

Sports shorts

The Dalhousie Sport Club programs once again will be offering a wide variety of sport activities which provide excellent opportunities for learning and developing a particular sport skill, as well as providing a chance to socialize and make new friends.

The Sport Clubs are open to any interested individuals, and with the opening of the Dalplex on October 19, many expanded opportunities for participation will be made available.

The Club structure provides instructional, recreational and competitive opportunities for persons from beginning to advanced levels. It is an ideal

way to get involved and to master a sport skill.

The following are just a few of the many sport clubs on campus: basketball, volleyball, team handball, squash, racquetball, badminton, skiing (alpine and cross country), scuba, water polo, synchro swimming, sport parachute, rugby, soccer, rowing, tennis, women's ice hockey, fencing, judo and various forms of karate.

If you are interested in joining a club, watch for announcements of the club's orientation meetings, or inquire at the Campus Recreation Office (424-3372) in the Studley Gym.

All Sport Club Presidents or representatives should plan to attend a Sport Club Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26 in the Auditorium of the Killam Library.

Dalhousie Tigers will be seeking their second AUSA cross country championship in succession when the harrier season begins this weekend.

Last year's squad easily won the AUSA championship and placed third at the Canadian Interuniversity Championships in Toronto. Head coach Al Yarr, assisted by Bob Book, who coached the team last year, will welcome back Robert Englehutt of Dartmouth who was the top Tiger in the AUSA's with a second place finish.

Other members of last year's team and their placings are as follows: Randy Buller-

well (4th), Pat Theriault (5th), Book (6th) and Andy Walker (7th).

Book twice won the AUSA title (1971-72 and 1973-74) and finished seventh twice at the CIAU championships. He is a former winner of the Climo Trophy as the outstanding male athlete at Dalhousie (1973-74). He has coached the Tigers for three years, winning the AUSA championship in 1975 and 1978.

Dalhousie will also enter a women's team in AUSA competition this season. Last year was the inaugural one for a women's cross country team at Dalhousie and the Tigers took top honors.

The first competition for Dalhousie will be Saturday at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. There are weekly meets following culminating in the AUSA championships October 20 in Antigonish. The CIAU title meet will be held in Toronto November 3 and the Canadian National championships in Halifax November 10.

Dalhousie Tigers soccer club kicks off the 1979 season this weekend in a tournament

at Laurentian University in Sudbury. The Tigers will play Laurentian in opening round action Saturday and will play either Waterloo or University of Toronto Sunday.

Dalhousie finished second (8-3-1) in the AUSA last year behind St. Mary's (10-1-1) and dropped a 3-2 overtime decision to eventual playoff winner Mount Allison in the first round of the AUSA eliminations.

In each of the four previous seasons, the Tigers won the AUSA conference and in 1975-76-77 compiled a 28-1-2 record.

Coach Tony Richards will be rebuilding the Tigers this year because of the graduation of many starters. He has good talent joining the squad, but will field a younger team with much of the talent coming from Nova Scotia and other parts of Canada. In the past, many of the top Tigers have completed their early soccer training in England.

Dal starts its AUSA schedule with games at Mount Allison and UPEI on September 22 and 23. The first home game will be September 26 against Acadia.

What's a name

Of Dinnies and Pandras and Red Bloomers and Lancerettes

by John MacKinnon of the Georgian for Canadian University Press

Let's consider names. Let's consider, to be more specific, some of the tasteless, sexist and just plain silly names that women's athletic teams are burdened with.

Sports nomenclature is a peculiar phenomenon. Up until, say, the past 10 or 15 years it was almost the exclusive domain of men. The names of

sports teams has tended to reflect the rather narrow view of virility North American jock culture has. Names of sports teams tended to opt for animals, particularly those which symbolized power, dynamism, virility (one supposes).

In Canadian college sports the nomenclature is a veritable menagerie: Golden Bears, Bisons, Dinosaurs, Tigers, Thunderbirds, Huskies, and on and on. Not that there is anything necessarily wrong with names such as these.

The problems arise when women as well as men begin to play intercollegiate sports. The people in charge of naming women's teams, it seems, couldn't quite bring themselves to brand a women's basketball team the Dinosaurs (University of Calgary). A women's team could never be symbolized by anything as threatening as a Dinosaur. (Actually Dinosaur is kind of a dumb name to begin with; I mean the bloody things have been extinct for a jillion years.)

Anyway, as dubious as the name Dinosaur may be, to refer to the female varsity teams as the "Dinnies", which is presumably a diminutive of Dinosaur, seems, at best silly. I can't imagine any self-respecting woman being happy being a Dinny.

