

# LINES BY LEVITZ



Controversy boils in the journalistic world over a topic that is very important not only to reporters on a newspaper, but to the readers as well. It concerns objective reporting of an event as opposed to writing a story taking into consideration various extenuating circumstances, eg., should the fact that we have lost x number of football games affect the way we report game number x plus one? This problem exists in all departments of newspapers the world over. The first thing that must be recognized is that all newspapers must be governed by the same set of rules. The fact that the Gazette is a Dalhousie publication does not change the responsibilities of its staff to apply the general rules of good journalism. The basic idea of reporting is to write things as they happen.

### GAZETTE SPORTS TO CHANGE

This has not been the type of reporting that the sports department of the Gazette has been doing this year. Our football stories conveyed the impression that Dalhousie had a good team — We did not! The reason we were beaten was that the other teams were better than we were. This department of the Gazette has re-evaluated its policies concerning its material on Dalhousie athletic events. In the future our stories will be as objective as possible. As an old expression goes, "if the shoe fits, wear it."

### PROBLEMS OF THE PRESS

This decision presents great difficulties to our department. How do you write about a football team that has lost 18 straight games? Yes, that is correct. The last game we won was against UNB in the middle of the 1960 season. Our cumulative points record since that game has been 158 points for, 676 points against. In objectively reporting these facts, our department would be accused of pessimism, and disloyalty to our Alma Mater. It is a question of judging where to draw the line between objective reporting and bias from the other side, dissatisfaction with the team. Talking about the future of the football squad, coach Rutigliano hopes to have better players next year. This year's team will benefit from the traumatic experiences they suffered during the past season. There should also be some material in the incoming freshman class. There had better be, or next season will be a continuance of our present unenviable losing streak.

### WINTER SPORTS

The hockey team is looking better as practices progress. They scrimmaged with a Suburban League squad last Saturday and the forwards were impressive, running up the score to double figures. The only weak spot is still defense, with lack of experience showing. George MacDonald in the nets played a strong game. Coach Fitzgerald is going to have one of the best conditioned teams in the league. The practices stress conditioning, and the players are starting to keep up the pace. At this point it is difficult to make any predictions for the season. But the hockey will be the only bright spot in the major varsity sport scene this year. Basketball prospects are noted in our columns this week.

## 3 Returnees For B'Ball

More than two dozen basketball hopefuls turned out at the gym last week. Pleased with the turnout, Coach Rutigliano's immediate concern was that of working the boys into shape. Running, calisthenics, and basic basketball drills were stressed exclusively in the initial practices. Later on in the week, a few scrimmages were played.

### ONLY 3 COME BACK

Nick Fraser, completely recovered from a football injury, John Schiffman and George Blakney will probably comprise the nucleus of this year's team. It is Mr. Rutigliano's plan to divide the remainder of the squad into two teams, varsity and junior varsity. While this will have been completed by the time you read this article, the coach emphasized that this division is by no means permanent. Necessary changes will be made as practices continue. Since time is of the essence, the coach feels that it will be more beneficial for all concerned to have such a division. Positions and skills can more readily be developed in this manner.

### EXHIBITIONS SCHEDULED

With the opening of the Varsity league some seven weeks hence, the Athletic Department and Mr. Rutigliano are busy organizing exhibition games between now and Christmas. While it is not yet known whether there will be Senior B league this year, games are being arranged with teams which comprised this league last year. The first such contest will be this Saturday night at the Dal gym at 8.15. Halifax Schooners will provide the opposition. Exhibition games are also being tentatively scheduled against several U.S. touring teams.

While plans for a junior Varsity league are still indefinite at this time, Mr. Rutigliano is confident that a satisfactory arrangement will be worked out. The Intercollegiate League shows no change in its format from previous seasons. St. Mary's, Acadia and the champion St. Francis Xavier will again post entries along with Dalhousie. The league will open up after Christmas and each team will play each other twice.

## INTERFACULTY HOCKEY STARTS

The first three games of the 1962-63 Interfac Hockey League were played last week at the Dal rink.

On November 14, Med led off the new season in rather convincing fashion, handling their arch-rivals, Law, a 9-3 shellacking. Former varsity stars, Frank Sim, and Brodie Lantz led the doctor barrage with two goals apiece. Craig, Pattison, Markenzie, MacDonald and DeRoches scored single tallies for the winners Margeson with two goals and Alexander potted the three Law markers.

On the same day Arts blasted Science 9-1. Seven players scored the nine Arts tallies. Carrigan and Sweet blinked the red light twice apiece, while single markers were chalked up by Cruickshank, Foreman, Delefez, Carty and Sweet. Mike Knight scored the lone Science tally.

Commerce and Engineers battled to a scoreless draw in what was a battle of the goaltenders. Time and time again scoring op-

### WANTED

The Sport's Department of The Gazette is looking for at least 2 reporters to cover Interfaculty Basketball and Interfaculty Hockey. If you are interested, contact either Gerry Levitz or Irv Sheman at 423-0892 or leave your name and telephone number on the Gazette bulletin board. This affords an opportunity for a student to learn something about journalism and basic reporting.

opportunities for both sides were cast aside by the opposing net-minders.

Pharmacy student, Fred Chisholm, is chairman of the eight team Interfac hockey circuit. Pharmacy and Dentistry, idle last week make their league debut, Monday, November 19. Each Interfac game consists of three fifteen minute periods of straight time to be kept by the referees. Playoff procedures will be announced later by the D.A.A.C.

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## ATLANTIC BOWL GAME, 1962

FRIDAY AFTERNOON: Judging of the Queen

FRIDAY EVENING: Atlantic Bowl Ball — 9 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING: Atlantic Bowl Parade — 10 a.m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: Atlantic Bowl Game

12:30 pm. — Arrival of Miss Atlantic Bowl

12:35 p.m. — Introduction of Team Captains

12:40 p.m. — Arrival of Lieutenant-Governor, His Honour, Major-General The Honourable E C. Plow and Party.

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