

PHAROS PHYNQUES OUT FROM THE SPORTS DESK

By PAUL FARLEY

The Gazette feels that it has won by default, due to the cowardliness of the phearsome Phynques.

In hot anticipation of a competitive game, the Gazette basketball Globules appeared at the Gymnasium on the evening of February 26, to do battle with the Phearsome Pharos Phynques.

The Pharos Phynques were not there. They were nowhere to be found. A few stragglers (one in number) were there who had worked for Pharos once upon a time.

It's that time of year again when it seems that a wrap up of the years' athletics at Dal is in order.

The football season started off in fine fashion with the varsity registering its first win in three years. A good crowd was on hand on a rainy September day to see the Tigers break an 18 game losing streak in downing the Acadia Axemen 19-12. However, from that time to the end of the season the Tigers were held winless and ended the season with a dismal 1-6 record, worst in the league except for Acadia's 0-7 record.

IMPROVEMENT

A definite improvement in the caliber of the team could be seen from the previous year, however, and there is no reason why things should not continue to improve next year. The long range building programme begun by coach Rutigliano in 1962 should begin to pay dividends in 1964. Although I cannot see Dalhousie being a top contender for a few years, the nucleus for a team which will provide good opposition for other teams next year is there and a little luck with incoming personnel should provide Dal with a team that will win some games.

An additional factor that will make Dal a more exciting team to watch is revision in the AFC schedule. Dalhousie will not play St. F.X. during the regular season and will play Mount Allison only in an exhibition tilt. Acadia will face Dalhousie twice in an home and home series. This move made by the A.F.C. was a big step in reforming the lopsided league and will encourage the type of play to which Maritime fans are most deserved.

BASKETBALL

The highlight of the basketball season came on the evening of Tuesday, March 4 during Winter Carnival week. The mighty St. F.X. basketball machine were shaking their heads in disbelief after falling victims to the Dalhousie Tigers by a score of 73-72. The hero's spot was shared that evening by Dave MacDonald and George Blakney who both sank key baskets toward the end of both regulation time and overtime. However, the victory was a team effort from start to finish and indicated what could happen when our basketball team played up to its full potential.

One of the most important cogs in the Dalhousie basketball team was its coach, Allan D. Yarr. In his first year with the University he has become one of the most respected members of the Athletic department. He seems to have the knack of getting his players to work for him and to enjoy doing it. He brought the basketball team from last seasons' misery to a team which was respected and feared by all teams in the league. The results he has obtained with this year's basketball team have made a very important contribution to Dalhousie athletics and it is hoped he'll be making contribution for some years to come.

The Intercollegiate basketball league this year was very well balanced with many contests being decided by less than five points. Acadia the eventual league winners and the Maritime representatives in the Canadian finals at Kingston, were beaten by St. F.X. at the league's commencement. Later, as mentioned before, Dalhousie, who finished

last, defeated St. F.X. Next year the league promises to be ever closer with Dal strengthened.

HOCKEY DISAPPOINTMENT

Varsity hockey this year was somewhat disappointing in that Dalhousie expected to ice a top contending team. However ineligibility played a large part in putting a crimp in the University's hockey plans.

The first to go was star defenceman Ralph Chisholm who in the previous season played close to sixty minutes of hockey per game. He was ruled ineligible because he played two years of varsity basketball for St. F.X.

and a year each of hockey for X and Dal. Harold Murray, one of the best centres in the league the year before used up three years of eligibility with St. F.X. and one with Dal. Last season he led the league in assists while his linemate and team captain Bill Buntain led the league in goals. This year Buntain was undoubtedly hampered by the loss of the smooth skating centre and thus the team suffered.

However, Dalhousie did finish with a respectable 5-6-1 record, among which was a tie with powerful St. F.X. who at that time were favoured to retain the league title they had gained the season before. Another very enjoyable victory was a 6-4 decision over Acadia at Wolfville during Acadia's Winter Carnival week. This was Dal's first road victory in three years and the last road game to be played by "superstars" Bill Buntain and George MacDonald.

THE ROOKIES

Although Dal will lose the hockey services of MacDonald and Buntain this year, there is much young blood to fill the gaps. Rookie forwards Keith Sullivan and Brian Bauld showed up well during the season and will be back to haunt the opposition next year. Dave McEymont, another rookie, will be one of the best defencemen in the league.

Dalhousie's showing next year depends to a great extent on the influx of new players. There is a good nucleus upon which to build although I think that team spirit and attitude has to improve. Also the hockey team needs FULL TIME COACHING. If the other major varsity sports are entitled to this benefit certainly the hockey team is deserving. Who knows, next year could be Dal's.

