

Dal women host hockey tournament

by Greg Zed

Dalhousie University will host its first Women's Ice Hockey Tournament March 13th and 14th, at the Dalhousie Memorial Rink. The double-elimination affair will see nine teams from Atlantic Canada competing to the championship trophy. Tournament chairman Robert Towner suggested that the event is the first of its kind but "next year and the years to follow we hope to have teams from the rest of Canada as well as the United States."

This idea is certainly not at all unusual nor is it impossible. Public Relations co-ordinator Greg Zed has made this point extremely viable. "The women travelled from Dalhousie to Boston over the March break and were received warmly by their hosts... this opened the door for them in the Boston region. Also there have been inquiries from teams in the Maine Region concerning a possible home and home series."

In the Quebec and Ontario region women's ice hockey is past the rudimentary stages. Like the United States, there are a number of teams involved in league play as well as several tournaments. All in all "we must be willing to foster the growth of women's ice hockey; if it wants to grow we must work together to let it happen" added Zed in speaking of the possible expansion.

Along with Dalhousie, Acadia

University, U.N.B., Sunny King Motel Angels from P.E.I., Halifax West, Fairview Aces from Halifax, St. Francis Xavier from Antigonish, Les Fragils from College Ste. Anne and St. Pat's High School from Halifax will participate.

Action gets under way Saturday morning at 8 o'clock with College Ste. Anne meeting Fairview Aces. This will be followed by the Acadia-Halifax West clash. U.N.B. Red Blazers tangle with St. F.X. at ten o'clock followed by the Dal-St. Pat's match-up. Sunny King Angels received the bye in the first round of play. Play continued throughout the day with the final game at supper time.

Sunday had continued action as th teams got into the semi-finals and finals by the end of the day. For times and further information concerning the scheduling of games one can phone the Rink office. Tickets for the tournament are available at the Dalhousie Equipment or at the door. Cost of the tournament is 50c a day or a two-day pass for 75c.

The tournament will have something that will bring a warmer and friendlier atmosphere for the women to meet and talk about their games. Beaver foods (which serves Shirreff Hall, Howe Hall, and Kings College) are preparing a reception for the women Saturday evening, and on Sunday evening they are staging a closing banquet. This

event was the first of its kind and certainly showed the tremendous co-operation that such an organization would work devoutly in the interest of students directly involved with the tournament. Certainly a special thanks must be given to "those eager beavers".

Head coach Robert Towner was asked how he sees the Dal squad's chances of winning the tournament: "I think that we have the group to do it. We just returned from a rather successful trip to Boston and the fact that the members of the team were living together as well as playing together has strengthened the club. We have great goal scorers that know their job and their desire will be invaluable.. The Tigerettes want to win!!!

The question of Dal's ability of playing a defensive game came up in the conversation with Towner. In fact from observation it appears that both goal-tending and the defensive corps of the squad have hot and cold games. Is this going to play a big part in the tournament?

"Certainly, the defence must realize that they must play a bit more defensive and must lend support for their goalies. They must come up with solid performances. As for goal-tending, both Gwen Cromwell and Brenda Silver know their importance. Both have been working on their moves in hopes of coming up with good games...

definitely a must for the tournament."

With the tournament only two days away the Dal squad has been practising in hopes of perfecting their organization. One thing is for sure -- they will be prepared. This leaves one to wonder where the opposition will come from? Without a doubt the club will meet a variety of competition but from pre-tournament reports it looks like Halifax West will provide enough problems for the Tigerettes. In fact, when the teams clashed last month, the visiting Halifax West squad clearly out-skated their opponents on route to a 3-2 victory. Needless to say Dal must come up with a solid defensive game to contain the High School power-house.

All in all, it looks like the tournament will provide the players with competition as well as an environment of true hospitality.

It should be entertaining for the fans. It will also depict the interest and the investment which each player has put into the game of ice hockey. Desire, enthusiasm and sheer hard work on a competitive basis will provide each and every person involved in the tournament, something that will undoubtedly be a rare experience.

Come on out and support the Women's Ice Hockey Tournament to be hosted by Dalhousie University.

I-f hockey

Inter-Fac Ice Hockey on Sunday March 7th provided lots of action for those faculties who had made it into the play-offs.

