Sports

Woman's Hockey defeats Acadia 5-2

by Greg Zed

With only a few hundred dollars in their budget, the Dalhousie Women's Ice Hockey club have begun to put on a drive to raise funds for a series of exhibition games in Boston during the March break. Unlike the regular sports at Dal, ice hockey for women is not classified as a Varsity team sport. It comes under the extramural program and as a club, it receives a nominal grant plus ice time. For twenty-five girls they have certainly created excitement on Dal campus. To date they have won 8 games and this past weekends saw them defeat Acadia Axemen by a score of 5 to 2.

Last year the club began to wheel into gear after the Christmas break, but things have certainly begun to work faster this year. Head coach Robert Towner, who is also the Budget Manager for the School of Physical Education and Athlectics, has cited the biggest factor is desire. The girls love playing hockey and they work hard at it. This can be further qualified by seeing several girls using the students ice time to sharpen up their skills.

This past weekend Acadia fell to defeat to the powerful Tigerettes,



Basketball Tigerettes shoot to score. R. Futton / Dal Photo



Coach Robert Towner gratefully receives a cheque from the Dalhousie Skating Club. Left to right: Marg Harper Secret-Tres.; Robert Towner; Robie MacDonald [vice-president]; and Al Ferguson Pres.

however the game was prolonged due to the power failure that affected the Halifax area. Following the game both teams celebrated the match at a reception. This brings out a fine point in that there is a sense of good will amongst the Dal Squad and their opponents. Usually after every game there is a reception for players, coaches and a few V.I.P.'s. Certainly a good way to make the sport an enjoyable venture.

Prior to the game Saturday the Dalhousie's Skating Club presented the Women's Ice Hockey team a cheque of \$500.00. On hand for the presentation were Robie Mac-Donald (vice-president) Marg Harper (Secret-Tres) and Al Furguson (the President). Mr. Towner accepted the cheque on behalf of the team and expressed much gratitude and thankfulness to the Skating Club.

Well with two and a half months away, Towner's club have two main objectives -- to continue their winning streak and to raise money for their big trip. Why not support the girls by sponsoring them in their Skate-A-Thon or by buying some tickets on their big draw --Information can be obtained by phoning Mr. Robert Towner, 424-6512, or contacting any of the girls on the team. Certainly a cause well worth supporting.



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