

Men's rugby runs away with two wins

BY ANDREA SMITH

What sport was born in 1823 when William Webb Ellis (who had a complete disregard towards football) first picked up the ball in his arms and ran with it? This distinctive action was the origin of the marvellous and crazy game of rugby.

While Ellis has since departed, his sport lives on. And at Dalhousie, this year's rugby club has been one of the school's best yet.

"It's at least the best season in the last 4-5 years undoubtedly," says Paul Komeau, outgoing president of the Dalhousie Men's Rugby Team.

You can't argue with him. The men's win-loss record is a strong 4-3 with a play-off spot and a potential second place showing in the province only one game away.

They broke their .500 record with a lopsided mid-season 41-8 victory over King's College and a 38-15 victory over Saint Mary's.

Approximately 70 fans from both teams were a witness to Dal's

strength at both games.

Flanker Neil Genge and Alex Fell both scored two tries against King's. And Sebastian Salole, who single-handedly scored 3 tries, was the player of the game against SMU.

"He didn't just take the ball and run it in, he fed it to other players, which completed many of the plays" Komeau said of Salole's efforts. "Scoring three tries is comparable to a hat-trick in hockey. It's pretty impressive."

And as their fortunes on the field has improved, team

camaraderie has reached an all-time high.

"It goes beyond just a bunch of guys getting together to play," explains Komeau. "Years ago, [male and female rugby organization] was totally different than now. It's been really clicking [this year]. We've been going to each other's games, rookie parties, and we go downtown together. It's been a cool year for inter-team mixing."

The men's next game is at Acadia this Saturday afternoon. Acadia is presently in first so fans

and players alike are looking forward to a heated contest.

"It's gonna be tough because Acadia is bigger and stronger, but we are smaller and faster, and more skilled," says Genge. "[That] should take us through to the Maritime Championships."

If Dal does finish in second, it would mean the play-off game would be on home turf.

As rugby is a club sport, anyone who is interested in trying it out can come on Friday, Oct. 23 to the Gorsebrook Field at 5pm.

Don't forget your cleats.



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Friday, Oct. 23 Dal vs St.FX 3pm @ Wickwire Field

Men's Soccer
Friday, Oct. 23 Dal vs St.FX 5pm @ Wickwire Field

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Friday, Oct. 23 Dal vs Mt. Allison 6pm @ Dalplex pool
Saturday, Oct. 24 Dalhousie Sprint Meet 1:30pm @ Dalplex pool

Men's Rugby Standings

Acadia	5-1-0
St. FX	4-2-0
Dal	4-3-0
King's	2-3-0
SMU	0-6-0

Women's Rugby Standings


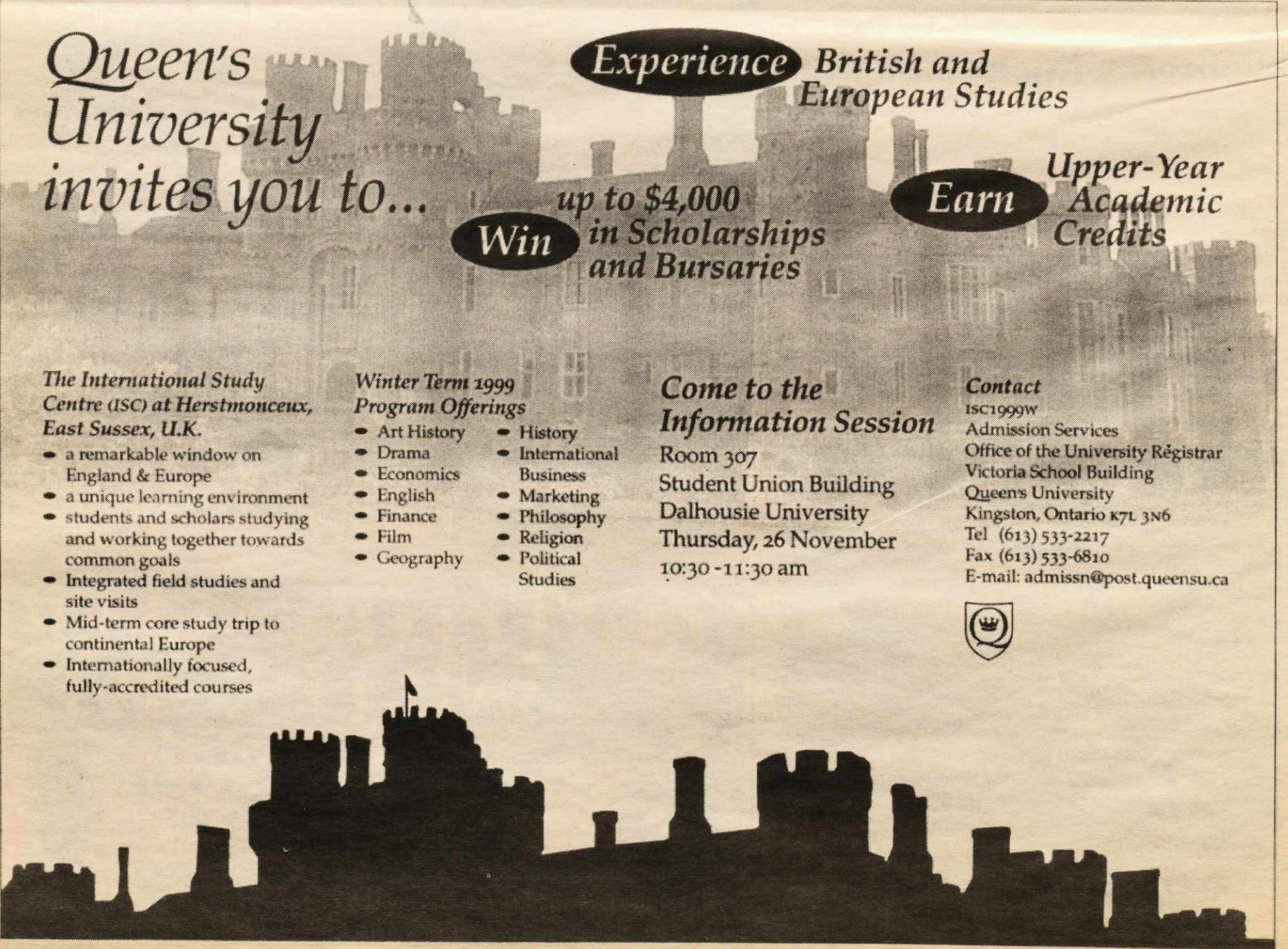
St. FX	6-1-0
Acadia	5-2-0
SMU	4-3-0
Dal	3-4-0
King's	1-3-1

* as of Monday, Oct. 19th

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