

Sports comment

Racism on the ice

by Ralph Metcalfe

Although the idea concerning violence in hockey has just recently hit the weekend supplement of the national papers, we mustn't fool ourselves with the idea that violence isn't a part of our university league. Sure, we do not have the pronounced "Dave Schultz" nor the "Mad-dog" Kelly. As a matter of fact no single club can be grouped

as are the Broad Street Bullies, but we are suffering from acts of violence in our college games.

It is a comment in itself to react to the fact that the referees in the Atlantic Intercollegiate League are not doing an effective job and as a result many players are being carried off the ice. It is unbelievable the amount of research that is being done in the field of protection and protective gear; but is any of this research valid? Certainly under normal conditions when a player is checked heavily into the boards the "EK125" Model elbow pad will protect the player BUT what about the "cheap shots" that are becoming apparent in the field. Are the refs slow in calling a penalty for unsportsman-like conduct or intent to injure? These questions can only be answered in the affirmative. When the Tigers hockey club faced SMU Huskies last Wednesday a different kind of violence was evidenced. This violence that is about to be mentioned isn't new to the fans nor the public for that matter, but it was well pronounced

during the game. Let us examine the situation.

The game between the Tigers and the Huskies has become less pronounced than similar match-ups in past years. The St. Mary's based team has resorted to "financial gains" and as a result ice superior teams; however, the spirited Tigers were not to be denied. Their determination and drive allowed them to play with the Huskies. In fact there were times when the out-come was anyone's game. This has minor significance concerning that which I will speak, but keep in mind the game was a close contest. A few Huskies, certainly frustrated with their play, resorted to a tactic known as verbal abuse. In fact one could call it sheer prejudice. To call an opponent "nigger" should not be tolerated in our arenas. When detected it should be nipped in the bud and the offender should be penalized severely at the moment it occurs; such was the case during the game. Amherst native and Dal's left winger Hal Davidson fell prey to such an inhuman insult. He was

continually harrassed verbally by a SMU player and in fact he was the target of several "cheap shots" during the entire game. The referee in question Herm Jollimore has suggested that although he was on the ice "physically" he heard of no such abuse. It could easily be heard in the stands; maybe the refs should sit on the outside and see the game that is going on!!! Well the frustration began to build and finally after the officials did not want to take any action Hal thought that the time to settle the scene was after the game at no cost to his team. Sure enough, a scirmish erupted and Davidson settled the score; but what was settled? SMU coach Bob Boucher repeatedly said: "I didn't hear or see a thing". This shows great responsibility. Well the frustration was released but Davidson must sit out a game for a match penalty. Once again the Tigers fell short because of irresponsible officiating and hence pay an irreplaceable price; and once again the officials have demonstrated the inability to control a situation.

As for the Dal rookie is he to continue to play in an unprotected league. It is fine to be thick skinned about some matters, but racism is something that shouldn't be tolerated in any way, shape, or form.

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Tigerettes beat 'X'

Last week the Dalhousie Women's Basketball team hosted St. F.X. University and the U.N.B. Red Bloomers.

In the St. F.X. game, Dal took an early lead which St. F.X. could not overcome. The X squad had trouble penetrating through Dal's defense as well as rebounding. After the first 10 minutes of play Dal had a 12 point lead which they retained throughout the half, ending with a half time score of 36-24.

In the second half Dal came out as strong as in the first half, keeping the pressure on, and continued to build up their lead. Fine defensive rebounding by Cosh limited scoring

opportunities for the X squad.

St. F.X. put on a press but it was not effective and was easily broken by Dal. Final score 61-55. High scorers were Shute 18 points, Castonguay 15 and Lindsay 12.

In the U.N.B. game, Dal got off to a bad start and as a result U.N.B. gained a quick 10 point lead in the opening minutes. Dal did however manage to come back during the next few minutes and narrowed the margin to 2 points. U.N.B.'s strong defense made it difficult for the Dal squad to penetrate, thus limited their scoring chances. U.N.B. dominated the first half which was easily seen by their 46-28 half time

score.

The Tigerettes started out with fast second half, intercepting the ball and catching U.N.B. off guard. Both teams ran into foul trouble throughout the game. U.N.B. continued to be strong and carried a 13 point lead which built up as the half went on. The Dal girls could not put the ball in the hoop and lacked in rebounding which U.N.B. capitalized on. Final score 77-56.

This is Dal's first loss of the season in seven starts. This weekend Dal travels to U de M. and U.N.B.



Howe Hall

by L. Paul Zed

After a relaxing and, in most cases, an enjoyable Christmas break, the residents of Howe Hall returned to find the toils of their first term summed up on one piece of paper from the Registrar's Office.

From all indications, although there are the normal exceptions, the candles in the rooms will be burning longer on the weeknights and those vacant carrels that were all too numerous before Christmas will be quickly filled on weekends. But, not to worry, things will be back to normal by the time Winter Carnival rolls around and those stalls at Killiam will be empty once again.

On the subject of Winter Carnival '76, this topic has been greeted with considerable criticism around residence. Complaints range from lack of participation with Howe Hall to the hour of the beer bash and the failure to have a big name band. All that can be said to these doubting Thomases in reply, is that you never know if a shoe fits unless you try it on. Then if it pinches your toes you can complain. A lot of time and effort has been devoted to this event and it is only fair to give it a chance to prove itself a success.

The halls in some of the houses have become freeways for moving furniture, trunks and stereos, as the normal after-Christmas changes are just about completed after two weeks of confusion.

Bronson, Smith and Cameron residents are becoming increasingly annoyed at the lack of washing and drying facilities available. Either the machines are broken or half working and it is hoped that something will be done soon about this situation.

FAS fights back

EDMONTON (CUP) --- The Federation of Alberta Students launched a campaign January 15 aimed at reversing the Alberta government decision to place an 11 percent ceiling on annual government increases to the provinces colleges and universities.

According to FAS spokesperson Terry Sharon, the province-wide student organization intends to fight the decision because restricted provincial funding "will decrease the quality of post-secondary education" and will result in students bearing more of the cost of post-secondary education.

"That is, we see tuition fee increases as a direct result of the 11 percent ceiling" Sharon said, adding that this would mean "the student must borrow more money in order to go to school and therefore accessibility to higher education is restricted".

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