

In volleyball

Dalhousie defeats Mount A

by Kent Rogers

After a two week layoff, the Dal Women's Volleyball team played the Nova Scotia Winter Games' team and the Dartmouth Combines last Friday evening in exhibition play.

The Christmas layoff resulted in lacklustre play by Dal's black and gold and coupled with the poised play of the Wayne Brothers' coached Winter Games squad, resulted in a lopsided victory for the visitors by a score of 15-2, 15-3. Dal also fell to the Combines in two close games 15-13, 15-10.

However, in Sunday's league game against Mt. A. Dal showed much greater

poise and expertise than it has all year in defeating Mount Allison 15-5, 15-10, 15-8.

The Dal-Acadia match-up at Acadia took place last evening with the results being unavailable at press time. In upcoming action, Dalhousie travels to Waterloo, Ontario for the 12th annual Waterloo Invitational. This 12 team tournament features some of the top volleyball teams in the country. Dal and arch rival U de Moncton have been chosen to represent the Atlantic region.

Returning home on Sunday, Dal will host Acadia next Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Dal Gym.

Mason, Van Buuren win medals

Five of Dalhousie's top swimmers returned from Montreal this weekend having gathered four medals at the first Canada Cup Swim Meet of the 1979 season. They also established five new A.U.A.A. records and six Dalhousie team records.

Leading the way were Dal swim stars Susan Mason and John van Buuren. They each won both silver and bronze medals at this meet. Freestyler Susan Mason swam to a bronze medal in the women's 400 metre freestyle in a new A.U.A.A. record breaking performance of 4:22.97—a time which will also be submitted as a pending C.I.A.U. National record. Winner of the event was Nancy Garapick of Halifax followed by Barb Schokey of Saskatoon. Mason set the second of her four A.U.A.A. records of the meet in placing sixth in the 200 Freestyle event. However, it was her performance in her last event, the 800 Free, that won a silver medal and another A.U.A.A. record in a time of 9:02.95. A season's best performance in the 200 Butterfly further consolidated her position as the number one ranked Canadian College swimmer in no fewer than eight events.

John van Buuren demonstrated his well established

proWess in both sprint, back crawl and butterfly with medals in both these events. After winning a bronze in the 100 backstroke on Friday, John took the silver in the 100 butterfly after being touched out by one-one hundredth of a second for the gold by Toronto's Levente Mody. Van Buuren also contributed significantly to Dalhousie's new A.U.A.A.—record performance in the men's 800 metre freestyle relay. His split of 2:00.13 combined with those of lead off Brian Jessop (2:01.46), Stuart MacLennan (2:06.00) and anchor Danny Berrigan (2:03.43), to slash over four seconds from their previous record with an 8:11.02 clocking.

Brian Jessop rounded out the record spree when he improved upon his own Dalhousie record in the 400 free with a 4:18.82 clocking.

Dal swimmers travel to Wolfville this weekend for their first dual meet of 1979 when they face traditional Nova Scotia rivals Acadia University.

New water records

Twenty-three of the thirty-three Dalhousie Team records have been re-written at this point in the season—a record in itself. The women's squad have broken thirteen of their sixteen team records—seven of them falling to first year standout and Commonwealth Games representative Susan Mason. In men's action ten of the seventeen team records have fallen, five of these to Dalhousie's 1977 World Student Games silver medalist John Van Buuren.