Most universities got around the problem of trying to find a "suitable" name for the women's teams by resorting to "etteism". Thus we have a plethora of teams with names like Tigerette, Vikette, Lancerette, Huskietette, Thunderette.

One could argue that the suffix "ette" unnecessarily differentiates between men's and women's teams and is therefore sexist, but I guess we shouldn't take something as unimportant as team names so seriously.

But, apart from sounding terrible, (Vikette? ugh!) they don't make much sense. A Gaiter (as in Bishop's Gaiters) is, according to Webster's, a leg covering reaching from the instep to ankle, mid calf, or knee. Because they were an apparel traditionally worn by Bishops I guess the name is appropriate for the Lennoxville university's athletic teams. But Gaiterette? Is that a leg covering worn by nuns?

The University of New Brunswick, whose men's teams are called the Red Bombers, decided to name the women's teams the "Red Bloomers." I guess if there are baseball teams called the White Sox and the Red Sox, how can one object to Red Bloomers? Still, I wonder if a men's team would allow itself to be called the Sweaty Jockstraps?

Intramurals

Men's Activities	Entries Due	Tentative Start
Flag Football	Wed., Sept. 19	Sat., Sept. 22
Soccer	Wed., Sept. 19	Sat., Sept. 22
Softball	Wed., Sept. 19	Sat., Sept. 22
Golf	Wed., Sept. 26th	Sun., Sept. 30
Tennis (singles & doubles)	Wed., Sept. 26	
Underwater Hockey	Wed., Oct. 3	Thurs., Oct. 24
Turkey Trot	Wed., Oct. 3	Thurs., Oct. 4
Ice Hockey	Mon., Oct. 1	Sat., Oct. 6
Basketball	Mon., Oct. 15	Sat., Nov. 3
Volleyball	Wed., Oct. 17	Sat., Nov. 3
Soaking Superstars	Fri., Oct. 26	Fri., Nov. 9
Water Basketball	Fri., Nov. 2	Sat., Nov. 17
Fly Casting Championships	Mon., Nov. 26	Sat., Dec. 1
Bowling	Thurs., Jan 3	Sat., Jan. 5
Badminton (singles & doubles)	Wed., Oct. 31	Mon., Nov. 5
Racquetball	Wed., Oct. 31	Mon., Nov. 5
Squash	Wed., Oct. 31	Mon., Nov. 5
Team Handball	Mon., Oct. 15	Wed., Oct. 31
Swimming & Diving Meet	Thurs., Jan. 31	February
Innertube Waterpolo	Thurs., Jan. 3	Sat., Jan. 5
Water Carnival	Wed., Feb. 27	March
Women's Activities	Entries Due	Tentative Start
Soccer	Wed., Sept. 19	Fri., Sept. 21
Golf	Wed., Sept. 26	Sun., Sept. 30
Tennis (singles & doubles)	Wed., Sept. 26	
Softball	Wed., Sept. 19	Mon., Sept. 24
Turkey Trot	Wed., Oct. 3	Thurs., Oct. 4
Underwater Hockey	Wed., Oct. 1	Wed., Oct. 24
Basketball	Mon., Oct. 15	Sun., Nov. 4
Volleyball	Thurs., Oct. 18	Wed., Nov. 7
Soaking Superstars	Fri., Oct. 26	Fri., Nov. 9
Water Basketball	Fri., Nov. 2	Sat., Nov. 17
Fly Casting Championships	Mon., Nov. 26	Sat., Dec. 1
Racquetball (singles & doubles)	Wed., Oct. 31	Sun., Nov. 4
Squash (singles & doubles)	Wed., Oct. 31	Sun., Nov. 4
Badminton (singles & doubles)	Wed., Oct. 31	Sun., Nov. 4
Team Handball	Mon., Oct. 15	Mon., Oct. 29
Bowling	Thurs., Jan 3	Sat., Jan. 5
Swimming & Diving Meet	Thurs., Jan. 31	February
Innertube Waterpolo	Thurs., Jan. 3	Sat., Jan. 5
Water Carnival	Wed., Feb. 27	March
Co-Ed Activities	Entries Due	Tentative Start
Tennis	Wed., Oct. 31	
Softball	Wed., Sept. 19	Sun., Sept. 23
Broomball	Wed., Oct. 10	Fri., Oct. 12
Racquetball	Wed., Oct. 31	Mon., Nov. 5
Squash	Wed., Oct. 31	Mon., Nov. 5
Bowling	Wed., Oct. 3	Sat., Nov. 17
Volleyball	Wed., Oct. 17	Thurs., Nov. 1
Basketball	Mon., Oct. 15	Mon. Nov. 12
Soaking Superstars	Fri., Oct. 26	Fri., Nov. 9
Innertube Waterpolo	Wed., Jan. 3	Sat., Jan. 5

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