

# Howe hall an' all that stuff

by Mark Thomas

For our first contribution to the Gazette we thought that it would be a good idea to give our readers an idea of what Howe Hall's policies and ideals are concerning sports.

With this in mind we sharpened our pencils and trucked on over to the "zoo". There we found Peter Bloxham, sports co-ordinator on Howe Hall's Residence Council, actively participating in the Dal Tiger Fan Club's pinball tournament. While he was anxiously waiting to see if he made it to the second round, we were graced with an interview.

Bloxham: "O.K. What kind of things do you guys want to hear about?"

Howe Hall: "Well, to begin with, a few statements regarding the sports scene at Howe Hall."

Bloxham: "First of all...ah...I'd like to say that Howe Hall has lots of sports talent, as much as anybody else. Getting participation initially is hard, but once the sports programs are started, we often get as much as 50% of a "house's" population out at one time or another during

the year.

Howe Hall: "Why is it initially hard to get the students out?"

Bloxham: "Well...aah... notices concerning the sports are posted, but a lot of guys, especially freshman, get the idea that they're not good enough and don't come out...aah...What I'd like to stress is that ability isn't what's important, but desire and, most of all, participation. As far as residence sports go, if a guy has the energy and desire to come out, he should be given a chance to play. We see to it that everyone who comes out gets that chance. Again, the emphasis is on participation, not ability. We want the students to get off their butts, come out and...aah... have fun, whether they're an all-star or not. This is the aim of the residence sports program...aah...as opposed to the university varsity system. The residence sports also promote house spirit and friendship among the guys."

Howe Hall: "What kind of relation exists between Howe Hall and the university intramural department?"

Bloxham: "Well...aah... I feel that Howe Hall is in a rather isolated position, but

it's a self-imposed isolation. By involving ourselves mainly with our own intra-residence sports, we've...uh... isolated ourselves to an extent, regarding inter-faculty sports. In the past inter-fac sports have been used, more or less, as a supplement to our own extensive inter-house sports program."

Howe Hall: "Does Howe Hall get co-operation when they do deal with the inter-mural department?"

Bloxham: "Yes...uh...definitely; they're very good to us considering the facilities, which are at best pitiful. It's rather depressing for a university this size to have such poor sports facilities. But getting back to the point, we can't really complain. For the amount of people that we have in residence, we're getting a...aah...fair amount of time in the gym."

Howe Hall: "Is financial support a problem?"

Bloxham: "...aah... I get no money myself, as such, but residence council has given me an "open" budget, more or less. That is, I can write a check for any supplies or equipment sanctioned by council and they (Residence Council) take care of the bills themselves.

Support from the intra-mural department is also good. They supply all referees for inter-fac sports."

Howe Hall: "What about the Howe Hall games room?"

Bloxham: "What about it?"

Howe Hall: "Are there any plans in the immediate future for it?"

Bloxham: "...aah... We're working on getting a new pool table. Unfortunately the ping-pong table is probably also beyond repair. Although there is a lot of abuse of these facilities, there is also a significant amount of damage due to over-use. But again unfortunately, we don't have the space here to improve or expand the facilities."

Howe Hall: "In conclusion, what general suggestions would you make to improve the sports scene at Howe Hall?"

Bloxham: "Participation, support and improved facilities."

Howe Hall: "Thank you very much for the interview."

Bloxham: "It's O.K. but, ...aah... I have to go and play pinball now."

And off he went, back into the "zoo". Unfortunately, we had kept him so long at

the interview that he was disqualified from the pinball tournament. Sorry Pete, ...aah... wazoo.

## Smith House Captures Howe Hall Floor Hockey Championship in Two Straight Games

Smith House behind two consecutive shutouts by Phil (Buzz) Turnbull went to defeat Cameron House 1-0 and 1-0 to capture the best of three finals in straight games. The winning goal in the second game was scored by Kevin (Fitz) Doblestein in a play with Mark Foster. Without the spectacular goal tending Smith would have easily went down to defeat. Buzz saved the Tide time and time again making unbelievable save after save. Thus Smith ends the year undefeated with six shutouts in nine games and allowing only four goals in all. The Tide has recaptured the trophy they lost last year to Cameron team members. To: Mark G., Mark F., Bruce R., Glen McD., Les McD., Chuck [frosh], Colin H., Phil [Buzz] T., Jim N., Harry D., Rick K., Robert R., Dave M., Bill [frosh], Kevin [frosh], Paul R., Tom McD., Keith M., Robert McD., CONGRATULATIONS ...SMITH HOUSE!

