

Soccer Tigers close successful year

By Brian Lennox

The Dalhousie men's soccer team had their best record in years (7-4-2) and did not make the playoffs. In previous years this record would have easily qualified the Tigers for post season play. The players are somewhat disapp-

pointed but they should be proud of their performance this year. In their final game the Tigers beat Mount Allison 3-2 on goals by Keith McAlary, Jeff Conatser, and Mike Herasminko.

Dalhousie displayed some great character as they were down 2-1 before coming back to win.

Coach Ray McNeil, is especially proud of his team in their last game as they could have easily stopped playing. Winning this game meant little except to their pride.

The Tigers were eliminated from the playoff picture on Friday as they lost 1-0 to St. Francis

Xavier. As it turns out, even if they had won this game they would not have qualified for the playoffs although the players did not know this during the game. After falling behind the X-Men, the Tigers really pressed them and were unlucky not to get the tying goal.

Over the weekend the tigers

suffered some injuries to key players. Goalkeeper Raul Pina was playing with a bad back for the last three games of the season. In the final game against Mount Allison forward, James Leiper suffered a compound fracture of the left ankle. Hopefully Leiper can make a full recovery from a very serious injury.

Hockey team returns after long road trip

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The Dalhousie Tigers hockey team completed a marathon road

trip late Sunday after playing three games in three days. Last Friday Dalhousie played Merrimack University in the Univer-

sity of Maine hockey tournament. On Saturday the Tigers beat the University of New Brunswick in the consolation final of the Maine tournament. The long road trip ended Sunday as the Tigers lost to the Universite de Moncton.

In the game against Merrimack, Dalhousie had some costly penalties which probably lost them the game as they fell 8-6. The Tigers would have really wanted to beat Merrimack as they

would have played the Maine Black Bears in the final. Last season, the Tigers lost to Maine 5-2 when the Black Bears were the number-one ranked team in the US. In the consolation game the tigers beat UNB 7-6.

Immediately following the tournament at Maine the Tigers had a long bus ride to Moncton to play the Blue Eagles on Sunday. The Blue Eagles were able to beat a dead-tired Dalhousie team 8-2.

The Moncton game would have been much closer had Dalhousie not had to play in Maine. For coach Darrell Young the Maine trip was good experience for some of the younger players and winning games in October is certainly not as crucial as winning in January and February.

The Tigers' next two games are at home as they play University College of Cape Breton this Saturday and then take on St. Francis Xavier the day after.

DFA strike will not close Dalplex

By Chris Murray

With all campus anxiously awaiting the impending faculty strike, the status of the Dalplex during a strike is in doubt. Since the Dalhousie Staff Association has not yet decided on their course of action, things are uncertain until the seventh of November.

If the DSA were to go on strike, some fear the Dalplex would close due to a lack of workers to keep the place functioning, but this is not necessarily the case. Although there are DSA workers at the Dalplex, there are also many students employed there who are not a part of the union. The result is that the Dalplex will probably remain open during a short strike.

Under normal situations, the Dalplex only closes for Christmas, and since many non-student employees would be affected, chances are every effort will be made to keep the building operating.

Another problem is the potential effect of a strike on the quality of our varsity teams. Some of the coaches of these teams are also faculty members, and although a short strike would hardly cause problems, a prolonged one could cause a disruption in a team's progress.

If the strike is short, the situation for athletes, varsity and otherwise, could be a benefit. With a little time off from the regular work load, students may be able to catch up on their studies and perhaps make an extra visit to Dalplex for that workout they just never have time for.

An additional reason to visit is the purchase by Dalplex of over \$100,000 in weight training equipment. This was a much-needed improvement, as the aging squeaky hydraulic system of the past has been given a much needed retirement. The new weight system is much larger than the previous one, and those interested in weight lifting should come in and check it out.

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