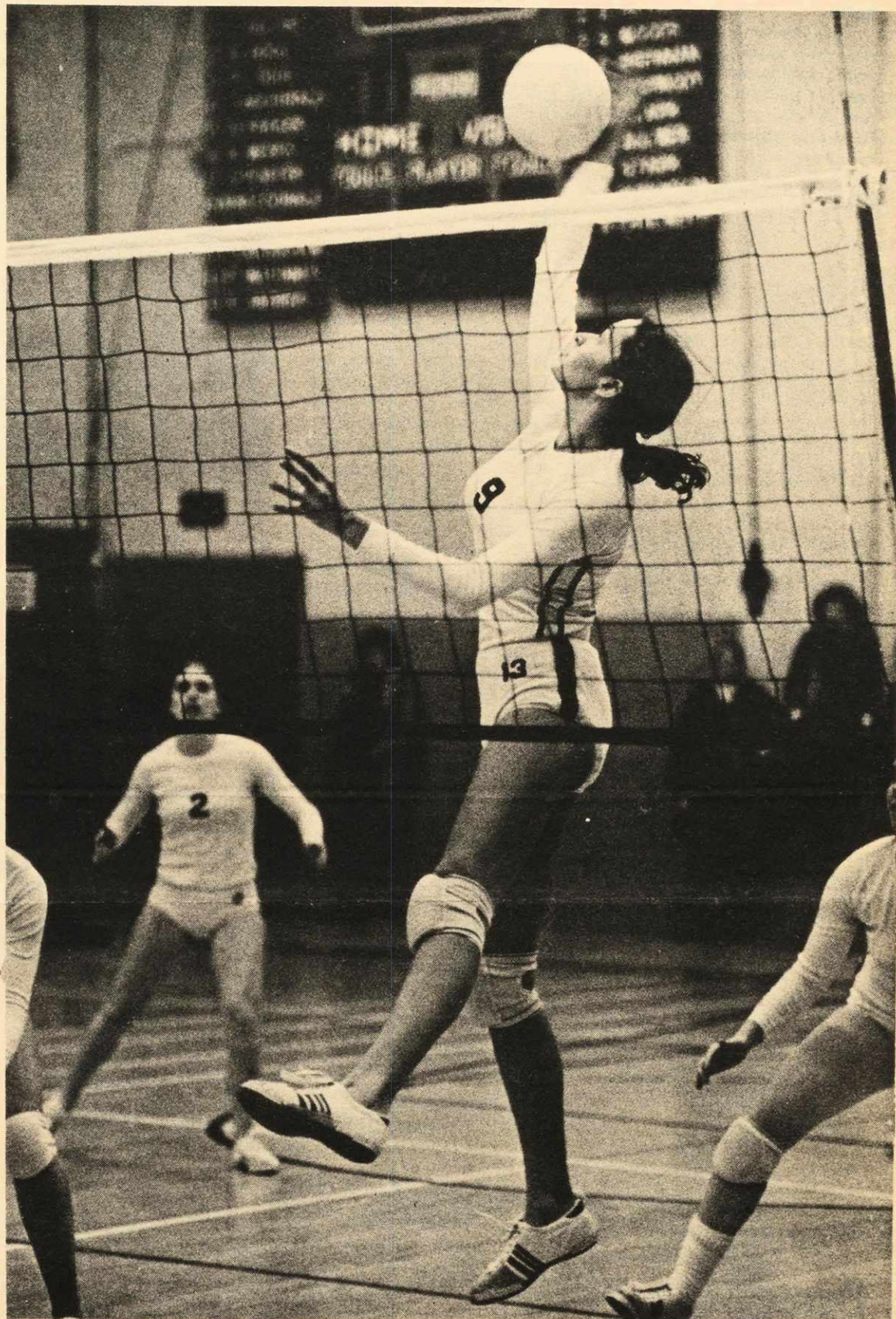
by Peter Merchant

Approximately fifteen hopeful racers journeyed to Amqui, Quebec over the Christmas break to compete for positions on the Dalhousie University Ski Team. Coach Reto Barrington conducted a training camp for the competitors, and timed slalom and giant slalom races were held at the end of that week.

Selected on the men's team were: Reta Barrington, Lincoln Tucker, Jess Tucker, Peter Langille, Gregory Larsen and Peter Merchant.

Selected on the women's team were: Lynn MacGregor, Pamela Reid, Patricia Kearney, Sue Hutchison and Jane Mitchell.

The team enters it's first competition of the year at Waterville Valley, New Hampshire this week. Teams from all over eastern Canada and the United States compete in



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Dalhousie ski team activities

the bi-annual Can-Am Inter-collegiate meets, and Dalhousie has done extremely well in the past few years. With a particularly strong men's team this year they have an excellent chance of placing in the top three and of bringing home a medal from this prestigious competition.

Ski team chosen

by Peter Merchant

Over New Year's approximately one hundred and forty Dalhousie students (and ten of the amazing Penguins) participated in the Amqui ski trip. Organized by the Dalhousie Ski Club, the trip was a

total success, with excellent skiing conditions and a whirlwind of après-ski activities.

The \$125 package deal included five days of skiing, six nights accommodation, breakfast and tans. (Caramac Tours still can't believe it.) Evening meals were organized at the various restaurants in the French-speaking community.

Some of the more popular activities of the week included a long-john party at one of the local bars (fishnet was out this year, but leotards were highly fashionable); a glüweïn 'Party-til-you-Puke' at the infamous Penguin Place (now in its spectacular new location at the foot of the mountain); the World Caps Championships, with over fifty drunken contestants; amazing jam sessions with an extraordinary

variety of musical talent (some of the instruments included cured mastodon drums and a sterling silver wind section); a wine-but-no-cheese party in a totally inaccessible outhouse which became rather crowded after the first person arrived; and one of the truly great New Year's Eve parties of all time.

Another Amqui trip is presently being planned for the February Break, and this 'Mardi Gras' trip will be presented at the next Ski Club meeting. Please watch for notices.

Another item of interest for members of the Dalhousie Ski Club is the Oland Brewery Tour organized for January 17th at two p.m. Ski films will also be shown.

For further information on any of the above events call either Greg Larsen at 422-2524 or Peter Merchant at 429-6973.