

Roadkill at the Rock

by Carmen Tam

The Dalhousie Tigers continued their domination of AUAA volleyball competition as the men's team swept both games against the Memorial Sea-Hawks last weekend in St. John's, Nfld.

The Tigers took care of business last Friday as they hammered the Sea-Hawks by game scores of 15-13, 15-4 and 15-3. Rightside hitter Chris Schwarz tallied up 13 kills while teammates Jamie Mallon and John Hobin added 10 and 6 kills respectively.

On Saturday the Sea-Hawks put up a better fight with the same results. The Tigers, ranked 4th in the nation defeated Memorial 15-8, 15-9 and 15-11 put their AUAA record 5-0.

Head coach Al Scott took the

opportunity to unleash his young players including Jason Trepanier



who put in 12 kills, 4 digs and 1 ace to take Player of the Game honors.

Continuing to shine for the Tigers was Hobin who put in 13 kills and 5 blocks.

Dalhousie who has remains on top of the league standings will head to Quebec City this weekend to compete in the Laval Carnival Tournament. Last year the Tigers captured a bronze medal by beating the Winnipeg Wesmen for the first time in four years to take third place.

Dalhousie will meet the University of Toronto and Sherbrooke University in round robin action Friday before taking on the top ranked Laval Saturday. The Tigers face Waterloo in the evening. Medal matches will take place on Sunday afternoon.

Look for the Tigers when they host the AUAA Championships February 24-26.



Men's V-ball Tigers fly high on the rock.

Tigers improving

by Sam McCaig

The women's volleyball team returned from the Universite d'Ottawa Invitational with mixed emotions.

They finished the five team tournament in fourth place, so perhaps an outright celebration was not in order. On the other hand, coach Leslie Irie saw promise in the weekend's performance.

"The weekend was tough for us, but that is the reason we needed to go there — to gain more experience. At times, I believed our play was steadier than what we showed at the (Dal) Classic. We still have a ways to go but this experience will definitely benefit our team," commented Irie.

Irie was also quick to point out

some of the outstanding efforts put forward by the Tigers.

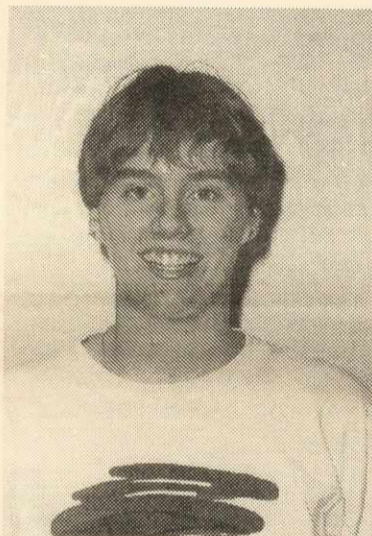
"Kim Sheppard's composure, steadiness and leadership were invaluable to us this weekend," Irie said of her third-year captain.

Sheppard was named a tournament all-star for her play.

Also high on Irie's list was second-year middle blocker Jenn Parkes.

"Jenn's play at the net was solid on the weekend. Her leadership qualities are becoming more apparent...this is definitely a plus for us," Irie said.

The Tigers return to league action when they visit Saint Mary's at the Tower on Wednesday, February 8th at 7 p.m.



Kim Sheppard

High CIAU standards

by John Yip

What does it mean to qualify for CIAUs?

The Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Union (CIAU) is the governing body behind university sports. To qualify for CIAUs in swimming, swimmers must go under a time standard.

Time standards are based on the top 16 times from the previous year's championships. These times are equal or better than the regular swimming Nationals qualifying times and in some cases, faster than Olympic Trials qualifying standards. For example, a swimmer could be a Conference Champion yet their time might not be close to the CIAU qualifying time. Likewise, swimmers who finish second or third at the AUAA's Championships may qualify for CIAUs if they go under the qualifying time. The latter has occurred frequently, and it shows that some of Canada's top university swimmers are in the Atlantic Conference.

