

Varsity Sports Problem is Money

The Dalhousie Varsity Hockey team has long ended its league play, but for head coach Pierre Page and his assistant Dr. Bill Shannon the planning phase for the 1976-77 season is well into high gear. In fact, the "recruiting" phase is just about finished. Well what does "recruiting" mean at Dalhousie??? Certainly there are no clear cut

definitions, however, one can make one assumption---there are NO financial gains for coming to Dalhousie to play sports. The only way a player can make any money (with special emphasis on make) is to get involved in the various hockey schools on campus or else the participant can work as an assistant on research work. The other avenue open to the athlete is, of course, to join the part-time workers around the campus which may include working at the SUB or the Athletic Centre. There is, however, one important issue that constantly faces the athlete---when or how can a student find time to play hockey, study, socialize with other students, as well as attend classes. There are not enough hours in the day to participate in all of these activities, so what happens is that something suffers. The hockey player is the loser!!!

What type of player will eventually come to Dalhousie to play sports? Well, the first thing that must be sorted out is that a player must have the highest academic standards to get into Dalhousie. If he is from Quebec, he must have CEGEP or grade thirteen; if he lives in Ontario he must have grade thirteen whereas the Nova Scotian must have grade twelve. Other Maritime universities accept students that have grade eleven (N.S.) and grade twelve (Quebec, Ont.). So, if you want to come to Dalhousie, you must spend an extra year of your high school career as a sacrifice to come to Dalhousie and receive the "best education in Canada". It must be

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	G	A	Pts.	PIM
Earl Theriault	13	9	22	4
Tom Mann	7	12	19	12
Paul Finlay	8	8	16	22
Don MacGregor	7	9	16	14
Rick Roemer	5	11	16	14
Tom Coolen	3	13	16	50
Jim Shatford	3	9	12	10
Al MacNaughton	4	7	11	8
John Gillis	2	9	11	6
Hal Davidson	4	5	9	19
Danny Flynn	5	3	8	2
Bob Lewicki	5	3	8	40
John Mallowney	2	3	5	28
Robert Riopel	2	1	3	37
Jack Gray	1	2	3	19
Mike Gilbert	1	1	2	0
Rick Hooke	0	2	2	5
Ron Delpino	0	1	1	30
Gerry Beck	0	0	0	2
Darrell MacGregor	0	0	0	0
Bench	0	0	0	6

DAL GOALIES:

	GAI	MP	GA	SO	GAA
Jim Palmer	10	563	40	0	4.26
Melvin Bartlett	9	417	36	0	5.18
TOTALS	19	980	76	0	4.65

noted that with the rise in costs this LOSS is to the tune of \$3,000.00 (This is a figure which was taken from a study done by a student of the School of Nursing at Dal March 1976). To top off this rather bleak financial picture, scholarships are not as readily accessible. In fact if you asked the average student that has been given a scholarship, he/she will tell you that an amount

far greater than Dalhousie's was offered elsewhere. Last year the Dal hockey team lost two players because other Maritime universities offered the player a figure much greater than that offered by the Dal campus. One notable university offers the players room and board on campus "because housing isn't a problem in their university setting". So if one comes to Dalhousie he not only has to be of high academic quality, he must pay his way to the fullest extent. Well how does a student figure out where to go to play hockey? If he/she has lots of money and doesn't mind hanging around his/her high school for another year he can come to Dalhousie to play.

What are the chances of a student coming to Dalhousie and making a career in hockey??? Well, the answer I'm afraid to say is slim to not at all. There were six players drafted from Canadian universities whereas the United States landed sixty-five in the professional ranks. This clearly suggests that the best hockey players in Canada migrate to the States for their education. Not only do they receive a degree but they get awards to the tune of \$5,000./yr. to play sports on a varsity level. One doesn't have to do much explaining to see that MONEY TALKS.

Today the student who has the ability to play hockey and help a team wants the same treatment as a scholarship person who has been awarded money because of leadership in the academic world. In short, there is a sale on bodies going on within the Canadian universities. It is unfortunate that Dalhousie University has lost several potentially good players because of the price tag. Well, what holds for the upcoming season? Both Pierre Page and Bill Shannon were not at all hesitant in discussing the problems that varsity hockey is experiencing. "This year I talked to more people and I visited more places. This is a vast improvement over the past years. In looking to next year one can only hope that the program at Dalhousie is what sells the athlete" said Page. To add to Page's comment, one can only think that next year could be another long frustrating year, unless there is something or someone in the very near future that can save Athletics at Dalhousie.

Good Scuba Year

by Bill Forsyth

Well another year has rolled around and all the clubs on campus are looking at the year and are either saying 1) boy we didn't do very much, which most clubs will say or 2) Wow we did all that! which the Dalhousie Scuba club will be able to say.

Starting in September with a new Board of Directors consisting of Bill Cooper, President; Gail Kerr, Secretary; George Markus Treasurer; Cliff Mulligan, Training Director; Dale Roddick, Dive Manager; Salomon Benarroch, Equipment Manager; and Bill Forsyth, Public Relations Director, the club had some bright new ideas and with the new board hoped to put most of them into action.

The first item on the agenda was

to introduce basic scuba courses to the student, the first was October to December, and the second January to April. As a result of the two courses the club produced sixty basic divers. Along with a basic course in the first term, the club offered an advanced divers course and as a result twelve divers were familiarized with Light Salvage, Underwater Navigation, Search and Recovery, Underwater Recovery, and Night Diving. For the already certified diver the club offered two free air-fills per month, which usually costs \$1.50 / fill, and regular weekend dives ranging from scallop to wreck dives. Some dives consisted of searching for French 18th Century Man O'Wars sunk in Bedford Basin, others to a boat dive of the SS Atlantic sunk in 1813 claiming 362 lives! A few dives will be remembered because of the priceless bottles from Dartmouth. On some of the scallop dives, few scallops were found, but a good time was had by all.

Monthly meetings were held in which modern diving films were shown and guest speakers elucidated on all aspects of diving - from equipment maintenance through to fisheries law pertaining to divers to an actual underwater film producer. The club also owns four sets of diving gear, comprised of: tank, regulator, back and safety vests.

This and more will be offered next year. So if you were hesitant in inquiring about the scuba club, now you know what you have missed this year. But fear not, there is always next year. Meanwhile our next and final meeting will be Friday April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in 5th floor Bio lounge at which time next year's Board of Directors will be elected. All this year's members should try to attend.