

Swimmers beached

BY KATHARINE DUNN

The majority of the 1995/96 Tigers swim team are first and second year athletes, eager to return to the sport next year. However, four veterans are retiring from swimming after four years of arduous training and exhilarating competition.

Andrew Kirby and Andrew Haley are both graduating in May with degrees in commerce. Kirby, a freestyle sprinter and native of Barbados, is looking forward to moving on.

"I'm not sad it's over," he said. "I had fun and gave it my best. [Swimming] was a great way to experience university. I got to travel, exercise, have a social life, wear sexy bathing suits in front of thousands of people..."

After graduation, Kirby plans to travel around Europe and then

"hopefully work in England in January."

Kirsten Matthews, a first-year physiotherapy student and this year's co-captain, has one more year of athletic eligibility but is retiring after this year.

"I'm sad it's over and I'm going to miss it, but next year I'll be too busy," she said. "I can't put in enough of a commitment to be on a varsity team."

Kirby and Matthews fondly remember their rookie year as being the most exciting because "everything was new and there were so many things to conquer," said Kirby.

What will these athletes take away from varsity swimming? "Friends," said Matthews. "I'm going to keep the friends I've made in swimming forever."

Distance swimmer Ron Hawary, a second-year medical

student, said he will "miss the hard work and structure of practice and the excitement of swim meets." He certainly won't have to forego hard work — Hawary is hoping to become an orthopaedic surgeon.

Each of the swimmers achieved success while swimming for the Tigers. Kirsten Matthews was a two-time CIAU qualifier, Andrew Haley won medals at both the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Ron Hawary holds a varsity record in the 800m Freestyle relay, and Andrew Kirby takes with him AUAA gold and silver medals.

In addition to their athletic ability, these individuals will be missed for their leadership, team spirit, and pride in being a member of a Dalhousie varsity team.

Next week, we say "See ya" to graduating volleyballers, puck slappers, and women slam dunkers.

Running into the sunset

BY JESSICA FRASER AND PAULA PETERS

As the 1995-96 varsity season comes to an end, cross country runners and track athletes have much to be proud of.

The teams' four AUAA titles, along with their four CIAU medal performances, are clear indicators of their athletic prowess.

Unfortunately, a few of these athletes will be lost to graduation.

Cross Country

Margie Jenkins of Orillia, Ontario was at the top of several American schools' recruiting lists in 1992. Not only was she an outstanding track star, but also a top basketball player. Evidently, no American coach was quite as passionate about their recruiting as Dalhousie's Al Yarr.

During her four years at Dal, Jenkins has been a part of four AUAA track titles and two AUAA cross country titles, earned three CIAU silver medals, and captured one CIAU gold.

"Margie is so much more than an exceptional runner," said Yarr. "She is a positive, truly delightful person, and has contributed to the team in so many ways."

Chris Halfyard came to Dalhousie from Labrador, already

a two-time national cross country team member. Although Halfyard struggled with a series of difficult injuries during his five years, his dedication persisted, and his spirit never let up.

Even in his often crippled state, Halfyard's encouraging nature shone through.

As Yarr was so well aware, "Chris is a team person. He would always put the team first."

Chris was team captain for two years, contributed to several AUAA titles, and was a cross country All-Canadian this year.

Track and Field

Resident high jumper Ann Sinclair will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry this year.

Sinclair, a four-time CIAU qualifier, will be sorely missed by the women's track and field team, as she consistently earned them valuable points at the CIAU championships.

In her final two CIAUs, Sinclair achieved impressive fourth place finishes in the always competitive high jump event. Special congratulations go out to Ann for her per-

sonal best performance of 1.72 meters this January that ranked her second in the country this season. Having already achieved the qualifying standard, we hope to see her competing at the 1997 Canada Summer Games.

The women's track team will also be without relay specialist Marsha Moore next season. Moore graduates with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English this spring and will be studying journalism in the next academic year.

The experience and talent she brought to both the 4x200m and 4x400m relay teams will be hard to replace. Moore was a key member of both these teams that hold Dalhousie and Nova Scotia records.

She also has run one of the fastest 300 meter races in Dalhousie history (40.6 seconds). Most notable though, are the final two years of her track career at Dal that saw her win two CIAU medals as part of the 4x400m relay team. The silver she won in 1995 was replaced by gold in 1996.

We wish all of these exceptional athletes the best of luck as they run on, continuing their academic and athletic endeavours.

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