The CIAU Swimming Championships is the pinnacle of university swimming. Not more than 130 swimmers (male and female) are able to qualify.

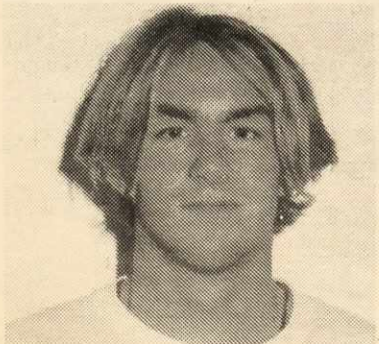
Many of Canada's Olympic and National teams come from the university swimming program. Dalhousie's own Nancy Garapick (former Canadian and World Record Holder), Andrew Cole (Dal record holder and University of New Brunswick's Head Coach) and Lynne Patterson (Dal's Outstanding Athlete of the Year 1993) are former CIAU medalists. This year's meet is being held at Laval University, Quebec.

Last year, the Dalhousie Tigers

sent a record 14 swimmers to the CIAU Championships. The swimmers managed to place 9th overall in the nation, showing Dalhousie's prominence in the sport.

This year, the total number of pre-qualified swimmers now stands at 5. Many of the Dal swimmers see the AUAA championships as a stepping stone towards CIAU qualification.

Day in, day out, the Dalhousie swimmers make their way to Dalplex attending as many as eight workouts a week. With such a gruelling training regimen that started in September, coupled with the extra burdens of being a student, it is a long road to the CIAU Championships, but a road worth experiencing.



Ian Jackson

Broomhaha

by Geoff Stewart

It was a crazy night of broomball at the Dal rink last Thursday night with two great, action-packed games.

In the first match, "The Battle of the Broom" was between Law and Physio. Highly qualified broomball official and one time all-star Jeff Watson had his hands full.

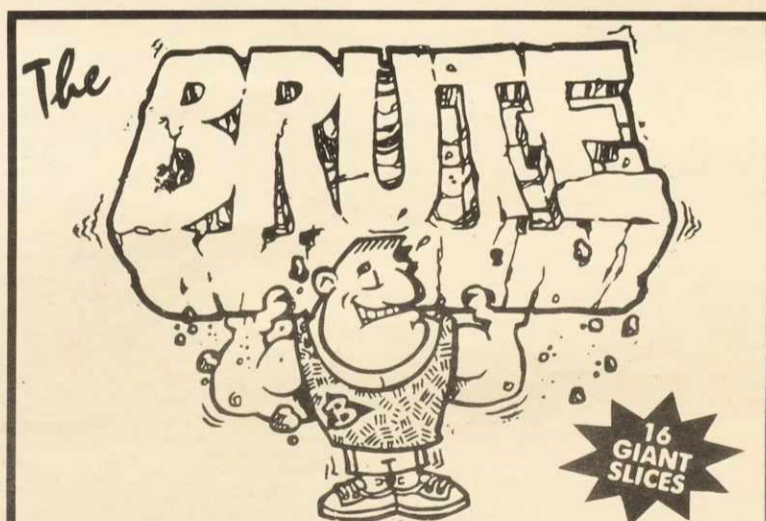
Law drew first blood in the opening act with a pair of goals. The first was by Heather Craig and the second by sport rep Richie Clark. However, Physio refused to succumb. Late in the first Vikash Prasad popped one in the net, only to be denied a penalty shot for Physio later in the second frame.

All was not lost for the Forrest-

Fanatics as Physio big man Chuck Redstone shot a bullet past the bar-rister between the pipes, tying it at two.

Finally, with fifty-five seconds remaining on the clock, Richie Clark made his presence felt again by driving home the winning goal and giving Law a 3-2 victory.

For the second game, it was the Biology Mutants against Medicine in a slightly one-sided game. Although Bio gave it all they had, they couldn't quite come away with the win. Mike McLaughlin, Jeff Pike, Sonia Chinile and Greg McKenna each had a goal for the Docs. Biology's Mike Layton, who did not have a goal in the 4-0 game, did have a pretty sharp pair of pants on.



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