

She's off and running ...

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(bikes for example) in small enough sizes, but that's about it."

Next year, circumstances permitting, Patti will be back in the Ironman. In the interim, she has recently competed in the 110-mile Canadian Ski Marathon from Montreal to Ottawa, a cross-country skiing challenge.

This year's event, held February 11 and 12, attracted 3600 participants in eight categories.

Clune was attempting to earn her silver Coureur de Bois award. The gold, silver and bronze Coureur de Bois medals are awarded to participants who complete the entire course under specified conditions. To earn a bronze, which Clune accomplished last year, the skier must complete the entire course in the two-day time limit—no mean feat in itself. The silver is awarded to skiers who perform the same task while carrying a 12-pound pack, while, for the still more adventurous soul, the gold classification involves completing the course and camping out overnight in between the two days of skiing, while the other skiers are shuttled by bus back to various hotels or dormitories along the route.

Conditions for this year's event were, unfortunately, less than optimal. A thaw occurred at that time of year, and was joined by rain on the first day of skiing. Fortunately, the first 22 kilometres of the trail were uphill, so a little extra stickiness on the skis was appreciated. However, the damp weather led to some problems with attempting to apply appropriate wax.

Clune managed to complete the course despite a brief encounter with misfortune.

While participants in the touring class got a leisurely 8 am start, members of the

other classes, Patti's Coureur de Bois companions included, set off in the pre-dawn pitchy darkness of 6 am. On her way through the early part of the course Sunday, Clune caught a tip at the bottom of a hill and fell, momentarily losing her wind. To add insult to injury, the 12-pound pack rapped her in the back of the head.

"Fortunately, there was no one around to see it," said Clune, adding that she is considering using a miner's helmet-type light to assist with early-morning visibility problems during next year's event.

Patti plans to go for the gold award next year. Only one woman completed the gold Coureur de Bois requirements this year, while two women made their silver.

But in the interim, there is plenty to do—a few short distance triathlons, and hopefully the Ironman Triathlon once again in the fall.

Some questions of balance

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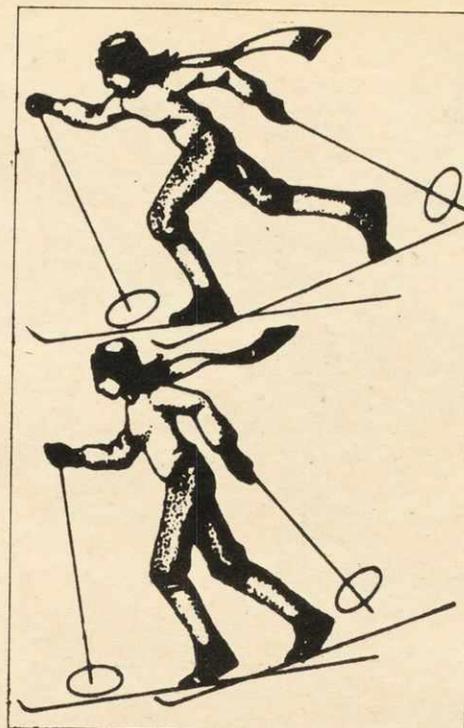
bertin, had had his way, they would still be banned as participants.

Female professionals in golf and tennis play for smaller monetary prizes than their male counterparts.

Even closer to home, Canada Games competition offers 15 events in which males can compete, but only ten which are open to women.

In attempting to redress inequalities, women are hampered by the fact that very few females hold positions of power in the sport hierarchy. This, too, is changing—Abby Hoffman, for example, is Director of Sport Canada.

The proportion of women in positions of influence, however, is far behind that of men. While women should not demand



power before they are equipped to handle it, the need for women to get into positions of influence in terms of decision-making in sport is crucial.

Women must be conscious of the ideas and conceptions which underlie societal attitudes toward them and toward their participation in sport. By understanding these ideas, and knowing how they have influenced and affected them as women, they can then more effectively attack the problem of how to change attitudes of both women and men.

What held women back, more than anything else, was their own image of themselves, and the well-learned precept that they should always consider how their bodies looked rather than how they felt. (Kaplan, 1979)

Feminist visions to visit Dalhousie

The subject for the 1984 Killam Lectures is feminism, and the purpose of the series is to increase understanding and appreciation of feminist theory.

There are major controversies which exist within feminism: the lectures will explore some of these debates and will provide an opportunity to learn of the richness and diversity in this area of scholarship. It is hoped that this will increase public awareness of how feminist perspectives contribute to and alter academic pursuits.

The series will consist of three lectures, all to be held in the Cohn Auditorium.

Marge Piercy - 11th October, 1984

Ms. Piercy will speak on the theme of Feminism and Literature. She is a prolific American writer and poet, whose works include *Woman On The Edge of Time*, *Braided Lives*, and *Fly Away Home*.

Sheila Rowbotham - 18th October, 1984

Ms. Rowbotham is a British socialist/feminist, whose best-known books include *Women, Resistance and Revolution* and *Woman's Consciousness, Man's World*. She will be speaking on the dilemma of how feminism can show support for women's traditional values while rejecting the confines of "femininity".

Mary Daly - 25th October, 1984

Dr. Daly is an exciting author and speaker of the radical feminist tradition. Her original academic discipline was theology, but her feminist research has taken her beyond the usual boundaries of theology.

During the period of the lectures, the Dalhousie Art Gallery will be holding an exhibition of women's art.

For more information, contact Professor Christine Boyle, phone no. 424-3418.

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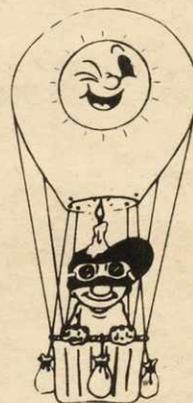
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