

# Gaiters capture CIAU crown in Halifax

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No one believed that tiny Bishops University, the smallest CIAU institution in

Canada (1800 students), could come away with a national crown in one of the biggest events. However, they surprised everyone except the 800 Bishops fans who made the trip

by defeating perennial national power, the McMaster Marauders, 74-71 in Sunday's CIAU final at the Metro Centre in front of 6,379 fans.

Early on, it looked like the

Bishops Gaiters would have no chance versus the Marauders, as the Hamilton school jumped out to an 8-0 lead. After 4 minutes, due to smart passing and the fine shooting of point guard Steve Maga, the Marauders found themselves with a 15-5 lead and, before long, it was 25-8 leaving the Bishops faithful speechless.

In desperation, Gaiter coach Eddie Pomykala called a second time-out to get his troops going. This seemed to inspire the Gaiters team, especially fifth year forward Stuart Clark, who led his teammates on a 26-6 run to end the half, giving them the 36-31 lead going into the locker room.

The Gaiter momentum continued as they began the second half with a 7-2 run and a commanding lead over the bewildered Marauders. They led 60-47 with 10 minutes left in the game. However, the Marauders had no quit in them as they mounted a comeback due to the strong play of Rodney Baptiste and Maga.

They went on 13-4 run to pull within two points with 35 seconds remaining. With 15

seconds to play and Bishops still up by a deuce, Stuart Clark was fouled by Mac forward Darren Spithoff. Clark missed his first shot but made his second putting the Gaiters up by 3 and giving Mac one last chance. Luckily for the Gaiter fans, Mac 3-point specialist Mark Maga missed the tying attempt and the Gaiter fans rushed the floor in jubilation, trampling everyone in sight, including a TSN cameraman.

For his strong play from the point, Gaiter guard Ryan Thorne was given the Player of the Game award as he notched 15 points and four assists, while Clark notched 16 points and 10 rebounds. Vojo Rucic led the Marauders with 21 while Moser Award winner Titus Channer notched 20 points, shooting a miserable 6 for 16 while garnering only five turnovers and zero assists, in his final game. Clark was named tournament MVP for his balanced scoring, rebounding and leadership. The tournament All-Stars were Victoria's Eric Hinrichsen, McMaster's Steve Maga and Titus Channer, and the Gaiters' Thorne and Patrice Lemieux.

## 1998 MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CANADIANS

<b>First Team:</b>	Jan Trojanowski Eric Hinrichsen Kevin Gilroy Danny Balderson Titus Channer	Acadia Victoria Regina Lethbridge McMaster
<b>Second Team:</b>	Brian Parker Mano Watsa Shawn Gray Ted Dongelmans Micah Bordeau	Dalhousie Waterloo Brandon Laurentian (former Dal Tiger) Western
<b>Mike Moser Award</b> (supposedly the best player award):	Titus Channer McMaster	
<b>Rookie of the Year:</b>	Dean Labayan	York
<b>Coach of the Year:</b>	Eddie Pomykala	Bishops

