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"No sexual segregation"

Dal athletics leads innovation

by Joel Fournier

This week's guest writer is Dr. Edwin Belzer, Interim Director of the Physical Education School and noted Health Education Specialist. Dr. Belzer's article depicts the direction the School of Physical Education with regard to athletics and in particular the increasing role that women are playing in sports on campus.

by Dr. Edwin Belzer

In his recent article in GAZETTE, Doug Hargreaves, co-ordinator of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics here at Dal, pointed out the kinds of services rendered by his division. They include "the mundane, essential activities of arranging

for travel and accommodation, equipment purchasing, maintenance of facilities and a multitude of other administrative details which form the basis upon which a successful athletic program is constructed."

How can the administrative responsibilities for such services at Dalhousie best be apportioned — for the total athletics program, not just men's intercollegiate athletics? By a total program, I mean intercollegiate athletics for both men and women, the intramural athletics for men and women, and even the increasingly popular "sports clubs" which may include persons from the community-

at-large as well as Dalhousie students.

We made one change this year that should indicate a direction in which we think the administrative arrangements ultimately should go. The previous positions of "Co-ordinator of Men's Intramurals" and "Co-ordinator of Women's Intramurals" were eliminated. Instead, a "Co-ordinator of Intramurals" was appointed. No sexual segregation. The new Co-ordinator of Intramurals happens to be a woman. Because many people had trepidations about whether or not a female could effectively administer a program in which many, if not most, of the par-

ticipants were males, a man and a woman on our faculty were given the titles of "Men's Intramural Counsellor" and "Women's Intramural Counsellor" respectively. Happily, Nila Ipson, the woman who assumed responsibility as Co-ordinator of Intramurals, has done an excellent job, and these safety valves did not have to be resorted to. Next year we will need to make no such concession to sexism.

With a respect to the sexual segregation of administrative functions in intercollegiate athletics, we are at a different stage of development. Just as some ethnic minorities need to go through a period of relative separateness in order to establish their identity and power base, so did there seem to be a need for women interested in intercollegiate athletics in the Atlantic region to do so. I believe Dalhousie University is leading the way in this respect. Some years ago, we had simply a "Director of Athletics."

Most, if not all, universities in the region are now similar to Dal in having a person identified as a co-ordinator or director of women's athletics. Dal seems to be unique, however, in that that person at Dal, Dorothy Talbot, has a budget for her program.

Otherwise she'd be a paper tigress. Presently, the women's intercollegiate athletic budget, on a per capita basis, is virtually the same as the men's, and Ms. Talbot has done a remarkable job developing the women's intercollegiate athletics program.

The persons directly involved in administering the various athletic programs subscribe to the idea that ultimately, if the administrative functions for the total athletic program are too numerous to be handled by a single individual, then the division of labour should be made on some basis other than sex. But we do not believe it is desirable to move in that direction at the present time. To do so too soon would be to place Dalhousie in the position of a scout who had gone too far in the vanguard to be an effective leader. Perhaps, once female athletes generally throughout the Atlantic region have opportunities on par with male athletes, we at Dalhousie will be able to say that the time for sexual segregation of administrative functions has passed. But until such time, we want to provide an example which can be used as a lever by persons at other institutions who wish to improve the lot of female athletes.

Swim team sets records

by Speedy

This year we have the biggest team ever, and everybody deserves a great big Tiger roar for their efforts. Before the Christmas holidays, two meets were held, the first of which saw

the Tigers defeat Acadia.

In the second meet, Dal swam to victories over Mount Allison and Memorial. From these meets, a total of 11 Dal records were set, one of which is a Nova Scotia record set by John March in the 200 metre individual

medley.

The Swim Team was at it again on the 19th, this time against M.U.N. and U.N.B. The meet was the most exciting of the year, so far, as the three top teams clashed to find the top team in the league. And what do you know — Dal is!!

The Tigers simply walked away from M.U.N. (67-43) and beat out U.N.B. (59-51). With such outstanding swimmers as John and Peter March, Peter Guildford, Rob Brickenden and Steve Cann, the team recorded their third win of the season. The guys have their sights set on winning the Maritime College Championships this year, and at the rate they are going, they are sure to get it.

The Tigerettes, due to the absence of some team members, concentrated on confusing U.N.B. as to who would be swimming what events in the next meet by changing the lineup around and losing miserably. Boy, will they be in for a surprise when the Tigerettes "sock it to 'em" when they travel in force to U.N.B. on the 27th.

The outstanding time of the day was set by Kathy Armstrong in the 200 Breaststroke, setting a new Intercollegiate record of 2:51.5.

The "after meet" party was a huge success, everyone had a good time and thanks go to Jim and Bob Mason for their hospitality — those pizzas were fantastic.

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Sports on campus

Thursday, February 8, at 8:00 Hockey — St. F.X. at Dal.

Friday, February 9, at 6:30 Basketball — U.N.B. at Dal (women); at 8:30 Basketball — U.N.B. at Dal. (men) (both games in Dal Gym)

Good-bye

Basketball wins

by Anthea Bellemare

This year the women's basketball team looks like a strong contender for the championship. The team is composed of four former players; captain Wendy Moore, assistant-captain, Joan Selig, Judi Rice and Judy Smith, second year physical education students. Wendy at 5'10", plays centre while Joan is the quarterback of the club. Others on the team are all from Nova Scotia high schools; Kathy Wulpin, Cathy LeBlanc, Louise MacDonald, and Heather Shute, with the exception of Rose Johnston, a stand-out from St. Stephen, N.B.

The team possesses both height (Helika standing at 6'0" and Wendy at 5'10"), and speed with players such as Joan, Heather, Rose and Louise.

The team has performed well to date, defeating the Alumni 77-74 with Wendy Moore scoring twenty points.

Prior to Christmas, the team travelled to the Loyola Invitational Tournament, where eight teams from Eastern Canada competed. Dalhousie excelled during the tournament, taking top honours in the championship game by defeating Waterloo University 61-47. Dalhousie also passed three players on the all-star team, Helika Hudoffsky, Rose Johnston and Joan Selig. The quick little guard, Joan, was also voted the most valuable player in the tournament.

Since the Christmas holidays, Dalhousie hosted one of the biggest women's basketball tournaments in Nova Scotia for the past few years. Bishop's University delighted the local fans, traveling from Lennoxville, Quebec but placed third in the tournament. Dalhousie, without Rose Johnston, was upset the opening night by the Moncton Schooners; however, they did defeat Mt. Allison and the Halifax Hyacks to take consolation honours. A strong senior ladies team, St John Alpines defeated St. Francis Xavier 67-50 in the final game to win the championship. Named to the all-star squad were Karen Lee, St. John Alpines, also most valuable player; Jean Fahie, Moncton Schooners, Nancy Knowlton, Bishop's College; Nancy MacIntosh, and Kathy Fleiger from St. F.X.; and Joan Selig, Dalhousie.