

## Overtime

### Sport heritage worth preserving

By LISA TIMPF

Former Dalhousie student Aileen Meagher was a member of Canada's bronze medal-winning relay team in the 1936 Olympics.

Meagher's talent was first spotted at a Dalhousie intramural track meet. She outdistanced the opposition in the sprints so handily that physical education instructor Edgar Sterling encouraged her to think seriously about trying out for Canada's Olympic team.

Meagher made the team in 1932, but was unable to compete in Los Angeles due to an injury.

The "flying schoolmarm," as she came to be known, did, however, compete in two British Empire games to collect a number of medals to add to her 1936 Olympic bronze.

Meagher is among the more visible of Dalhousie's standout athletes of the past, although more recently Nancy Garapick (swimming), Karen Fraser (volleyball) and Anna Pendergast (basketball) have been among Dalhousie's female Olympians.

Dalhousie has also held a number of national championships (including women's field hockey and volleyball), as well.

Obviously, there is an impressive amount of history there, looking at women's athletics alone. However, Dalhousie's sporting heritage remains obscure in terms of any organized collection.

"Dalhousie has had interuniversity sport in some form for over a hundred years, but we have no organized record of it," says Dalhousie athletics coordinator Wayne MacDonald.

"Considering the number of people who have participated in sport on their way through the university, that seems a shame," he added.

The desire to change this state of affairs is part of the push behind the attempt to organize a Dalhousie Sport Heritage collection.

"We want to be able to tie the history together, to make people aware of a tradition of athletics at Dalhousie," MacDonald says.

Part of the project will be the accumulation and display of visual materials such as artifacts and photographs. "Unless there's some kind of visual material, it won't have the same effect," says MacDonald. "We hope the displays will also increase the appeal of the Dalplex, to make it a warmer place."

The impact of the heritage displays will go beyond the Dalplex itself, however. Eventually, MacDonald hopes, the displays will be housed in five or six different units around campus, including the Arts and Administration Building, the

Student Union Building and the Tupper Building. Displays would be rotated periodically and stocked with new material.

Part of the money for the project will come from last year's Varsity Phone-A-Thon. As well, it is hoped that the Black and Gold club will come forward with financial assistance. Donations to the cause are, of course, welcome.

Currently under the direction of Dalhousie men's basketball coach Peter "Doc" Ryan, the project will also, at some later stage, be seeking volunteers to assist in organizing and planning.

Information and artifacts are being solicited through the *Alumni News* and similar publications.

The biggest problem, MacDonald explains, is trying to make contact with those who had been involved in athletics at Dalhousie in the past. Anyone who has been involved, and has artifacts they would like to donate, can get in touch with MacDonald or Ryan by calling the Dalplex.

The Heritage project will go beyond the collection of artifacts to the consolidation of an organized historical information base. That's where sport historian Sandy Young's class is contributing to the project.

Young, a strong advocate of the importance of Nova Scotians being aware of the rich sporting tradition and heritage of their province, annually gets his students to do research projects which are related to local sport history.

This year, a large number of students in his upper-level class have opted to assist with the heritage project's information collection by combing the *Dalhousie Gazette* since 1867 for information about sport at Dalhousie.

Each student will be writing a paper about a given sport or sports as part of their term project. These papers, in turn, will provide a point of departure for future research.

The concept of preserving sport heritage is not new to Dalhousie or to Halifax. Dal already honours Nova Scotian athletic greats of the past, in the form of the Dalhousie Award, an annual presentation at the Athletic Banquet.

Halifax is also home to the Nova Scotia Sport Heritage Centre. Housed in the old Keith's Brewery, the Centre is a storehouse of artifacts, photographs, trophies and memories, and provides a blueprint for the sort of thing Dal can attempt to do on a smaller scale.

