

# sports

## Awards banquet

# Handing out the hardware

by Gazette staff

Stephanie Johnson, Jason Shannon and Anne Marie Farnell highlighted the winners at the Dalhousie athletic banquet last week.

Shannon, a member of the swim team, and Johnson, a member of the soccer team which grabbed a silver at the CIAUs, were named male and female athletes of the year respectively. Farnell picked up the presi-

dent's award for the student who best combines athletics and academics.

Rookies of the year were basketball players Christian Currie and Carolyn Wares.

Rookie women's soccer coach Neil Turnbull shared the coach of the year honours with men's volleyball coach Al Scott.

Shannon and Farnell also were selected the most valuable players for men's swimming and women's

cross country respectively.

The other most valuable players were: Kevin Meisner (hockey), Carla Perry (soccer), Paula Peters (track and field), Peter Lawson (track and field), Sarah Woodworth (swimming), Kim Hilchey (volleyball), Jody Holden and Paul Villeneuve (volleyball), Shawn Mantley (basketball), Carolyn Wares (basketball), Adrian Ibbetson (soccer) and Gary Newell (cross country).



Stephanie Johnson, top left, and Jason Shannon were named Dalhousie's male and female athletes of the year at the sports banquet last Wednesday. Anne Marie Farnell received the President's Award for the student best combining athletics and education.

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# A coach who finishes his career with respect

by Carmen Tam

Coaches are the individuals who form teams and act as the glue which fuses the team together. They're governed by their love of the game and ruled by the unselfish need to give, to teach the skills they have already learned. Coaches are role models who guide 'their kids' to be the best they can be.

Bev Greenlaw is such an individual mentioned above.

Greenlaw has been coaching in Nova Scotia over the past two decades and has been involved in every level of basketball in the province. He first made his mark in the early 1970s when he acted as an assistant coach at the local Community YMCA in Halifax. Soon Greenlaw took over the head coach position.

His midget team then dominated the province for the next decade while at the same time developing into a strong national power. Greenlaw then went to the University of King's College in 1980 as the school's athletic director and head coach of the basketball team where he took the Blue Devils to the top ranks of the CCAA. He took home six Nova Scotia College Conference Coach of the Year awards and was voted Canadian College Coach of the Year in 1987.

That was a golden year for Greenlaw as he took his Blue Devils to a perfect record in the regular season and another NSCC championship final. That summer he coached Team Nova Scotia to the province's first-ever basketball gold medal in the 1987 Summer Games in Saskatoon.

From there he transferred to Dalhousie University, across the street,

and transformed the then mediocre team into today's dynamic squad. During his time at Dal, he implemented some very popular programs. His Tigers' Superskills Camp is one of the best in the Metro area, and the Pepsi Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament is known as one of the foremost basketball events in the country. Greenlaw has produced Dal's first ever two-time All-Canadian,

Dean Thibodeau, and recruited Dal's first CIAU Rookie of the Year, Shawn Plancke.

Dalhousie's fifth year veteran guard Shawn Mantley says he owes a lot to Greenlaw.

"He believed in me and gave me the sense of confidence I never had."

Jeff Mayo also has words of praise for Greenlaw.

