

## Smith and Rourke tops at Dal

# Black and Gold Athletic Awards

by Barry Dorey

Volleyball star Brian Bourke and cross-country phenomenon Lucy Smith won the major awards at the Dalhousie Black and Gold Athletic Awards Banquet last Thursday night in the McInnes Room.

Rourke, an AUSA All-Star five times and three times conference MVP, became the first athlete to win the Climo Award, given to the top male athlete, two years consecutively. He led the Tigers to another blemishless season, crushing all conference competition while compiling an 18-0 mark and advancing to the CIAUs in Clagary. A three-time All-Canadian, Rourke joins Dr.

Bill Stanish as the only man to win the prize, donated by photographer C.H. Climo in 1949, on two occasions. He edged out All-Canadian soccer fullback Keith Souchereau, basketballer Willem Verbeek and hockey team MVP Greg Royce for the honor.

"It's a great honor to win the Climo, especially for a second time," said the volleyball captain. "It's nice to be recognized at the university level at a university like Dalhousie."

Lucy Smith capped an incredible season by receiving the Class of '55 Award for excellence among female athletes. Four times an All-Canadian, the diminutive Smith was awesome, dominating cross-country in the

conference as well as at the CIAUs, where she flattened the field, winning the national title by 36 seconds over her nearest competition in the 5K run. Her stellar performances helped Dal to a third-place finish at the CIAUs, the school's best-ever showing. She was chosen over basketball stalwart Kathy McCormack and volleyball veteran Colleen Doyle.



Lucy Smith  
cross-country phenomenon

"It's nice to be recognized after you put in all that hard work to compete for Dal," Smith said. "It's a great honour to win this award."

Coach of the Year honors went to Nigel Kemp, who became the only coach to win the award three times. In his 17th season at the

helm of the men's and women's swim teams, Kemp guided both teams to undefeated seasons.

Top rookies were Raul Pina for the men, the goaltender for Dal's soccer team, and Angie McLeod, the young star of the women's basketball team.

Dr. Sandy Young, Sport Historian and professor in the School of Recreation, Health and Physical Education, announced Phil Scott as the recipient of the Dalhousie Award, given annually for outstanding contribution to Nova Scotian sport. The Barrington native, who excelled at log-rolling, and the only Canadian to win nine world championships, said it was "a great pleasure and



Brian Bourke  
volleyball star

honor to win this prestigious award" and that it made all his hard work worthwhile.

"My whole life, all I thought about was winning and I never really got recognition," Scott said. "I thought, maybe I should be involved with the finer things in life, but when it comes to an honor like this, when everyone is so appreciative of your accomplishments, what finer things in life there can be?"

The team MVP awards produced few surprises. In basketball, Willem Verbeek, a first-team AUSA All-Star, and Kathy McCormack, a first-team All-Canadian, won the awards. Oivind Naess and Lucy Smith were chosen for cross-country, while Greg Royce, a Kelly Division All-Star, received the hockey honour.

Keith Souchereau, a second-team All-Canadian, and Leslie Leavitt took the soccer prizes, while John Duncan and Maria MacPherson were chosen the MVPs of the swim teams. In men's volleyball, Climo award winner Brian Rourke and veteran Travis Murphy shared the honor, while Sandra Rice collected women's volleyball honors.

Gail Rice of CFDR/Q-104 did an excellent job as banquet MC in front of an audience of approximately three hundred athletes, coaches and friends.

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## Student backlash? At Dal 63% said NO

by Chris Murray

When the polls had closed, 63 per cent of voting students had decided against the \$25 athletic fee. The voting response eliminated the fee which had been added to everyone's tuition last year. The controversial fee was added last year when a yes vote was reached but with very few voters participating in the decision. There were questions as to how the vote had been set up last year. The main point was that some disagreed with the way the question was phrased on the ballot and so this year the referendum was put forth again.

This time, the Dalhousie Student Union was quite involved in the issue. They distributed small yellow flyers throughout the university stating their position against the fee, while last year the administration seemed to take the

initiative on the question. This time one was hard pressed to find any strong support from the administration for the fee, and they did not seem to make a concerted effort to make their position a strong one. In the end, the only visible support for the increase came from Tony Martin, director of the Dalplex.

Juanita Montalvo, DSU President, said a determining factor in the vote was the fact that the university failed to compensate for student fees lost during the strike last fall. If this is the case, it leads one to wonder if the university knew student backlash would be strong against any attempt to raise tuition, and let the battle go uncontested, knowing it could be hidden in next year's tuition increases. Next year, the agreement between the university and student union expires. This

agreement limited increases in tuition. Considering the financial condition of the university, the increases could be substantial ones.

The issue in this discussion no one disputes in the actual need of the Dalplex for an increase in funding. While some future purchases were questioned, including several new workout machines and a four-sided basketball net, there are areas in the Dalplex that do need the money. The fieldhouse floor is in poor condition and is in dire need of resurfacing. There was also the loss of money due to the one-dollar charge being dropped at varsity sporting events such as hockey and basketball games this year. The results of the vote are yet to be felt, but the Dalplex is the one group of the three most likely to feel the impact.