

Men's Awards Banquet

AWARDS BANQUET

by Joel Fournier

Apologies go out to all those athletes and coaches who, felt slighted or offended by the lack of coverage in last week's Gazette. The problem stems from trying to meet a Tuesday deadline with an event that doesn't occur until a day later. Naturally only a limited amount of information was available at the time and as a result that's all that was printed.

However, we will try to rectify the situation with a more detailed report now.

First and foremost it should be pointed out that again this year Dalhousie was extremely successful in winning many AUAA Championships. The ladies won in Curling, Varsity Field Hockey and Intermediate Field Hockey. The men captured titles in Curling, Cross Country Running, Varsity Soccer, J.V. Soccer, Tennis, Track and Field and Volleyball.

This is quite an array of victories and when tournament and Non AUAA titles are added to this the list becomes even more impressive. Suffice to say that these accomplishments speak well for the University's policy of participation in many areas of athletics and competition.

The awards banquet itself was a huge success highlighted by a hilarious address given by a very personable Jack Donohue — Canada's National Basketball Coach. Donohue's presentation while keeping the responsive audience laughing also had its serious side and left many of those in attendance with some pertinent points to ponder.

The presentation of individual awards was once again handled efficiently and graciously by two students Sharman White and Chris Jackson. John Primrose did his usual masterful job as M.C. and kept the whole program running smoothly.

Men's Varsity M.V.P. awards were presented for eleven sports. Perhaps it would be best to use the words of their coaches to show why the individuals were honoured.

BASKETBALL — Rarely does a first year player join a good team and show enough poise and ability to be elected Most Valuable by his teammates. This year's recipient has demonstrated extraordinary ball handling skill for a big man and displayed this ability early by being named MVP in his first University Tournament. He developed into a solid rebounder as the season progressed and is already considered capable of producing the big basket in pressure situations. His biggest strengths are his varied offensive skills and consistent attention to team play. He is a player who is learning and improving at

every opportunity. This year's winner — Bob Fagan.

FOOTBALL — The player selected this year by his teammates as the MVP is a freshman. One of the few times a first year football player has ever been so honoured. He reflects I think the recognition of an outstanding talent! This individual is a graduate of Q.E.H. school where, in his senior year he set scoring and rushing records and was acknowledged as a co-winner of the league MVP award. He continued his outstanding play in this his first year at Dal. He led the A.I.F.C. in Kick-off returns, averaging 25 yards per return. He provided the conference with two of its seasons' highlights - a 110 yard punt return and an 85 yard kick-off return; both went for touchdowns and both were the longest in 1974 league play! This season culminated with his selection as an all-Conference Running back -- a truly well deserved honour for a football player of great talent and enthusiasm. This year's winner - Jeff Neal.

TRACK AND FIELD — The 1974 Dalhousie Men's Track and Field Team came home with the league championship for the sixth year in a row. The freshman recipient of the MVP played a significant role in the continuation of that outstanding record. He trains year round, he has competed internationally on several occasions, a factor which is not only self evident in his own performance, but also in the manner by which he encourages and assists his teammates. During the AUAA Championships, he competed in three events placing in the long and triple jumps and winning his favorite - the high jump, in which he set an intercollegiate record. — Clarke Godwin.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — This gentleman can be considered the best volleyball player in the Atlantic Region, as well as the most talented athlete to represent Dalhousie in this sport during coach Prsala's career at the University. Completing his second year as Tiger, his value to the team, outstanding in his freshman year, has proven immeasurable in 1974/75. In the coaches words ... "this recipient was one of the best players a year ago. He deserves the award more than any other player in the past." Mike Sayers.

WRESTLING — An individual record of 20 wins and 0 losses in any sport must be considered outstanding. Unfortunately, unless the competitor happens to be involved in a high exposure activity, his performance passes virtually unnoticed by his peers, the public and the media. In making this award we have an opportunity to compensate in some small degree for that weakness in the system. The MVP is a



senior. He was undefeated in regular season competition. In a season which extended from October 8 to Mid-March, he was able to maintain enthusiasm and a sense of humour in a sport which, has become extremely demanding. His teammates recognized the value of his contribution by electing him captain. Larry Brinen.

We now come to the two top awards that the University bestows each year at this time on its finest Male and Female athlete. As you know already, the Class of '55 Award was won for the second consecutive year by Joan Selig a truly-outstanding performer. Cathy Campbell will be dealing

more fully with this trophy and its winner in her story on these pages.

In presenting the Climo Award to the top Male Athlete Doug Hargreaves, Dal's Athletic Director stated "The Climo Award is traditionally given to the Dalhousie Student in the Men's Intercollegiate Program" who best embodies the qualities of athletic ability, sportsmanship and team spirit. Prior to the advent of intense specialized training and elongated seasons, it was not uncommon for Varsity Athletes to compete in two, three or four intercollegiate sports. The present sport's environment, coupled with increasing pressure for

academic excellence legislates against this accomplishment. Here we have the exception; the athlete who not only combined two, and at times three varsity programs, but who did so over a period of four years. During the past season he competed continuously in soccer and wrestling, while combatting a serious case of viral pneumonia, an ailment which would confine the majority of us to our sickbeds. You've previously heard about some of his athletic accomplishments further details would be superfluous." This year's most deserving winner — Larry Briner.

That pretty well wraps up

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CLASS SELECTION and REGISTRATION

Students are reminded that full registration includes all of the following steps:

Returning students are urged to select their classes and have programmes of study approved before the end of the current session.

Faculty will be available for consultation and class approval on 3, 4 April 9 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the following locations:

Arts & Science: Room 21, Arts & Administration Bldg.
Nursing: Room 21, Arts & Administration Bldg.
Pharmacy: College of Pharmacy
Physical Education: Physical Education Building

Selecting and obtaining approval of classes
Completing registry forms
Paying fees
Attending health centre
Obtaining I.D. card or validation as appropriate