

sports

SMU upsets Dal in women's volleyball



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The Dalhousie Tigers women's volleyball team lost for the first time in six years in conference play against the Saint Mary's Huskies. The game was played Tuesday night at Saint Mary's. Here coach Leslie Irie talks to her troops during a break.

New sportswriter likes the AUAA

Who needs the NHL, or the NBA, or even the AHL for that matter? Whether you like hockey, basketball, soccer, volleyball or football, the AUAA has something to offer you.

If Dal students want football they have to put aside their "I hate SMU" oath and head over to the Tower, but Dal has competitive teams in every other sport. The Tigers should challenge for AUAA supremacy in several sports. The women's soccer team arrived back from the CIAU championships in Montreal last week with a silver medal. It sure beats the heck out of watching the Halifax Citadels flounder their way through another mediocre season in the AHL.

For Dal students, the AUAA is a sport fanatic's paradise. Free, quality entertainment — could you possibly ask for more? Would you rather pay forty bucks to see the Devils and Rangers play at the Metro Centre?

Sports are something people at Dal may take for granted, but let me tell you, we are very privileged.

I transferred here to Dal this year from Carleton University in Ottawa. That's right, Carleton, where the foot-

ball team failed to win a single game in the two years I was there. The hockey team plays in an oldtimer's league and the season is considered a resounding success if the basketball team doesn't earn a well-deserved last place finish. The highlight of the season is the annual Panda Game, in which the perennial cellar-dwellers of the Ontario-Quebec Football Conference, Ottawa and Carleton, meet in a battle for last place.

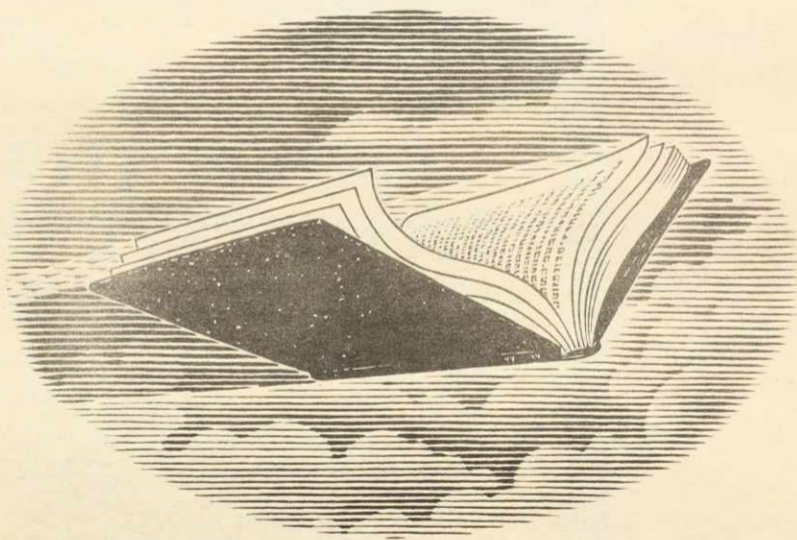
So far this year Haligonians have been treated to the Atlantic Series, a two-game exhibition hockey series with an NCAA Division 1 school and a near-champion soccer team. Despite all this, it seems the best is yet to come.

The hockey team is off to a great start and is rated in the top ten in the country. They have proven to be stiff competition Acadia Axemen and the pre-season favourites from St. FX.

As a sports fan, I am looking forward to a great season of exciting action in all AUAA sports. Here's to a great season.

Devin Maxwell

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