

## Ahhh... those eager Beavers and winsome Mermaids

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Last weekend's trek to Laval University proved fruitful for the UNB Beavers and Mermaids as they took both the men's and women's championships as well as the combined class.

The Mermaids took three relay events while the men took two as

they combined for a total of 13 first places and six seconds to easily outdistance their nearest rivals, host club Laval, by 136 points.

Randy Stangroom a three year veteran with the team led the effort for the women by winning the 400 and 800 meter freestyle events and qualifying for CIAU's in both. Beaver Bruce Williams

spearheaded their attack by winning the 100 meter free and 200 backstroke. Williams time in the 200 back was his personal best and narrowly missed the qualifying standard. Stangroom also finished third in the 100 butterfly, while Williams took a fourth place finish in the 50 meter free.

Kathy Gaul was also a leading performer for the Mermaids winning the 50 and 100 freestyle events and finishing a close second in the 200 free.

John MacGillvary missed qualifying by mere tenths of seconds in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle events while finishing respectably in the standings. Bill Emery was edged out in a very close race for the win in the 200 free and won the 400 free.

Other first place finishers were Rob Davis in the 200 meter breast, Debbie Whitmore in the 100 butterfly, and 200 individual medley (a personal best time), Julie Johnson in the 200 back, Karen Stangroom in the 400 individual medley, and Rob Davis in the men's 400 IM.

Although he did not win any races, John Bennett swam his best times this season in two events. In the 1500 freestyle, Bennett dropped almost 15 seconds off his previous best time in the event. He also swam a personal best in the 400 free.

A spokesman for the team said that the Laval meet proved to be an uplifting experience for the team because of the friendly

atmosphere of Quebec City during Carnival and the facilities at Laval University. According to the spokesman, every member of the team swam at least one good race at the meet.

To date, six of the women on the team have qualified for the nationals while only Rob Davis has done so for the men. There are, however, at least four or five men who are within range of the

standards and should be able to qualify at the next meet. The AUSA meet will place pressure on the men who have not yet qualified and could provide some good times in several events.

The meet, which will be held in the Centennial pool in Halifax, will be hosted by the Dalhousie Club. The Centennial pool is known to be slow due to the characteristics of the building and the water.



Coach Barry Roberts piloted the swim teams to a victory at the Laval invitational.



Randy Stangroom led the Mermaids in their triumphant quest.

## The biggest splash so far this year

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In what turned out to be the biggest meet attended by the UNB diving team so far this year, Dale MacLean finished fourth place on one meter and sixth on three meter to pace the team to an overall first place team finish.

Shanni Paquette led the UNB women with a tenth place finish on three meter and a 13th place on one meter. There were 46 men entered in the event and 34 in the women's.

The field of competitors was

university and college divers in the country and included a member of 1976 Olympic team and the current tower diving champion.

The meet, which was part of the annual Rouge et Or competition held by Laval University, provided spectators with many strong performances.

UNB sent a team of eight divers, composed of five men and three women. One member of the team, Vicki Goldner decided to forgo the meet due to illness.

MacLean provided the strongest performances of the UNB contingent despite a knee injury

sustained in a pre-meet practice. He said that he had performed much better and was merely using the meet as a warm up for the AUSA's and CIAU's which will be held later this month.

