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CIAU swimming championships

by Chip

This past weekend the Dalhousie Tigers hosted the 1991 CIAU Swimming championships. Twenty-two universities from across Canada were represented by 85 male and 85 female swimmers. UBC's Turlough O'Hare and Montreal's Patricia Noall, the CIAU female swimmer of the meet, had record-breaking swims.

On Friday night Noall broke Anne Taylor's 1990 400 I.M. record of 4:48.66, clocking in at 4:47.10. Twenty minutes later she was back in the pool blazing to a new 200 free record of 2:00.32. and breaking the three-year old mark of 2:02.26. Noall placed third in the 100 free on Saturday night and finished the meet by winning the 400 free in 4:11.06, smashing the meet record by 3.5 seconds.

UBC's Kevin Draximger, CIAU male swimmer of the meet, won both the 100 and 200 backstrokes. He narrowly missed the world record in the 200, finishing in 1:56.03, one-tenth of a second off the world mark recently set by Canada's Mark Tewksbury.

UBC standout Turlogh O'Hare set new CIAU, Canadian and Commonwealth records in both the 200 and the 400 free. His 200 time of 1:46.32 eclipsed his previous Canadian mark of 1:49.71 and the CIAU record of 1:46.89, set in 1988 by Calgary's Gary Vandermeulen. O'Hare captured the 400 in 3:45.92 to break the Canadian record of 3:44.50. He also won the 1500 free, barely missing another record. A second place finish in the 100 free showed his dominance in the pool.

Dal rookie Jason Shannon had an outstanding meet, setting new AUAA records in both the 100 and 200 back. He placed 15th in the 100 with a 58.53. His 200 time of 2:05.85 was good for another 15th place finish.

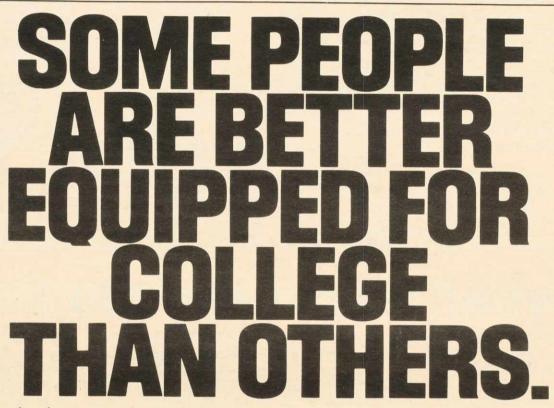
Dal's Maria Macpherson, AUAA breaststroke champion, placed 11th in the 100 breast with a 1:16.04.

Freestyler Kellie Andrews made personal bests with a time of 1:00.32 in the 100 free, putting her in 16th place, and with a time of 27.69 putting her in 15th place in the 50 free.

The men's team title was captured by Calgary, last year's winner, with 539 points. U of T scored 400 points and Alberta finished with 346 points to round out the top three.

The U of T women won their fifth straight title with 437 points. Second and third place went to Montreal and UBC, scoring 379 and 350 points respectively.

Dal's assistance coach Ian Robertson summarized the weekend, saying, "The calibre of swimming was high, which was reflected in the scores. The Dal team is really psyched for next season."



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