Anyone who would be interested in assisting with the Dalhousie project, or has been involved in Dal athletics in the past and has some artifacts they would like to loan or donate, or would simply like more information, can contact "Doc" Ryan or Wayne MacDonald through the Athletics office. □



Mount Allison Mounties quarterback launches an attack on the Queens Golden Gaels. Mount Allison won the Atlantic Bowl 29-17 to advance to the Vanier Cup. Photo: Peter Katsiitis, Dal Photo

## Mt. A. wins Atlantic Bowl

By MARK ALBERSTAT

In front of an often noisy crowd of 5,300 the Mount Allison Mounties won the Atlantic Bowl by 12 points with a score of 29-17.

Defence was undoubtedly Mt. A's key to success as they shut down the country's most potent offense. Queen's only got 134 yards rushing and managed only 225 yards in total offense.

Mount Allison linebacker Paul Henry won the Don Loney Trophy as the game's most valuable player.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 0-0 as almost all of the action went on around mid-field.

Early in the second quarter Greg Baun, the Golden Gaels' halfback, fumbled the ball for a Mt. A. recovery. Two plays later, Mounties quarterback Jim Tierney threw a 22-yard pass to number 78, Ian MacDonald, for the first touchdown of the game. Terry Baker booted in the extra point for the Mounties to go ahead 8-0.

The next touchdown was the Gaels' response as Scott Bissessar scored on a 35-yard pass run play from Paul Senyshyn. Senyshyn replaced the Gaels' starting quarterback, Peter Harrison, who was injured early in this quarter.

The half ended with Mt. Allison leading 8-7.

After the half, more strong defensive action was shown from both teams as no points were put on the board for almost 12 minutes. With 3:22 left in this quarter, Queens picked up three points from a 40-yard field goal.

Queens later got the ball back and, with three seconds remaining, got a touchdown and the point after to finish off the quarter at 17-8 for the OQIFC Champions.

As this point it looked like Queens would do what was

expected of them and win the game to go on to the Vanier Cup. The Mounties, on the other hand, refused to die and showed the fans that there was still 15 minutes left to play.

Mount Allison came alive in the fourth quarter, running the score up to 17-13 with a little under three minutes left to play.

At this point Queens fumbled at the twelve yard line, Mounties' Scott Cameron picked up the ball and rushed, untouched, into the

end zone for the winning score.

Queens had the ball next only to fumble it again at the 35 and the Mounties ran it to the 15. Mt. A. subsequently got the touchdown and the extra point to take the score to 28-17 with a minute, 38 seconds left.

The final point happened when Mt. A. punted the ball away after yet another interception and the receiver tumbled out of the side endzone. □

## Women's basketball to open season

The Dalhousie Women's Basketball Team will finally give the home fans the opportunity to see them perform tonight when they host the Red Fox Senior Women's Team at the Dalplex at 8:30 p.m.

The Tigers have played all of their four contests to date on the road.

After exhibition losses to the University of Maine (Orono), 83-59, and to the University of Southern Maine, 62-50, the Tigers placed second at Acadia's Tip-Off Tournament on Nov. 9 and 10. The Tigers rolled over Mt. Allison 87-46 in their opening contest, but lost in their bid to take the tournament championship for the second consecutive year to St. Mary's. SMU outscored the Dal squad 65-61.

Despite their 1-3 start the Tigers, who were 9-5 in league play last year, appear to be a force to be reckoned with this year in the AUSA.

The Tigers finished third in the regular season last year and out-

scored UPEI 60-44 in the conference semi-final. The club lost to UNB in the AUSA championship game 72-62.

With added height and more experience, the Tigers are again a team to watch in the AUSA. □

## Tony Tiger's trivia question

What woman Tiger basketball player holds the record for most career points?

Place answer in the drum at the Women's Tigers Basketball Game on Nov. 22 at 8:30 p.m. at the Dalplex.

Winner will be drawn at the game and will receive a free pizza from Tony's Donairs, Pizzas & Subs.

Winner must be in attendance.