SITUATION IMPROVED

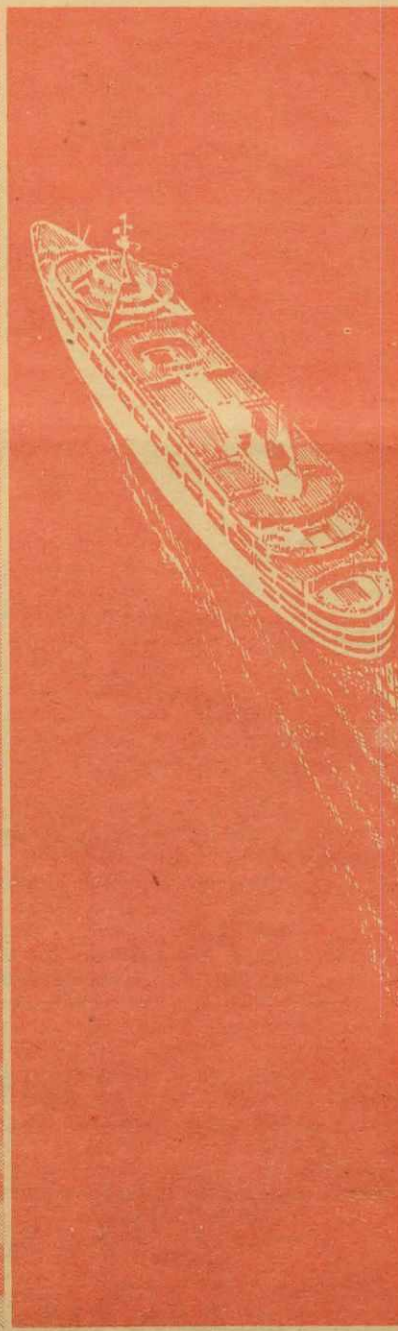
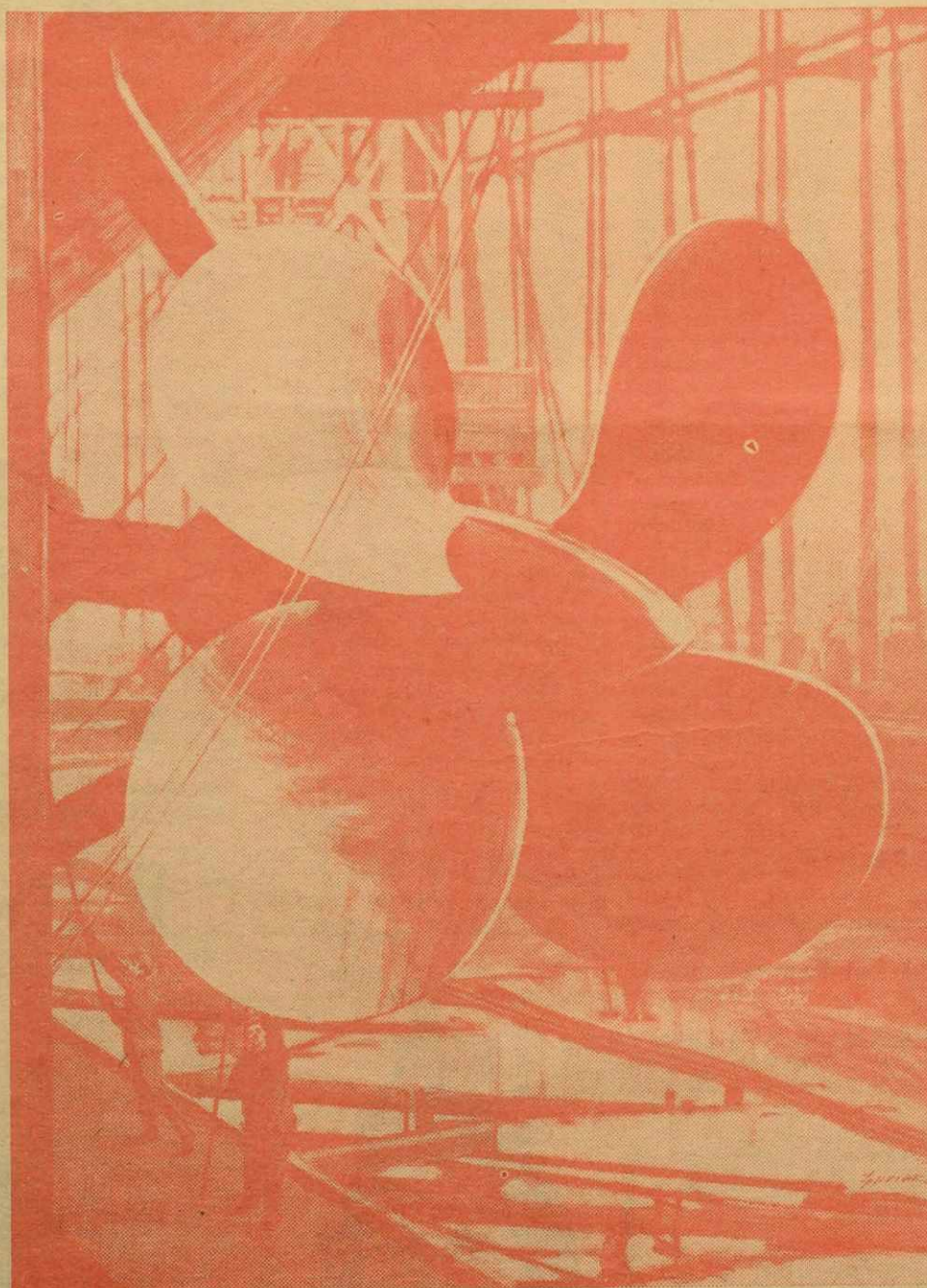
Athletics at Dalhousie certainly owes much to its director, Mr. Kenneth D. Gowie. Since he has

taken over there has been a steady improvement in the athletic situation and his part has been a prominent one. There have been many difficult decisions to be made and sometimes, at the risk of becoming very unpopular, Mr. Gowie has made them. It is impossible to please everyone at once and I think that with the co-operation of the administration and student body, athletics should take a definite upward trend with Mr. Gowie at the helm.

THE END

This about finishes my spiel for this year. In closing I'd like to express my appreciation to everyone who has been of assistance to me during my tenure with the Gazette, (and there have been many). To the typists, (especially Sharon) who have had to contend with my horrendous writing I express my sincere apologies. Till next we meet again (probably never) good luck, good health, God bless you, and good-bye.

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