

# sports

## S I D E L I N E S

### Three strikes, no balls

by Jake Boudrot

Like the ghosts in "Field of Dreams", Dalhousie baseball players are in search of a game.

Sadly, they will not be in a corn field near you this season. But, according to Shawn Fraser of the Intramural Office at Dalplex, "...interest should have come from within the student body."

However, let's not dismiss this as student indifference just yet.

This past weekend, teams from much smaller schools like U.C.C.B. entered in a very competitive tournament in Kentville (some games were played elsewhere). The winner of the four team loop would be AUAA champs and play for the CIAU crown at Olympic stadium. Although thrilling for the victors, a shallow victory it is without the largest school in the conference.

The league cannot be held responsible either. Not only can they not organize for every school, but they assumed that Dal was better organized, given its' fine athletic reputation. Secondly, this league is in a period of critical infancy as it tries to expand into Ontario and the west. Excuse them if Dal is not their biggest priority.

The real source of this shortfall is the Dalplex's hands-off policy. By Mr. Fraser's accounts, students (someone who would have found out by rumour) must first approach the 'Plex, after which they will be told how to organize. Once the club has been officially formed—completely by students—the Dalplex could then step in to find a coach. These had better be students with a lot of time to spare.

There is also a vacuum of information at the Dalplex. At the time I called, no one there was aware of the two-year old league. However, Mr. Fraser informed me that someone came to him to start "a" team, but he didn't know if it was baseball or fastball.

Simple initiative could have organized a team in a couple of weeks. Had sign-up lists been posted in

high traffic areas, there surely would have been numerous names collected. Promotion in residence buildings, existing varsity teams, and ads in papers and on campus also could have laid the foundation for an effective ballclub.

Clearly, it was the University that mishandled this venture. Student apathy, although too real at Dal, cannot cover up the disservice done to us by our own school.

Anyone who would have played had there been a team, please write, phone (494-2507) or fax (494-1280) the Gazette.

Hey Dal—If you build it, they will come.



### Intramural softball

by Jeff Stuart

The co-ed intramural softball tournament kicked off last Saturday with a full load of twenty-one teams.

After the first two days of play, Medicine, Smith-Bronson and History look like they will be strong contenders for the coveted title of Intramural Softball Champions for 1994/95.

The Big Goats should receive honourable mention for winning a nail-biter against the Cameron Killer Cod and for two convincing victories led by Manny "Down in one" Faria.

The excitement will continue this Saturday, October 22 at 9 a.m. on Gorsebrook Field. Be sure to attend and watch for SAHPER, the team with the potential to be the darkhorse of the tournament. Also, keep an eye out for Economics who suffered a 19-4 loss, but came back to win their second game 22-11.

by Brent Knightley

Underneath the running track, hidden behind the climbing wall, is where most people believe is a storage room. In fact, it stores the newest member of Dalhousie's coaching staff—Tim McGarrigle, the Men's Basketball Coach. McGarrigle comes to Dal this year from UCCB, after coaching the Capers to a 25-8 record and a consolation win at the Nationals.

After coaching 10 years at UCCB—including his first year as a graduating student/coach—McGarrigle felt it was time for a change. "It's all timing. My wife had a job waiting for her in Halifax, and everything just fell into place." McGarrigle heard about the opening and applied with about six or seven other applicants. "It seemed like a good time to go, I left the program better than when I found it."

McGarrigle feels motivation and self-discipline are his strengths, and he tries to pass this on to his players. "I'm well organized and I think I'm technically pretty sound. I think I relate quite well to this age group of athletes. I really enjoy coaching at this level."

"I don't necessarily want to be anyone's friend," he said. He wanted to stress that he was not out to make friends or to join a popularity contest. He wants to win and he wants his players to want to win. McGarrigle is set on making the decisions that are best for the team and if he loses a friend, so be it. "Respect" is what McGarrigle wants. If his players don't like him, he wants them to respect him. From talking to him, I get the impression that players like to play for him and want to win under him.

I arrived for my interview about 20 minutes early (after supporting Pro-line and the 49ers), aware that the Tigers would be practising. But to my surprise, I found the courts empty. When I asked McGarrigle about it, he said that they had had two hard practices the previous day so he gave them the morning off (Sunday). A small reward for a good

## New tiger at the helm

two weeks of workouts. Little things that make a big difference.

I asked McGarrigle how he would do replacing Bev Greenlaw, who had done a lot in the Halifax community. He responded by stressing not only his role with his players (which is his first priority), but also a PR role in the community. He referred to the basketball camps, specifically the summer camp and the March Break camp, as well as the clinics around the area. The team has already done a number of clinics in Bedford. A lot of this is to promote Dalhousie Basketball within the community - "...promote a good student image and that Dal is a good place to send your son or daughter to learn the game,

squad, the immediate goal is consistency. With consistency comes wins. When you win you become nationally recognized, which is what Dalhousie is after."

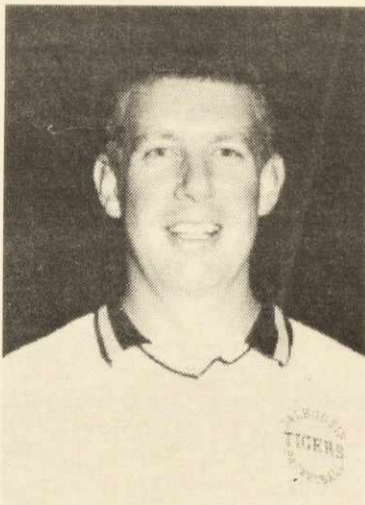
This year's team looks good with a mix of veterans and new recruits. The biggest loss to Dalhousie was point guard Shawn Mantly, last year's leader, who played out his eligibility and moved on to bigger things. Among the returnees are veteran point guard Jeff Mayo and forward Shawn Planke. Both are expected to step up their game and take the place of Mantly.

There are a number of new faces on the Tigers this year, the most hopeful of which is 6'9 centre, Ted Donglemas from Orillia, Ontario. "He was probably the prize recruit in the AUAA and possibly in Canada," said McGarrigle.

Along with Donglemas is transfer student Kanin Osei Tuta from McMaster. There are also two transfer students from Acadia (Reggie Oblitej and Clive Henry), as well as a bunch of rookie faces. They include unrecruited 6'6 Tim Elliot from London, Ont.; Blair Pallopson from Orillia, Ont.; Tim Maloney, who played at QEH; and, Dwayne Hopkins from Scarborough, Ont. .

This year's Tigers should be a balanced scoring team, able to shoot from the outside and play the big game down low with Planke and Donglemas. They have good depth on the bench, especially with the big men up front. The biggest weakness McGarrigle foresees is style. Everyone is new to everyone. There will be an adjustment period while the players take some time to get used to different coaching philosophies.

So far, things look very promising for this Dal team and its' new coach. If they don't win the nationals this year, by the end of McGarrigle's three-year contract it looks like we will have a national championship to gloat to St. Mary's and the rest of Canada. Their First home game is on Friday, November 18th at 8:00 pm at the Dalplex.



Tim McGarrigle

and that they will be treated well." This helps the players go out in the community and give something back.

The two assistant coaches are Mark Parker and Jim Charters. Mark has been at Dal for a few years. He acted as an assistant coach for both Bev Greenlaw and Doc Ryan. As well, he is head coach at Halifax West High School in Fairview. Charters was once a player for McGarrigle at UCCB and was an assistant coach for him last year. Charters is also McGarrigle's brother-in-law.

"The ultimate goal of this and of any ball team is to go to the nationals. But for now, with a fairly young

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