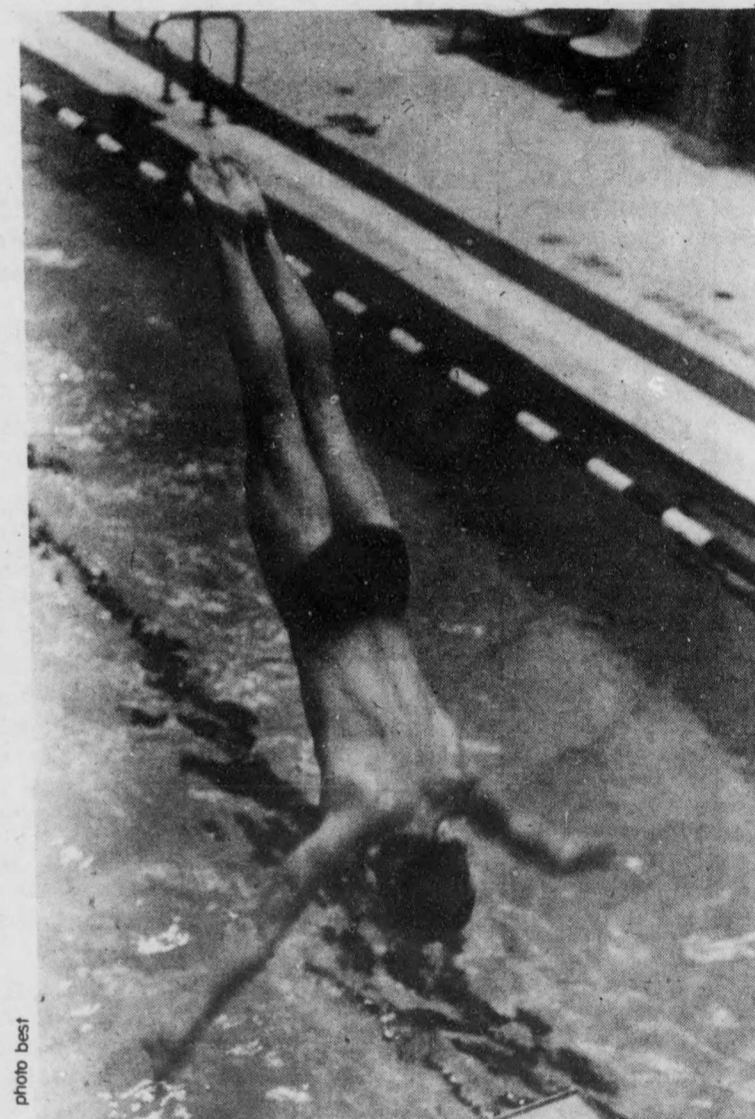
Gary Kelly finished close behind MacLean on three meter in eighth place, and seventh on one meter. Kelly, recovering from a prolonged bout with the flu had been unable to practice the week before and had to perform dives which he had not done for several weeks.

Paquette's performance was in accordance with the improvement that she has enjoyed over the past few meets. Her score one meter was well over the qualifying mark for the CIAU's. She described her tenth place finish on one meter as "satisfying" in light of the competition she had to face.

Close behind Paquette on one meter was Celeste Smart in nineteenth place. Betty Middleton, a rookie on the team in her first appearance in a major meet took 23rd place on one meter. Both Middleton and Smart performed well on the three meter board.

Behind Kelly and MacLean, was Paul Sutcliffe, one of three rookies on the men's squad. Sutcliffe's best performance was on the three meter board, on which he finished 16th. Bob Jacobson and Dan Beaman also did well on both boards finishing in the middle of the large field.

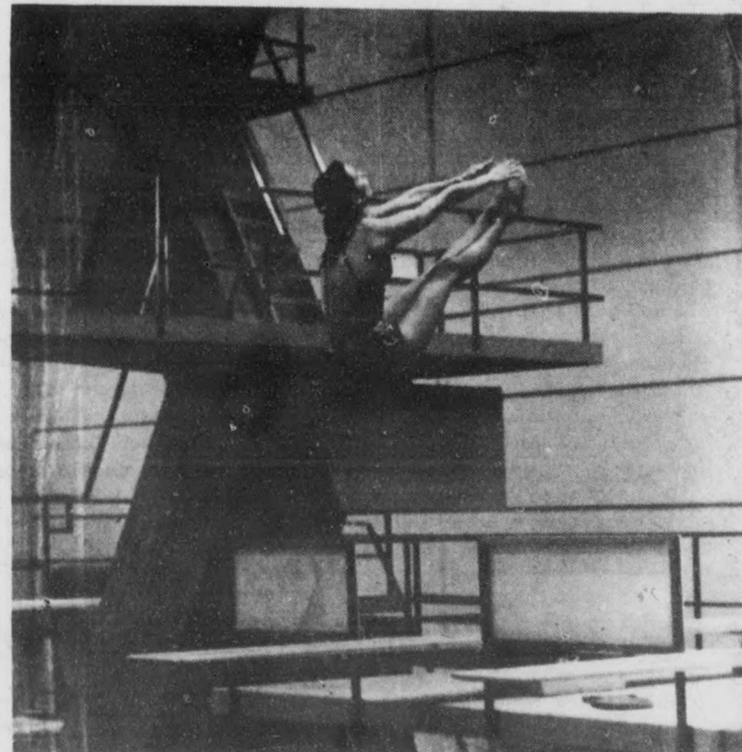
Coach John Thompson, who could not attend the meet, said that he was pleased with the performance of the team in what turned out to be a much larger meet than expected. He said that he would have liked to see a better performance on MacLean's



The men were led by the efforts of Dale MacLean who finished fourth on one board and sixth on the other.

The divers are currently putting in ten practices a week. The divers next competition will be the AUSA championships which will be held next weekend at the Centennial Pool in Halifax. The meet is being hosted by Dalhousie University.

Thompson said that he was very pleased with the performances of the new divers on the team and described them as "a keen bunch".



Celeste Smart performs a dive on the three meter board. She finished 17th in the event.