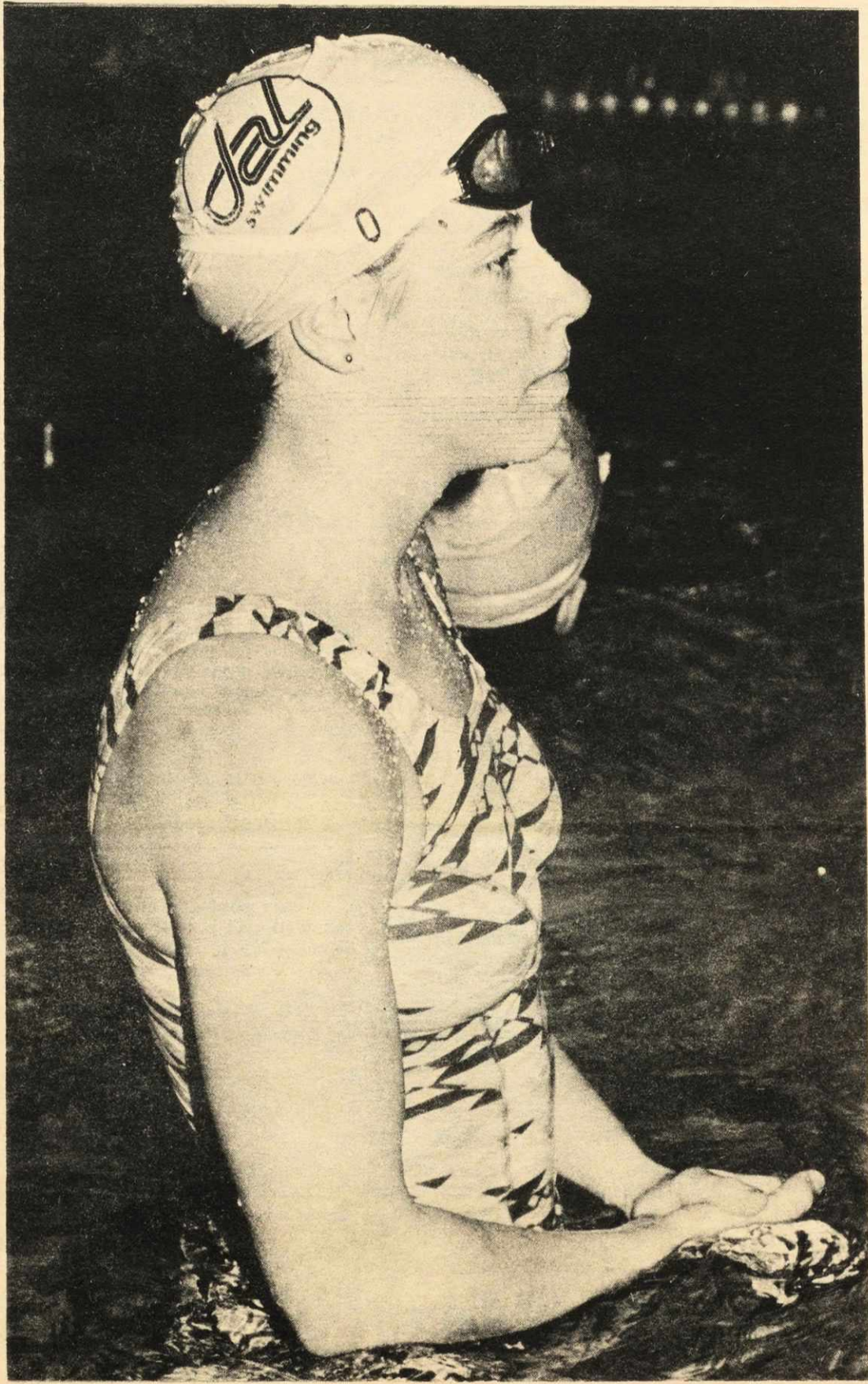


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Susan Mason on her way to Nfld.

## Dal Rejects SUNS

by Alan Adams

The Dalhousie Student Council voted not to accept the Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) constitution at Sunday's council meeting. Council felt that a freedom of action clause letting Dal opt out of a specific campaign and the delineating of responsibilities for three members-at-large on the SUNS executive should be included.

Council President Mike Power explained the decision saying "we want to be up front

with SUNS." He said there may be "a point in time when there might be a specific campaign we won't support." He added "We want the ability to opt out." As far as the 3 members-at-large are concerned, Power said that council wanted "the members to have specific responsibilities." He added that Dal's representatives at the next SUNS plenary will be instructed to introduce specific constitutional amendments concerning council's objections.

