

Dal's new sports approach

A new approach to recreational and competitive sporting activities is presently in full swing at Dalhousie. The program, in its first year of operation, is called the Extramural Sports Division, and is under the direction of Miss Nila Ipson of Dalhousie's School of Physical Education. It is believed to be unique in the Maritime provinces although Laval University, and some American Universities have been successful with programs of a

similar nature. The concept, which was inaugurated in September, is an attempt by the Athletic and Recreation Services Division to cater to more students in Dalhousie's expanding A.&R.S. program. It is based upon the provision of greater financial support for the development of the identified activities. Development, in this case means increasing participation and improving the calibre at every level. It does not mean diverting a high

percentage of available funds to pay for out of province travel for a small number of competitors. "Of course we are still striving for excellence", says Miss Ipson, "but we are mainly interested in developing each sport and obtaining a better return for the money which we invest in the program. In addition, we wish to provide an opportunity for people to compete and participate at their own level." The following clubs presently make up the Extramural Division: Alpine Skiing; Men's J.V. Basketball; Cross Country Skiing; Fencing; Judo; Nordic Skiing; Sailing; Karate; Rowing; Parachuting; Tennis; Yoga; Badminton; Women's Recreational Basketball; Curling; Women's Ice Hockey and Ringette; Scuba; Water Polo; Speed Skating; golf; Rugby; Table Tennis; Track and Field; Each member club provides one representative to the Extramural Sport Council which presently meets on a monthly basis under the Chairmanship of Miss Ipson. In addition, one member from this council sits on the University's Sports and Recreation Council.

This new sub-division has its own funds, the source for which is the School of Physical Education budget, which provides the financial resources for the entire A.&R.S. Division. As is the case in every program during these inflated times, there is not enough money to meet the needs of all the interest groups. With this problem in mind, individual clubs are being encouraged to provide instructional development from within their organization, whereby their members offer their services as instructors in order to teach the sport to beginners. This concept enables the club to realize some type of revenue which can be turned back into the budget.

Another feature of this program is that it does not restrict the Extramural Clubs to competition in Tournaments and leagues which come under the jurisdiction of the AUAA. In the past these competitions have proven to be unsatisfactory to the Universities and competitors involved. Many Dalhousie clubs are now competing in local leagues and tournaments outside the University structure. In addition, these clubs are also eligible to represent the University in AUAA sanctioned events, thus gaining the benefits of both worlds.

There are still many problems; the lack of funds and adequate facilities are the two major ones, but the A.&R.S. Division is striving to overcome these obstacles, with the objective of providing activities for all Dalhousie students.

Holiday skating times

RINK SCHEDULE: Christmas Exam, and Holiday Period.

Effective December 14th, the daily allocations of ice times will be changed. The permanent schedule will be applicable again on January 5th, 1976.

Please check the Christmas Break schedules posted throughout the rink and gymnasium.

RECREATIONAL ICE TIME - MEMORIAL RINK - DEC. 14 - Dec. 19, 1975

Sun. Dec. 14 — 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. — (Open - majority decision)
 Mon. Dec. 15 — 9:30-11:00 a.m. — (Open - majority decision)
 Mon. Dec. 15 — 12:30-2:00 p.m. — Skating - NO pucks
 Mon. Dec. 15 — 2:00- 5:30 p.m. — (Open - majority decision)

Tues. Dec. 16 — 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. — (Open - majority decision)
 Tues. Dec. 16 — 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. — (Open - majority decision)
 Tues. Dec. 16 — 8:30 - 11:00 p.m. — Skating - NO pucks
 Wed. Dec. 17 — 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. — (Open - majority decision)
 Wed. Dec. 17 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. — Skating - NO pucks
 Thurs. Dec. 18 — 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. — (Open - Majority decision)
 Thurs. Dec. 18 — 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. — (Open - majority decision)
 Thurs. Dec. 18 — 8:30 - 11:00 p.m. — Public Skating (Dal students free)
 Fri. Dec. 19 — 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Open - majority decision)
 Fri. Dec. 19 — 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. — Skating - NO pucks
 Fri. Dec. 19 — 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. — (Open majority decision)

UBC tests students' literacy

VANCOUVER (CUP) ---- The University of British Columbia senate decided November 12 to test grade 12 students for English literacy prior to admitting them to UBC.

Senators approved a recommendation that UBC's English department administer a diagnostic English exam in May to grade 12 students planning to enter the university.

But, students will be exempt from the test if their English teachers have previously recommended them

as competent in English.

The Committee's report said "the aim of the test is not to exclude students from university, but to determine in advance of their arrival on campus which of them need a remedial composition program."

Currently students write a diagnostic exam during their first week of classes, and students failing the exam are required to take a remedial workshop course which concentrates on the basic elements of grammar and written English.



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