Engineers hammered Dentistry to a 6-2 victory in the "B" Division, while Science skated to a 6-4 win over Pine Hill, to win a berth into the championship game against Engineers.

In the "A" Division, Law won a close contest over P.E. with a score of 3-2, while Medicine and Science battled to a 3-3 draw. A rematch game will be played off on Monday evening.

The Semi-Final "C" Division winners were declared on Thursday, March 4th when the strong

skating abilities of Commerce led them to an 8-2 victory over the Faculty of Arts, and Phi Delta Theta won their spot in the play-offs due to a default by M.B.A.

The Play-Offs in the Inter-Fac Ice Hockey will be a two game total goal series in each division. The first round of games will be played on Monday, March 8th, and the second games and championships will be played on Sunday evening, March 14th. At 8:00 p.m. the "A" Division Championships will be played. At 9:00 p.m. the "B" Division championship between Engineers and Science will take place, and at 10:00 p.m. the "C" Division game will get under way between Commerce and Phi Delta Theta.

Come on sport fans, let's see you out there cheering your teams to victory.

Wrestlers to Nationals



Wrestling team [l to r] Bob Thayer [coach], Bill Sanford [142 lbs.], Mike Soares [177 lbs.], Tom Mur-

tagh [150 lbs.], Greg Wilson [167 lbs.], Dave Carter [134 lbs.], George Fieber [220 lbs.].

This upcoming weekend will see six Dal wrestlers travel to Quebec for the Nationals. Team captains Mike Soares (177) and Dave Carter (136) should perform well on the basis of their performances at the C.I.A.U. championships in Thunder Bay. In that event Soares defeated JR. Canadian champion Bob Eurptage from Ontario. Carter although not a winner in the C.I.A.U. was extremely competitive in each match losing only be eight points to the C.I.A.U. Champion Russ Pollock of Alberta.

Freshmen Tom Murtagh, George

Fieber, Bill Sanford and Greg Wilson will all make their first trip to the Canadian Nationals. Murtagh, Fieber and Wilson all had outstanding seasons in their first year at Dal.

However, due to the presence of the Iranian and American National Teams the opportunity to win a medal will be a difficult one. The first six place finishers in each weight division will be invited to the Olympic tryout camp to be located in Thunder Bay. The final Olympic team will be selected from this one month camp.

Sports shorts - b-ball

Men's Basketball Semi-Final Play-Offs got underway Sunday March 7th in both the "A" and "B" Divisions.

In the "A" Division Commerce earned a berth into the finals by defeating Medicine 45-32, while in the other game Science I won over Law A 53-45 to capture the second berth into the championships.

Dentistry, with a determined spirit, defeated T.Y.P. to advance to the "B" Division finals, and in the second semi-final game of the "B" Division Engineers and Law B battled into a double over time period before Engineers finally

managed to come up on top with a 32-30 win over Law.

The winning teams in both divisions will meet this Sunday, March 14th to decide the top team in each division.

If you want to see some good competitive basketball then plan to be in attendance this Sunday afternoon. Come early because Dentistry plans to pack the gym with loyal team fans to cheer them to victory.

Games times are: 12:00 p.m. Commerce vs. Science and at 1:00 p.m. Dentistry vs. Law.

National Lifeguard Recertification

All National Lifeguards whose pool option qualification runs out before or during this coming summer. Dartmouth Regional Vocational School Pool Sunday

March 28, 9:00 a.m. Anyone planning to work in aquatics during the summer should plan to attend. Last chance before your summer job starts.

Coed Broomball

Co-ed Broomball resumed last Wednesday, March 3rd with eight teams seeing action. Science won a hard fought battle against Geology II 3 to 2. Law won over the P.E. II by a score of 3-2. Geology I were victorious over Oceanography II, while Commerce racked up a defaulted win over Pharmacy.

Sunday, March 7th saw Geology II in action against Commerce. Geology II pulled off a 1-0 win in the

game. The undefeated Law team continued their winning streak by defeating Geology I. P.E. Grads playing short-handed put up a valiant fight against the strong Pharmacy team, but in the final seconds of the game bowed to Pharmacy 2 to 1.

The final league games will be played during the week and on Monday, March 15th. The top eight teams will then be selected to go into the Play-Offs which will begin on Wednesday, March 17th.