## BITS OF SPORTS

### Fans to pay for imports

by Joel Fournier

In a move to provide the discerning fan with the opportunity to view nationally ranked college teams from other parts of Canada, the Student Council agreed to permit a small admission charge for games in which Dalhousie must provide "guarantees" to visiting teams. Very simply stated, the Athletic Division enters into a contract with universities from outside the Maritimes, the purpose of which is to defray the travel expenses incurred in the trip to Halifax. In most cases, this "guarantee" is shared among two or three Nova Scotia universities, and therefore the amount required from Dalhousie is minimal. If there is any profit (and we operated at a deficit in the first game), it returns to the University.

The policy will only apply to this type of game. At the moment, the contests involved are:

### BASKETBALL:

Friday, Nov. 29 - Lakehead at Dal

Friday, Jan. 17 - Husson at Dal

Sunday, Feb. 9 - Loyola at Dal

Admission is charged as well whenever we play at the Forum. In hockey, this has been forced upon us because of the Memorial Rink situation. In basketball, one game will be played as part of a double-header with SMU, Acadia and "X." The latter decision was made in order to provide an opportunity for everyone to see both games.

### Rink still closed

Apologies to users, but as you're aware, the renovations and repairs to Memorial Rink were not completely successful. The primary reason for the lack of ice has been leakage in the pipes under the concrete. This has resulted in many frustrating hours of labour for everyone involved. As of this writing, the problem appears to have been finally solved and we're keeping our fingers crossed that nothing more will occur to delay the ice-making portion of the operation.

Everything being equal, the rink should be available for full operation by Monday, December 2. It takes that long to build sufficient ice to withstand the heavy traffic.

Please bear with us...we're all anxious to get started. We may be able to spot use the ice before December 2, in which case we will advertise through CKDU & the Gazette.

### Volleyball

#### tigerettes win

Dalhousie Tigerettes won the opening tournament of the new Volleyball season over the Nov. 11 long weekend at Greenwood. It was the end of a happy week for the Dalhousie team. On Tuesday evening at the Dalhousie Gymnasium the Tigerettes began the season on a winning note. They defeated Acadia University Women 15:13, 16:14 and 15:4. This win appeared to spur the team on during the weekend.

Margot Nuggent led the way as she was instrumental in directing the new 5-1 offense. This is a new offense for the Dal team and a type that puts pressure on the setter. Captain Cindi Rice and Carolyn Cox supplied much of the needed hitting power. Since the other team can spike back our win was aided tremendously by the blocking of Joan Kelly and Bonnie McNamara who devastated our opponents hitting. Helen MacGregor gave the team the added strength of a universal player. Her back court quickness was a major help. Filiz Erdogan, a new addition from Turkey, Ann

Gromley, Judy Reardon and Peggy Kennedy provided the needed depth that makes the difference between a winning and losing team. Brenda Bailey, our manager, made things easy to win because everything was always looked after.

Friday evening the team split its opening match with Acadia University but rallied to win two straight over the CEILDH Club. On Saturday morning the team had "beginning butterflies" as they again lost their opening game, this time to Moncton University. However, they humiliated Moncton in the next game with a 15-0 win. The last match of the round-robin was against the Nova Scotian Winter Games Team. They split, winning the first quite easily. The finals involved playing the Winter Games team again. Dalhousie played superb "movement" and won 15:2, 10:15, and 15:7, thus winning the Women's Open Pool.

Coach Sawula credits the win this weekend to their hard physical training. It is beginning to pay off. However, he cautions his players not to be over-zealous as one win does not make the season. It is a long season and there is much to learn and how we do is depended upon our practices.

The next trip for the team will be a big test. They travel for an Atlantic league tournament to P.E.I. where they meet the powerful U.N.B. Reds, and the Summerside B.C.'s, Acadia University and the CEILDH Club. Hopefully, they will continue their opening performance.

### Win some,

### lose some

Larry Haylor was promoted to Head Football Coach at Dalhousie today, succeeding Doug Hargreaves who retires to concentrate on his duties as Athletic Director.

Haylor joined the Dalhousie staff in 1974 from the University of Saskatchewan where he had been employed for four years as the offensive coordinator of the U of S Huskies. During the 1974 season, Haylor coordinated the Dalhousie offence, a group of Nova Scotians who, in their final game, set two AUSA records... longest punt return for a TD (Jeff Neal - 110 yards) and most yards gained in the kicking game (Jeff Neal - 180 yards).