity competition, this athlete has left all opponents in her wake. Leaving few stones unturned she established eight Dalhousie records, five A.U.A.A. records and two C.I.A.U. records. She won 3 C.I.A.U. titles and 3 A.U.A.A. titles and was named the most outstanding swimmer in both the A.U.A.A. and the C.I.A.U.

This native of Halifax has represented Canada internationally on 3 occasions as a member of Canada's National Swim Team.

In February this swimmer was ranked number 1 in nine separate events in intercollegiate swimming.

Her performances have been the catalyst for the Tiger's second place finish in the A.U.A.A. and a seventh



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place finish in the women's standings at the C.I.A.U.

This remarkable athlete's enthusiasm, dedication and determination personify her commitment to the pursuit of excellence in her sport and to the enhancement of Dal-

housie's tradition in sport.

The Climo Trophy is awarded to Dalhousie's top Male Athlete who exemplifies sportsmanship, athletic ability and team spirit. This year's recipient is John Van Buuren.

His contribution to Canadian swimming has been both significant and unselfish. Many swimmers at Dalhousie have benefited from his willingness to share his knowledge and experience with his fellow team members.

Quiet leadership and his cool head has led the swimming Tigers to this year's A.U.A.A. crown.

His performance at this year's C.I.A.U. National Championships earned him the recognition as the outstanding male swimmer at the National Championships, adding to his 1979 A.U.A.A. male swimmer of the year award. A fold in the 200 meter butterfly, and silvers in both the 100 meter backstroke and the 200 meter individual medley, together with a bronze in the 400 meter freestyle relay, capped an outstanding swimming career. He graduates from university swimming a triple winner in A.U.A.A. and a record holder in many A.U.A.A. and Dalhousie swimming records.

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much change has come about in spite of the long-standing inflexibility of the monarchy. On the strength of such an argument, he says, Softliners insist that change will come about in the U.S.S.R. In support of this position, Starr said he feels that it has been shown that the Softline approach has appeal among the younger generation.

Within the U.S.S.R., Starr said, both sides look to the Brezhnev Constitution (1977) with keen interest. Softliners will point to Article 28, which calls for "peaceful co-existence" and "renunciation of force," while Hardliners prefer to click their heels to the tune of Article 29 which alludes to "defence of the father land and world socialist system" (often described as a "Socialist Commonwealth").

Beneath the many arguments lies a fundamental difference of approach. To summarize these differences, Starr said, one might say that Softliners tend toward behaviourism while Hardliners tend toward historicism, where "the present is the culmination of the past." Among the characteristics of the Hardline approach are centrality, continuity of political culture, militarism and a foreign emphasis. The Softline approach, on the other hand, is characterized by notions of discontinuity, decentralization and a civil society. Both approaches, said Starr, are well-documented within the U.S.S.R., command large audiences, and are deeply ingrained in the very structure of Soviet society. And the eventual outcome of the ongoing debate, he insists, is not likely to be an either/or resolution, but rather "a development of the interaction of the two approaches."

To bring the situation up to date, Starr considered the present Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT). If the U.S. Senate passes SALT, he said, this would likely strengthen the Hardline position. Should a no-vote be cast, the Softline position will be enhanced.

From all appearances, said Starr, the U.S.S.R. is still a rapidly-changing society. Rather than existing as a "stagnant, old gerontocracy with 3 1/2% growth" (Smith and Kaiser), Starr insisted that "the nation is in a state of profound transition. And to the extent that the hardline-softline polarization has broadened and deepened, we have "benefitted and learned."

The MacMechan Room was filled to capacity for the lecture which was described as "an unusual synthesis... most discursive." It was jointly sponsored by the Dalhousie History Department, the Graduate Students Society, the Russian Club, and the Atlantic Canada Council on Russia.



At Nationals

Tigers almost win it all

by Chuck Piercey

Last week the Dalhousie Hockey Tigers travelled to Montreal to prove they were not only the best team in the Atlantic Provinces, but in the entire country as well. Unfortunately, the University of Alberta Golden Bears had different ideas.

The National Tournament opened Thursday night with Dalhousie meeting the Guelph University team. The game was a see-saw match, with the lead changing hands several times. With the seconds dying in the third period, the score stood at a 5-5 tie and overtime loomed. However, with only thirty-four seconds left, centreman Earl Theriault poked the puck past Guelph's goaltender to break the tie and take Dal over their first hurdle. The goal was Theriault's second of the game, with Louis Lavoie also netting two. Sing-

les came from Paul MacLean and Earl Jessiman.

The Tigers were idle Friday night and were slated to meet the Chicoutimi Les Uniks the following evening. This time the Tigers came to play. The first period saw Dal erupt for six unanswered goals, more or less securing the win. Of the six tallies, Paul MacLean claimed three, with Shawn McDonald scoring twice and Mike Brennan once. The 6-0 lead remained intact into the third period. Chicoutimi broke the shutout only to have Tiger Adrian Facca return the score. Chicoutimi scored two fruitless goals to end the scoring at a 7-3 Tiger victory.

For the 150 Dal fans at the Pointe Claire Arena, the win was certainly something to celebrate. Dalhousie's place had been secured in the national final against the University of Alberta Golden

Bears who had handily won their western division games.

The final was carried on the national C.B.C. network Sunday afternoon, and those who watched it know who commentator Tom Mckee was rooting for. Although the Tigers were definite underdogs, at least Howie Meeker acknowledged them a chance. The game itself was never really in doubt. The defending champion Alberta team were far stronger and highly skilled, and opened an early three goal lead. Two and a half minutes into the second period, Bob Dugan scored what proved to be Dal's only goal of the game (and yes Tom, they all count). Alberta replied with two markers in the same frame to boost their lead to 5-1. With no scoring in the third period, that's how the contest ended.

Excuses aside, the Tigers were simply outplayed by a superior hockey club. Alberta was playing the tight fore-checking and defence game that the Tigers play, but at a

much higher standard. The loss provides no reason for shame. Overall, the Tigers played as well as they were capable, and having two players (Paul MacLean and Louis Lavoie) selected to the Canadian University All-Star team is nothing to sneer at. Besides, who would have believed at Christmas time that Dal would have the second best hockey club in the country?

Coach Pierre Pagé requested that I make special mention of the fans, both the thousands who cheered at the Metro Centre and the 150 who bussed to Montreal. "They never let us down. They cheered when we were winning and when we were losing. Dal fans certainly impressed the other teams by being the loudest and most long winded in the rink. As for the Tigers, I can't express the appreciation we feel for the students who came up. They really showed this university has some class."

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