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Maine tour successful

by The Dalhousie Men's Basketball Team

On a trip for any team early in any season, it is hoped that a number of individuals will become a cohesive group. Last weekend's swing through Northern Maine and New Brunswick apparently achieved this end.

In the first game Friday, the Tigers were upended by a small, quick and well-disciplined team from University of Maine, Presque Isle by a 70-68 score. Dal led at the half 45-34 but a combination of foul trouble and inability to adjust to the delay game tactics of UMPI (in the U.S.A. there is no thirty second clock) threw the Tigers out of their preferred tempo. The highlights of the game were the outstanding play of forwards Bob Fagan (29 points) and Phil Howlett, and the obvious maturing of point guard Peter Fougere.

On to Fort Kent for a Saturday game with the University of Maine in that border town. This time the game tempo was high and the opposition were much bigger and apparently more talented than UMPI. The fast break is the Tigers style and they dominated from start to finish winning 107-87. The key to this victory was the domination of Mike Donaldson on the inside. The intensity and energy of his inside game transmitted to the entire team. The game also saw the re-uniting of Al MacDonald and Peter Fougere in the backcourt, the stars of two provincial championships at St. Pat's, their superlative combined ball handling will be the key to many exciting moments for Dalhousie fans over the next three years. Fagan was high scorer again with 27 points but

his passing and defense are fast becoming impressive parts of his game. Phil Howlett started for the first time and proved ready for the assignment contributing 21 points, many off offensive rebounds. Ken Fells was outstanding as first substitute from the bench with a perfect five for five from the floor and four for four from the line. Six Tigers scored in double figures. Run and press, we love it.

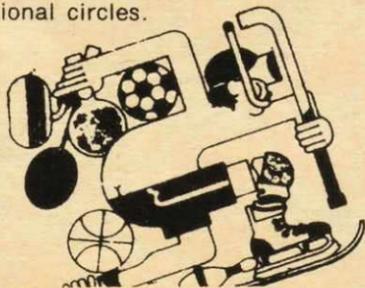
On Sunday, a storm-delayed Dal quintet arrived 1½ hours late for an afternoon game with UNB. The tired and sick crew (the flu bug was taking its toll) played a mediocre first half and led 39-38 at this juncture. Early in the second, good quick team offense established the authority of the Tigers and they quickly took control of the contest. The final score read 84-73 Dal. Fagan led the scoring with 31 points for a total of 87 on the weekend. Donaldson exploded for 16 in the second half after a slow start.

The real story is that this year Bob Fagan has a strong supporting team with six teammates able to score in double figures and a good inside game supplied by Donaldson and Murray Steeves, (who on this particular trip was debilitated by the flu) and outstanding guard play from Fougere, Fells and MacDonald. More time is needed to perfect the multiple pressing defenses for league play in the tough AUSA.

When this hits the street the first SMU game will be history but one of the most important home stands sees Dal playing UPEI, a playoff contender, this weekend. Games are at 7:00 p.m. Saturday and 3:00 p.m. Sunday. If the flu is gone the Tigers will be ready.

championship games.

Part of the cost of the trip has been defrayed by the generosity of the Dal Athletic Department, while each player has contributed \$200. A sizeable amount still needs to be raised, however, to pay for accommodation, transport within the U.K., laundry, etc., and the soccer club will, therefore, be involved in fund raising over the next two months. We encourage the Dal community to respond favorably to a venture which will undoubtedly serve to further the university's reputation in national and international circles.



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standard, a 16 member Tigers squad will visit Britain over the Christmas vacation.

Coach David Houlston has been enthused by the development of a strong force of Canadian players this year. In the past, British players have tended to dominate in terms of both numbers and experience. However, this year 13 out of 18 first team players are Canadian. Several have improved as a result of training for, and participating in, this summer's Canada Games. Coach Houlston believes that their players progress will be further advanced by immersion in the British "soccer culture".

The team will leave on December 26 and return January 9. While in Britain Dal will play against college teams and perhaps the junior teams of professional clubs. Time will be spent observing the training methods of at least one top club, and watching two or three league

New degree program given approval

by Peter Hayes

Dalhousie University has received approval from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for a Bachelor of Recreation Degree. In making the announcement Thursday, Dalhousie President Henry Hicks said the degree was "highly needed in the recreation area" and that the university Senate had authorized immediate implementation of the program upon the Commission's approval.

The first graduates of the program will be ten students presently enrolled in the Bachelor of Physical Education program, but who have been taking courses in a recreation programme. These students will graduate with their new degree at the 1978 spring convocation for the Faculty of Health Professions.

The decision to implement the degree program was made solely by the university, but support was needed from the MPHEC for the funds.

The study program will acquaint students with various recreational programs now in existence, as well as familiarizing them with leadership and job capabilities. Tourism, for example, is one aspect of the program. These and other courses of interest should enable students to participate in the "richness of the university." Dalhousie will be the seventh university in Canada to offer the program.

The Bachelor of Recreation program, which has essentially been going on for three years without formally having a name, will have twenty to twenty-five graduates every year, the exact number to be determined by the total number of meaningful internship jobs available. It is the province's policy to provide reasonable qualifications for a recreation director, and presently forty-three towns in Nova Scotia employ such a person.

Students graduating from the four year degree program will not only have demography and politics on their side, but also the practical experience of working in the real world because of internism. This should enable students to get the "good jobs." Program coordinator Colin Hood said, "It's clear that the opportunities are tremendous, and that is only in community recreation. Add to those jobs the number in other areas, with public or private organizations, and there is a substantial market for the type of graduates our new program will produce."

In the Maritimes there are presently about 300 jobs in the community recreation field, with Halifax and Dartmouth together employing about 38. The jobs will be available not only in the Maritimes but elsewhere and according to Hood the "graduates from the program would be general experts in recreation."

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