



1978 Dalhousie award recipient Johnny Miles

## Miles feted

by Micki Martinello

A welcome addition to the awards program was the presentation of the Dalhousie Award, established in 1976 by Dr. Sandy Young, Professor of Sport History at Dalhousie. This annual award is in recognition of an individual's outstanding contribution to Nova Scotia Sport.

This year's deserving recipient was none other than John C. Miles, better known in provincial sporting circles as "Johnny". His most notable achievements include winning the 1926 and '29 Boston Marathon. He soon became known as the "Nova Scotia Speed Demon".

In recognition of his many triumphs in the sport of "road racing" the Johnny Miles Marathon has be-

come an annual highlight of the road racing season. At 73 years of age, this modest athlete has certainly fulfilled his life-long belief that desire, skill, and determination are the key to successful endeavours.



## Black athletes sue

LOS ANGELES (ZNS-CUP)—Eight black college athletes—in what is expected to be a precedent-setting case—have filed a multi-million dollar suit against the California State University system, alleging they did not receive the education that was promised them.

The athletes, who attended California State University at Los Angeles during the early 1970s, allege they were lured into that university's athletic program on the promises of being fully educated and awarded college degrees.

One of the eight, basketball player Dwight Slaughter, claims he was promised tutors, counselors and a complete educational package leading to a four-year degree in criminology.

Slaughter tells Pacific News Service that, instead, he and

other athletes were encouraged by their coaches and advisors to take such "toughies" as beginning baseball, badminton, rugby, golf, backpacking and water polo.

When his four years of college eligibility were exhausted, Slaughter says, he was denied a degree. He and the others are suing for loss of education.

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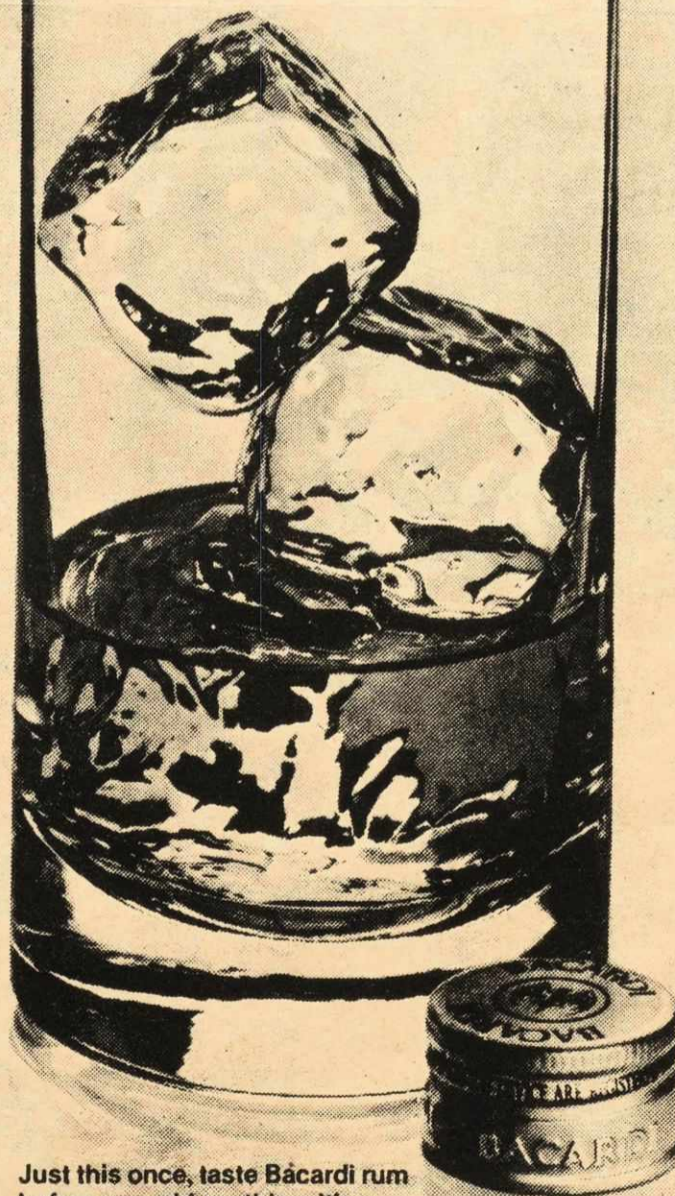
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