"Bev gave me a lot a help last

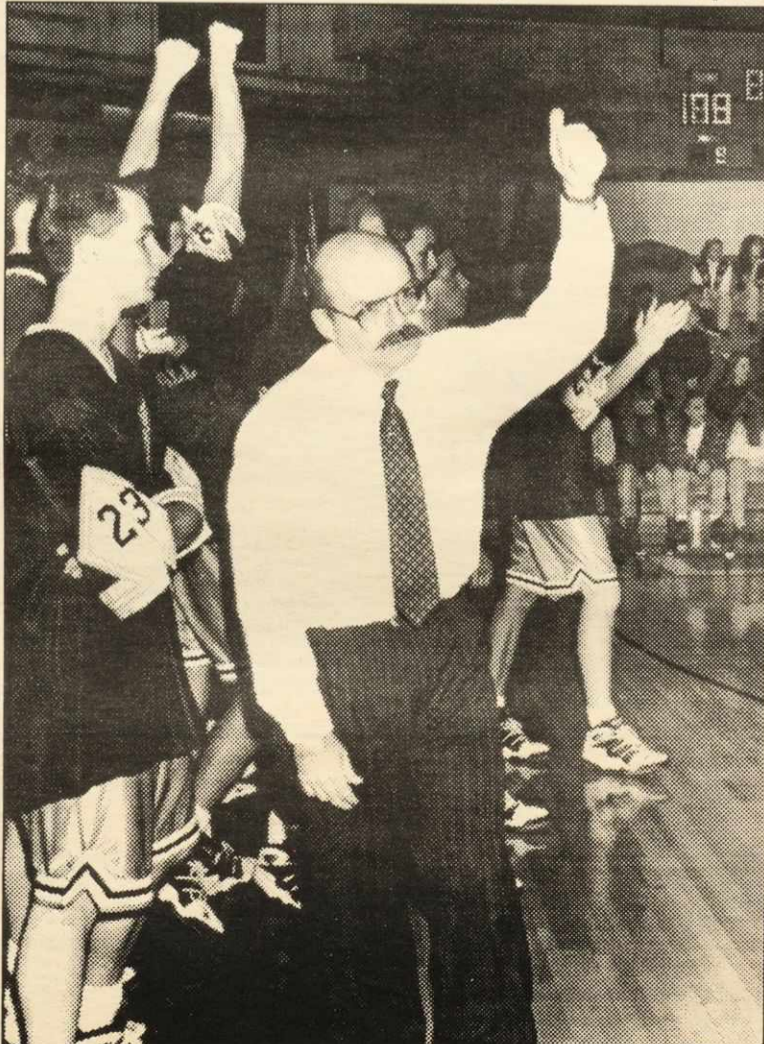
summer to improve my mental game," said Jeff Mayo, who was a CIAU athlete of the week last month. It has certainly showed in Mayo's performance this season as he was voted AUAA athlete of the week on several occasions this year and increased his field goal percentage to 50 per cent. He adds, "He doesn't yell at you to make you a better player because he believes in second chances."

Not only has Greenlaw inspired his team on the floor but also offers insight to life as well. Notes Mantley,

"He taught us to take responsibility for your actions, that it will make you a better person...for yourself, in the classroom and on the court."

Early this year Greenlaw announced that he will retire at the end of the season after seven years with the Tigers to spend more time with his family. However he will be leaving his successor with a young and exciting squad with unlimited potential.

But isn't that just like Bev Greenlaw — always leaving things better than they were.



## Sam looks back at hockey season

by Sam McCaig

Despite being bounced from the playoffs by the Acadia Axemen for the third consecutive year, pride and optimism abound in the Tigers' locker room.

"This year was a standout," says fifth-year Tiger defenceman Brian MacDonald. "The program has come a long way. (Coach) Darrell (Young) has improved the program immensely in his time here. He's done a lot in the way of alumni support. A good example is the Friends of Dalhousie Hockey Society."

Coach Young agrees that hockey at Dalhousie has been improving.

"We've had one of the best programs in the country for the last ten or fifteen years and one of the reasons for that is that our expectations are very high."

Unfortunately, with high expectations come the potential for great disappointments. And while the Tigers didn't get to the CIAUs as many were predicting, they took one small step towards breaking the 'Acadia Curse' by finishing the regular season in first place. It may appear insignificant in the face of our convincing losses in the playoffs to the Axemen, but it is also indicative of the hard work that the team put in over the twenty-six game schedule.

In a division where four of the five teams were capable of beating each other in any given game (and even UCCB wasn't a total pushover), to finish first is a tribute to hard work, discipline, and all-out effort. While these qualities didn't bring

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