SUNS Chairperson B.J. Arsenault told the *Gazette* that "other councils want more work done on the constitution." He added that a freedom of action clause gives each member institution "the possibility to guard against feelings of mis-trust that existed in the previous organization, the Atlantic Federation of Students." Arsenault said that these and other changes will be discussed at the next SUNS plenary in early March.

Susan Mason

## Dal has a champion

by Elissa Barnard

Who is Susan Mason and why does she set bathing caps a quiver? According to her coach of seven years, Nigel Kemp, she is "by far the most talented swimmer we've ever had at Dalhousie."

The first year science student is currently ranked first in eight individual events of the CIAU to be held in Montreal in March. She presently holds the CIAU record in 400 metre free style; five AUAA records in free style and butterfly, and eight Dalhousie records in free style, butterfly, and individual medley.

Mason started swimming competitively when she was eight years old with the Halifax "Y" Otters and then joined the Halifax Trojans at 12. She has competed in the summer nationals with this team since 1974, placing in the top 20 until 1977.

In the summer of 1977 she placed third twice and last summer finished third once. If she can place in the top three again this year at the nationals in Winnipeg at the end of March, she will qualify for the Pan Am Games. These games will be held the first week of July in Puerto Rico.

Mason is at a loss to pinpoint the reason for her jump from the top twenty to third except for "all the training."

She will also compete this year in the World Student Games, to be held in Mexico

City the first week of September.

In 1977 Mason won three gold medals, a silver and a bronze for Nova Scotia in the Canada Summer Games. She swam in the 1978 Commonwealth Games to place fifth in the 400 metre free style.

Mason tried for the 1976 Olympics but failed. In an interview, she said she would probably try for the 1980 Olympics. "I'll go to the trials and give it a go. I have a pretty good chance if I work really hard."

Mason's best stroke is free style. Kemp attributes part of her success to her "excellent capacity to pace her races and distribute her effort economically."

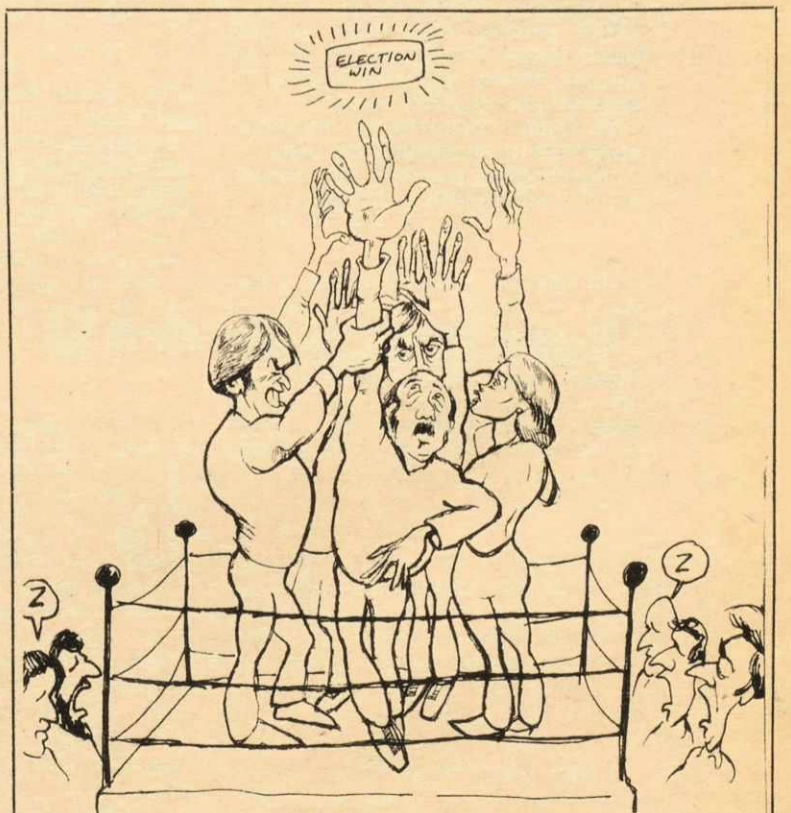
Mason found it hard to say whether or not she has improved at Dal. "I'll see this weekend" at the AUAA meet. She did say, however, the ten dual meets Dalhousie has had with other universities this year have helped her.

For the past few years Mason has felt "pretty good" about her swimming. "I enjoy training and the competition and the travelling. You feel yourself getting better, and you get a lot of satisfaction out of that."

Susan will be competing in the AUAA meet this weekend in St. John's, Nfld., with the 28 other members of the Dalhousie swim team.

Eleven of these have already qualified for the CIAU cham-

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