

Dal to host CIAU women's finals

This year Dalhousie University will be the host of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) women's basketball championships, scheduled for March 6, 7 and 8, 1980 at the Dalplex. Naturally, the Tigers will be hoping to make a good impression with the tournament and will be directing their program all year towards this goal. The tournament will be run on the 8-team format, with the host being one of the 8 teams in the championship. The other teams will be the winners of each of the 6 conferences of the CIAU plus a wild card team selected just before the start of the national tournament. Should Dalhousie win in the Atlantic University's Athletic Association (AUAA) conference, there will be 2 wild cards.

Nationally speaking, the AUAA league is not as strong in women's basketball as it is traditionally in men's. Canada West is probably the most competitive women's league.

Carolyn Savoy, coach at Dalhousie, sees the University of Victoria as the team to beat. Other teams to watch for are Bishop's, Guleph and Calgary. Laurentian University, national champs since the CIAU women's championships started in 1974, are not expected to be a power this year due to the loss of their coach, Norm Vickery who is on sabbatical leave.

Tryouts for this year's version of the Tigers are taking place this week and it appears that an experienced team will be fielded. Nine players from last year's team will be back to try out for the '79-'80 team. Fighting for a position on the roster will be 7 rookies. According to Coach Savoy, the team will be shorter than last year but better and faster.

One of the team's advantages will be its bench strength; the team is so deep this year Savoy believes that all her players will be getting playing time. Two likely choices for the team will be

All-Canadian Carol Rosenthal, a fourth year Phys. Ed. student; and captain, AUAA All-Star and team M.V.P., Ann Lindsay, a fifth year (Masters) Phys. Ed. student. Rosenthal was a member of the bronze-medal winning 1979 Nova Scotia Canada Games team as were Karen Goodspeed, Patti Langille and Jill Tasker, who are also trying out for the team. Most potential players are all Maritimers, with the exception of Ann Lindsay who is from Connecticut.

Carolyn Savoy, Assistant National Junior Coach, is back from a month-long training camp in the U.S.A. (July 12-August 12). Three weeks of this time was spent training in California and one week was spent in Squaw Valley at the American Invitational Junior National Tournament. Savoy played basketball for U.N.B. and later coached basketball and field hockey at St. F.X. for 7 years, compiling winning seasons each year. This will be her third season coaching basketball at Dal where she has also been the field hockey coach for the past two years.

The basketball team will play their games in the Dalplex field house. The coach feels that the rubberized surface may present a problem to players at first until they get used to making quick stops and starts on the new type of basketball floor, which has more traction than hardwood. Any initial disadvantages caused by the new floor will

likely be balanced by the even greater than usual home court advantage such a floor would create.

Another enormous advantage of the new Dalplex over the old gym is the extra practice time available. The team can practice for 5 days a week (2 hour sessions) vs the 3 practices a week (average session 1-3/4 hours) that took place in the old gym or any other gym in town that was found to be available. The number of courts available in the Dalplex means that varsity teams no longer need to ration court time as in the past.

Although they have lost some players through graduation, U.N.B. are considered, as usual, the favourite in the AUAA this year. Last year Dalhousie had an exceptionally fine regular season, defeating U.N.B. once, and placing second in the league. Initially, the team was ranked 5th in the country in the CIAU rankings (for what they're worth). However, in the playoffs the team ran into difficulties it couldn't overcome. Two starters were unable to play in the AUAA playoffs; starting point guard Andrea Rushton was out with a knee injury and starting center Jill Tasker, the team's leading rebounder, came down with appendicitis, missing all playoff games. The responsibility then fell to the Tigers' rookies and the team lost to Saint Mary's in the semi-finals. The importance of Rushton and Tasker to the

team's play was shown by the fact that Dal had beaten Saint Mary's on four previous occasions during the regular season, in the last of which, just before the playoffs, they destroyed S.M.U. by a whopping 42 points. In the final national rankings, U.N.B. placed 3rd and Dal was 8th.

This year's first game will probably be an exhibition game against Midtown, a strong senior team composed of former AUAA players. Midtown placed 3rd in the senior women's national championships in 1979, so that should prove to be an interesting contest.

December 1 and 2 will find Dal at Concordia in Montreal in a tournament which will be the basis for deciding the first rankings of this year's Eastern Canadian teams. From December 27 to January 6 the team will be attending tournaments held at the Universities of Regina and Saskatchewan.

Last year at the end of November the team played against two American teams, defeating the University of Connecticut and losing to Boston University. However, this year, there will be no trip to the states.

Coach Savoy will definitely have a hard time deciding who will make this year's team since there is such an abundance of talent to choose from, but she is confident of her team's chances for success this year, saying that "Dal should be the AUAA champions in February."



Golf runners' up

by Greg Dennis

For the second successive year, the Dalhousie Tigers men's golf team are runners-up in the AUAA Golf Championships. The St. Marys Huskies, led by Dave Delahunt's top score of 73-78-151, won this year's tourney played in Moncton at the Mountain Ridge Golf Course.

After the first round on Saturday, which was plagued by inclement conditions, the Tigers were 11 strokes behind the Huskies. During the sunshine on Sunday, they managed to gain back five strokes, succumbing to SMU by only six. Too bad the

weather man could not have co-operated all weekend.

Jeff Berg, who plays out of the Whitlock Golf Club in Montreal, was the top Tigers shot maker, with rounds of 78 and 76 to finish third overall. Tigers Don Sutherland, from Greenwood and Bob Maloney of Halifax tied for fourth place with rounds of 76-79-155 and 81-74-155 respectively. Close behind with 80-77-157 was Jim Waner, who, like Maloney, plays out of the Ashburn Club here in Halifax. With all four golfers returning next year, coach Rod Shoveller feels his squad will shake their bridesmaid image in 1980.

Scuba opens season

by Barry Sinervo

Last Sunday Dal Scuba took up their tradition of weekly dives for the duration of the University year. A club shore dive was held at Portuguese Cove on the wreck of the "Humbolt". All divers who turned up managed to get in a most enjoyable dive despite the heavy swell which made entry and exit difficult.

Remains of the 19th century paddle steamer found by the various dive parties consisted

of timber and assorted metal fragments, a few decorative buttons from her cargo and broken bottles and china fragments. One of the parties stumbled upon the all too elusive main "button hole" in the closing moments of their dive. Owing to time restrictions no artifacts could be raised. However, other diving expeditions to this area have brought up medallions, gold watches and some coins.

This Saturday the club will

be holding a boat dive out to the S.S. "Atlantic". Meet at 9:30 in front of the Old Art College on Coburg and LeMarchant. Don't forget to sign-up by Friday outside the club room to assure yourself a spot on the boat.

Anyone interested in obtaining further information about diving or the activities of the club, contact Trevor Kenchington, Room 5126 in the Life Sciences Building; phone 424-3843.

Registrations for Dalplex aquatic programs will take place tomorrow (Friday) evening from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Dalhousie Studley Gym.

Registrations for other components of the Sport and Activity School program will take place Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until noon at the Studley Gym.

Ken Bellemare, Director of Athletics and Head of the Division of Athletics and Recreation Services, was one of those selected as course con-

ductors for the Level I and II Theory National Coaches Certification Program. Forty people attended a session last weekend at Airport Inn sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Recreation, Culture and Fitness.

This program is an outgrowth of the Project Coach program initiated by Belle-mare several years ago when he was coordinator of sport for Nova Scotia's Department of Recreation.

Courses for prospective coaches will be available in early November.

