

Upcoming events

MEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 27 Dal @ UdeM 2 pm
 Sept. 28 Dal @ UNB 1 pm
 Oct. 3 Dal @ ACA 2 pm
Oct. 4 UCCB @ Dal 3 pm
 Oct. 5 Dal @ SMU 6 pm
 Oct. 16 Dal @ SFX 4 pm

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 27 Dal @ UdeM 4 pm
 Sept. 28 Dal @ UNB 3 pm
 Oct. 3 Dal @ ACA 4 pm
Oct. 4 UCCB @ Dal 1 pm
 Oct. 5 Dal @ SMU 4 pm
 Oct. 15 Dal @ SFX 4 pm

CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 27 @ SFX Open
 Oct. 11 @ Dal Open

SWIMMING

Sept. 28 Intra Squad Meet @ Dal 6:15 pm
Oct. 4 UNB @ Dal 7 pm

HOCKEY

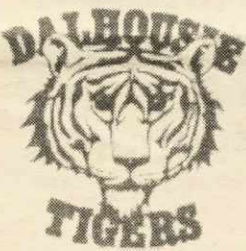
Oct. 8 Dal@ACA (Exh.) 7:30pm
Oct. 15 ACA @ Dal 7 pm

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 17 UNB Invitational

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 17 Mizuno Collegiate Challenge
 (Calgary Dinosaurs @ Dal)



Welsh-Hawley's homecoming to Tigers

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

Lori Welsh-Hawley may be the new women's volleyball coach and she may have made the recent move from crosstown perennial rivals St. Mary's University, but she is in no way new to Dalhousie. Welsh-Hawley is an alumnus of the volleyball Tigers, having played for the team from 1986-90.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to be here and I've certainly received a lot of support from the administration," she says with a marked degree of enthusiasm. "The girls have been very accepting of changes and the opportunity to work with someone like [men's volleyball coach] Al Scott, who has had so much success, to have that person there as a sort of — I don't know if I'd use the word 'mentor' — but as a support system is exciting."

Welsh-Hawley coached St. Mary's through an unprecedented 18-0 season and a trip to the nationals last year. Following a series of events, she found herself back at Dal.

"It wasn't really a matter of switching," she now says of the move. "I coached at St. Mary's for the past four years and I was also teaching; I had an incredibly hectic schedule so I wanted to be full-time or not to do it because I think the job needs that kind of attention. It didn't work out that way at St. Mary's so I actually left there and then this opportunity opened up, so it's not so much a matter of switching as it is one opportunity didn't work out and another door

opened."

Tim Pellerine, assistant coach for the women's team this year and a member of the men's team from 1994-96, feels that Welsh-Hawley's

a lot to offer the Tigers' program yet she remains modest when asked about what she feels she can bring to the team.

"I think [I bring] a passion for the game that I'd really like to share with [the players]," she says after some thought. Certainly her familiarity with the program and its history and background are an added bonus.

"I feel like I know the campus and the way things work quite well already — a lot of the same people that were employed here at that time are still here — so hopefully I can build on the strengths that are already here and bring them together with the individual strengths to form a strong team."

"I think Lori's going to bring a new perspective on things," adds Pellerine. "She has a different outlook on volleyball than [previous women's

coach] Leslie Irie, she has a new-found excitement for the Dal program that's going to allow the girls to get excited again about volleyball.

"I think that her technical knowledge is definitely going to help [the team], especially the older girls in terms of a fresh outlook on how they see the sport, even if it's just for their last year or so and hopefully they'll come together from there."

Welsh-Hawley is reluctant to

make any predictions for the Tigers regarding the upcoming season, one of the obvious reasons being that the team has not yet been picked. However, she knows that competition will be tight.

"I haven't... set specific goals yet but obviously to be one of the top contenders for the [AUAA] title is a goal," she says, adding, "Dal has always had a good program and been one of the strongest teams," she adds, "but there has been a shift in the last couple of years and the number of programs that haven't been traditionally strong have really improved their program. There's been lot more parity in the league over the past couple of years than there ever was before."

"I think that St. Mary's, the defending champions, will be strong though I think that a couple of other teams will be young but potentially very strong so it will take a couple of months to really see how far they will go this season."

"I don't think that it's a matter of one main contender — there are probably over half of the ten teams who can legitimately say that they are contenders for the title and that's rare, I think, in a league when you see more than fifty percent as legitimate contenders."

If there's one thing that Welsh-Hawley can bring the team, it's her enthusiasm for the sport, specifically the Dal volleyball program. The Tigers finished with a 14-4 record and in third place in the AUAA last season. Fans of the sport have no doubt that the new coach can improve on that, and her aims for the season can hopefully set a new standard at Dal.

"Ultimately the goal is to have a good academic year, to be a good team and to perform."



previous experience with the Tigers is valuable.

"[Because she is an alumnus], I think she gains a little bit of respect from the players," he says, "because they know that she's not just the coach, she's someone who has applied the knowledge that she's trying to put forth so in a sense she's a bit of a role model for them, especially the younger players and so she can build on that and go from there."

Welsh-Hawley undoubtedly has

Athlete of the Week



MARY-BETH BOWIE
 WOMEN'S SOCCER

Mary-Beth led the Tigers to a weekend split in games against Saint Francis-Xavier and Acadia. On Saturday, Mary-Beth scored both goals as Dalhousie handed St. FX their first loss of the season by a score of 2-0. On Sunday, Mary-Beth helped the Tigers control much of the play especially in the second half, but the Tigers were unable to capitalize on any of their chances and they fell 1-0 to the Axettes. Mary-Beth is a first year Health Education student from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. She has scored all four goals for the Tigers this year and is currently second in league scoring

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