

# Tigers drop key game

By MARK ALBERSTAT

THE DALHOUSIE MEN'S soccer team dropped a very important game to St. Francis Xavier Saturday on Studley Field with a 1-0 score under near perfect weather conditions.

It was the team's third regular-season game and their first loss of the young season. Dalhousie coach Eric McIntyre explained the game's importance.

"Before this game Saint Mary's and St. F.X. were tied at the top of the Eastern Division with three points each, and the Tigers were sitting behind them with two

points. If we had won this game we would have leapfrogged over both teams and we would then be leading the pack. With this result we will have to depend on another team upsetting the front-runners, which will help us."

Once again, the Tigers started the game slowly, with the X-Men outshooting them early in the game.

"Two of our three games we have been guilty of starting slow and before game time we do stress the importance of starting out quickly. Most teams take 15 or 20 minutes to settle in and statistically speaking a lot of goals are scored in the first twenty minutes.

"The players by the end of the season will, I'm sure, come to realize just how important it is to start off quickly," said McIntyre.

The only goal of the game

came in the second half when St. F.X.'s Paul Barnard came down the Tigers' left flank and took the shot. Tiger goalie Kenny Burton was slow to react to the surge and failed to cut off the angle fast enough, resulting in the goal.

Through the first part of the first half, St. F.X. dominated play territorially, but with about twenty minutes left to play in the opening half, the Tigers gained momentum, but were unable to put the ball in the net.

After Dalhousie was scored on they picked up the pace and tried to tie the game.

"We had a greatest number of opportunities in the last 20 minutes than we did in the whole game," said McIntyre.

"The team knew this was a big game and when we were down one nothing we made a couple of



Dalhousie Tigers men's soccer team lost an important game to St. Francis Xavier X-Men by a slim 1-0 score Saturday at Studley Field. Dal Photo — Paul Chiarot.

changes in the line-up. We pushed Sean Sweeney up into the middle which numerically gave us another man up front. This helped us. Then with ten minutes to go we moved our sweeper McIntyre more into the middle in order for us to dominate the middle. At that stage in the game, we were willing to take the risk. We

were losing one nothing, and to lose two nothing doesn't really matter, so we went all out and went for the tie," said McIntyre.

The Tigers next home games are Sept. 28 and 29. The game on the 28th is against UNB at 1 pm while the Tigers host U de M at 3 pm on the 29th.

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## Involved

By CHRIS WHEELER

SOCCER MADE ITS DEBUT at Studley Field with Men's Intramural Pre-Season Soccer Tournament. Thirteen teams entered the weekend tournament and the finals saw Medicine defeat Henderson with Manoj Vohra scoring the only two goals of the game. The tournament proved to be a success, giving the teams the opportunity to size up some of this year's competition.

Women's intramurals got off to a start with a weekend Softball Tournament. Psychology and Physiotherapy, each with one win and one loss, played in the semi-finals. Psychology came out the winner by a score of 1-0. Pharmacy advanced to the finals defeating Psychology by a score of 6-5.

Men's soccer has gotten underway. The first three games were scoreless, while the second set of games saw Chemistry defeated by Carlsberg, 2-1. Oceanography defeated Physics 4-1, and the team of lawyers shut out Howe Hall, 1-0.

Please note upcoming league beginnings — such as men's ice hockey on Monday, Sept. 30. The co-ed softball tournament begins the weekend of Sept. 28-29 and the President's Sports Festival will be October 4 and 5.

Sports reps are reminded to stay in contact with your sport supervisors and remember to call DIAL-A-REC at 424-2043 on a dialy basis for current information. Weekly schedules are available in the Campus Recreation Office.