## First annual Munroe Day snowboard contest successful

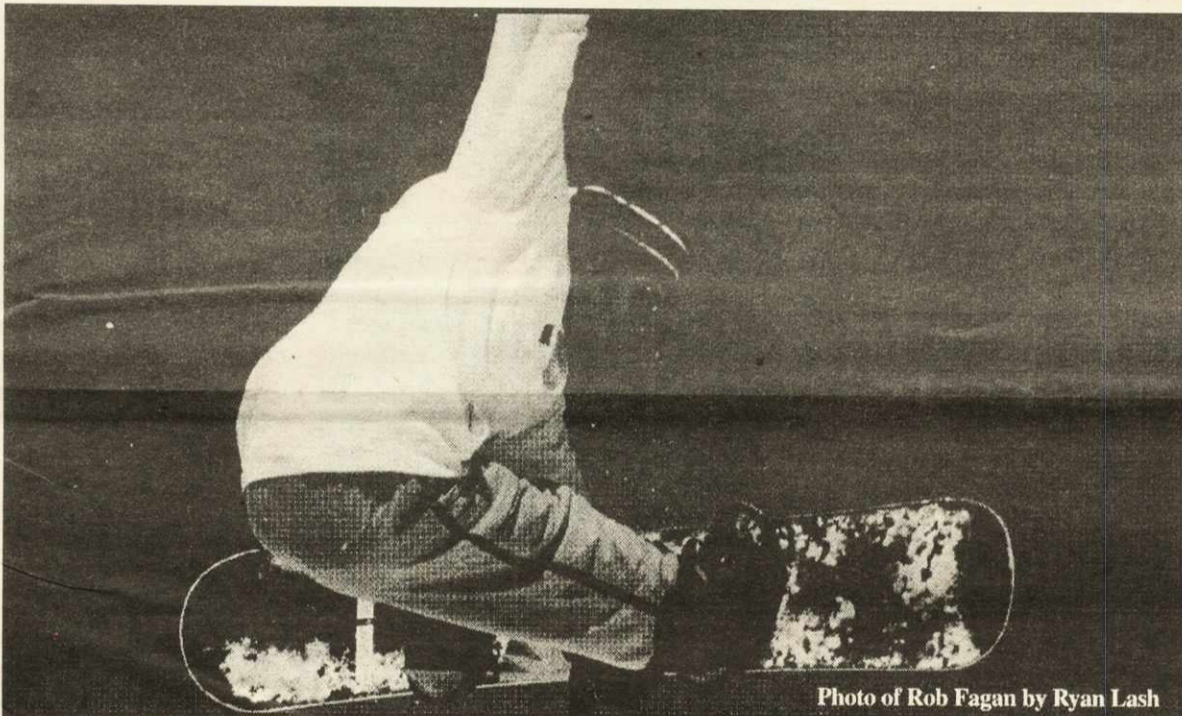


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The first annual Munroe Day snowboard contest was a great success. The contest was held at Ski Wentworth on Munroe Day.

The competition consisted of a half-pipe event in which the competitors had two runs each and their combined score determined their placement. There were over 20 competitors from all different skill levels, ranging from first-time snowboarders to veterans of the sport. There were many prizes donated from various companies around the Metro area, including A1 Snowboards, G. Woodill Enterprises (Ride Snowboards), Play It Again Sports and

Pro Skateboards and Snowboards.

The top five competitors were as follows: Ian MacAskill (1st), Jason Fraughton (2nd), Gary Joyce and Blair Radbourne (tied for 3rd), and Renee Mckenzie. There was also a prize for the best wipe-out which was won by Jason Lang who smashed his face into the side of the half-pipe to win a box of Advil. There was a draw for a snowboard package which included a snowboard, boots and bindings for all competitors who entered the contest. This fabulous prize was donated by Play It Again Sports in Halifax.

We are currently in the process of forming a Dalhousie University Snowboarding Association. The

benefits of joining the DUSA will include the arrangement of snowboarding trips during the year, as well as contests and many social functions for our members during the academic year. Our goal is to plan a trip up to Mont Tremblant in Quebec for next spring break.

We would like to thank everyone for coming out and having a good time, as well as our sponsors who made this all possible.

For anyone who is interested in joining the DUSA, please look at our website [<http://is2.dal.ca/~mlang/dusa>] or e-mail Ian MacAskill [[imacaski@is2.dal.ca](mailto:imacaski@is2.dal.ca)] or Jason Lang [[mlang@is2.dal.ca](mailto:mlang@is2.dal.ca)].

## Dal's physical needs

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access to students with physical disabilities. And there are security problems; in the last few months several departments have suffered break-ins and have lost new computer equipment. We need better classrooms with new equipment. This too is part of a university strategy to provide a better environment for learning, which will benefit students as well as faculty.

I think it would be helpful if we could ratchet down the rhetoric in this

situation. The Board of Governors of Dalhousie is not a group of greedy shareholders exploiting the university for profit. The university is a non-profit institution and board members (many of them alumni) contribute much time and effort to Dalhousie for no material benefit. The senior administrators are not "bosses" exploiting the faculty for profit. Many of them are like me (and like Tom Traves) — academics ourselves, doing our best to cope with intractable problems as government

cutbacks erode our resources. Our faculty and staff work very hard and they deserve salary increases within the limits that the university can afford. I would urge all of us — administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and students — to recognize that we share a common goal, to have an excellent university that provides a first-rate education for its students.

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