

# score bored

by Sandy Smith

You can add a CIAU championship to the already long list of athletic achievements of the University of New Brunswick. The soccer Red Shirts defeated Sir Wilfred Laurier 3-1 this past weekend to add the title to four AUAA titles the school has already won this year. UNB has claimed both the men's and women's AUAA cross-country championships, as well as the AUAA field hockey title and, of course, soccer trophies will stay in Fredericton for the next year. . . . As painful a fact as it might be, the only team that UNB lost to this year in soccer was Dalhousie. Oh well

. . . Pam Currie, a Dalhousie student of note in the cross-country running circles, added another accomplishment to her many others this past weekend by winning the senior women's category of the provincial cross-country championship in Halifax. Accolades to Pam. . . . Next, before I forget, an apology to Pogo fans everywhere for my total decimation of that marvelous line, "We have found the enemy and he is us." Once again, my humble apologies

. . . Peter Esdale, coach of Dalhousie's hockey Tigers has an interesting way of keeping track of his players 'plus-minus' figures. Instead of the standard 'plus' to every player who is on the ice for a goal scored for and 'minus' for every player who is on the ice when a goal is scored against, Esdale has made some changes to this procedure, and very sensible ones indeed. A player on the ice when the team scores a power-play goal receives only half of a 'plus'. Conversely, a player who is on the ice when the team is short-handed and a goal is scored against the team receives only half of a 'minus'. As you might expect, a player on the power-play who is on the ice when the other team gets a shorthanded goal gets stung for one and a half points in the minus column. The easiest way to make that up is by scoring a short handed goal yourself thereby gaining back one and a half points in the plus column. An interesting and seemingly much fairer way to evaluate a player's performance when compared to the standard 'plus-minus' system. . . . Look for a big

promotion at the next home game for the hockey Tigers. The game is on the 26th against Saint Mary's and a major distillery will be pushing one of their products. The Dal-SMU varsity encounter will be preceded by a wild and wacko broomball game between the student councils of the schools. There will also be give-a-ways and perhaps a sample or two from the sponsor. If the booze won't draw a crowd, nothing will. . . . Okay, so Winnipeg didn't upset Edmonton. I won't surprise anybody saying that the Grey Cup was played last week in Edmonton anyway and Edmonton will once again take the Cup west, young man. . . . The quote of the week comes from Obie Graves, runningback for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats said after being asked by Tom McKee of CBC if he had any thoughts on the Ti-Cats eastern final win over Montreal, "No, I've got no thoughts." Hm. . . . I'm sure you meant you were at a loss for words, didn't you Obie? . . . The first AUAA gymnastic meet of the season gets underway this Saturday at one p.m. at Dalplex. UNB

and Moncton will travel here to take on the Tigers. Steve Banks, Shawn Healey, and Paul Brousseau can be looked to lead the Tigers. . . . Rollie Melanson, 20 year old rookie goalie for the New York Islanders, who also happens to be a native of Moncton, has been impressive so far for the Stanley Cup champs. He won five games in a row when injuries struck the Isles at the goaltending position. . . . On a more solemn note, Earl McRae wrote an amazing expose of the degree of scandal in boxing today, specifically the lack of enforcement of taping of first regulations and the like. The article, which appeared in Today magazine this past weekend, asserts that the death of Cleveland Denny might have been avoided had taping rules been enforced. For the Denny fight, Gaeten Hart had fifteen feet of tape wrapped around his fists. The maximum length permitted is four feet. After a few rounds of heavy sweating, you can well imagine what happens to the tape on top of gauze. It's as good as hitting someone with casts on your hands. The article is easily the best in the

magazine in sometime and could have a major effect on the future of the sport. If you get the chance, read it. You will be shocked by many of the revelations.

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**KARIN MAESSEN**—women's volleyball—had a great weekend at the University of Manitoba Invitational. She was named a tournament all-star while accumulating 63 kills and 12 ace serves in the six matches. In the fifth place game against UBC, the fourth year physical education student from Halifax played all two hours and 20 minutes and led the Tigers to victory.

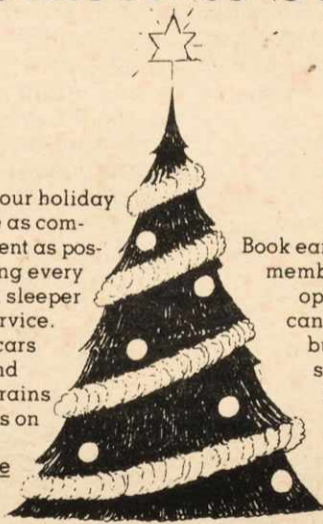
**KEN BOUTILIER**—men's volleyball—the 2nd year engineering student from Windsor Junction had a marvelous tournament at the University of Manitoba Invitational. He drew raves from opposing coaches for his serving and his setting was important in Dalhousie's performance. His play improved each game, adding consistency to the Tigers offense.

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