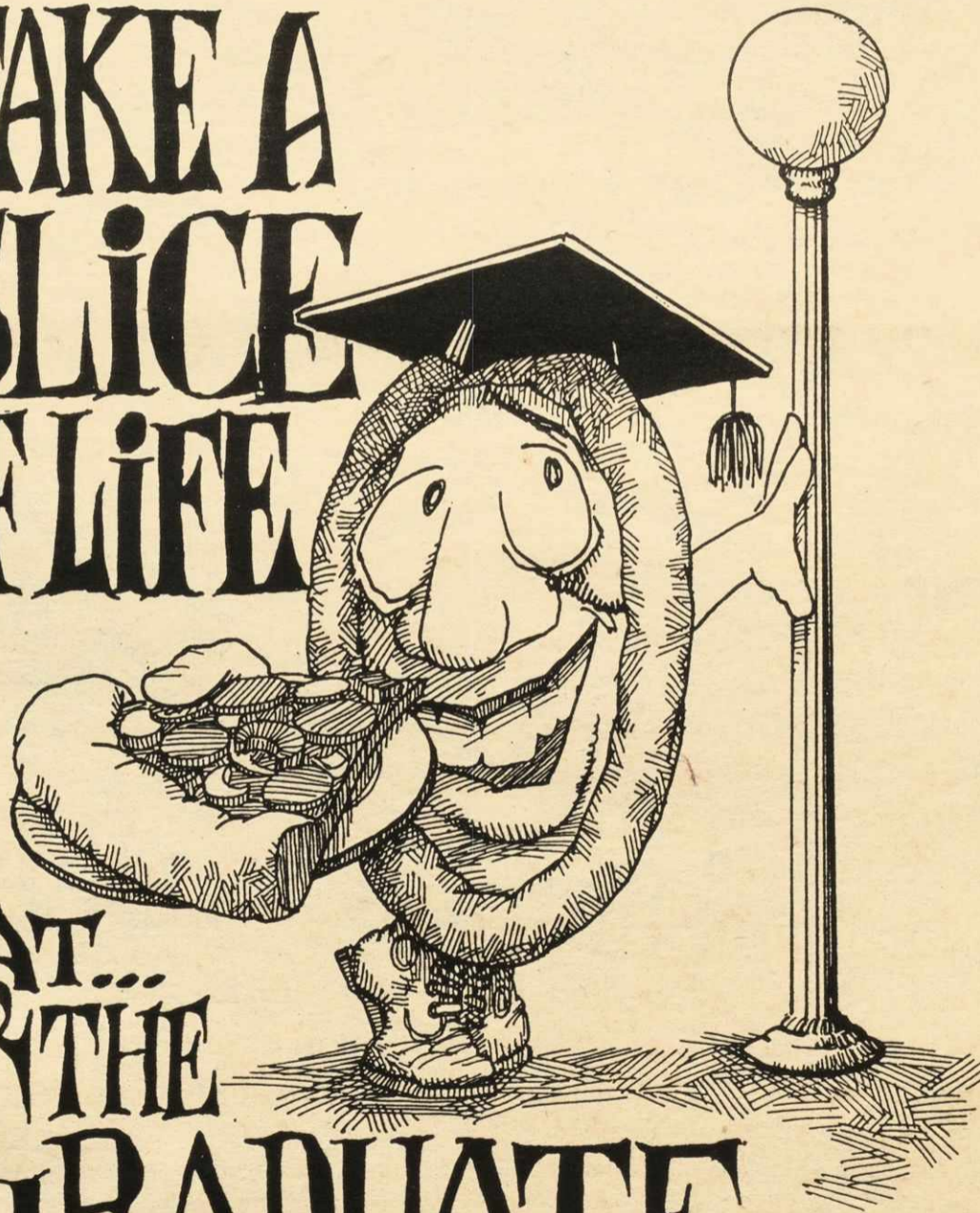
CKDU will be broadcasting intramural news twice daily at 9:40 a.m. and 5:10 p.m. Tune in to 97.5 on your dial for important schedule information. Schedules will also be published in the Dalhousie Dispatch bi-weekly.

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