

Two defeats for the Tigers

by Brian Lennox

The Dalhousie men's soccer team suffered two tough defeats over the weekend, putting their playoff hopes in serious jeopardy. With four games left, the Tigers have to win at least three games to have any chance of making the playoffs.

On Saturday, the Tigers lost to UNB 1-0. Dalhousie coach Ray McNeil believed the Tigers deserved at least a tie and outplayed UNB in parts of the game. Sunday's loss was much more dif-

ficult to swallow as Mt. Allison beat Dal 3-0. The game was tied at the half. Everything came apart in the second half. The whole team is struggling and the main problem has been scoring goals. The team has not scored a goal in five games and this has McNeil very concerned.

Realistically, making the playoffs will be very difficult but there is always a chance. This weekend the Tigers host UPEI and U de Moncton. Dal has to win these games to stay in playoff contention.

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The rich quarter of the world's population uses three quarters of the world's annual resource production, at a consumption rate 15 times that of the majority of third world citizens. Raising worldwide consumption levels to the North American would deplete the planet's resources in three to seven years. Clearly, for all people to rise to the levels of material affluence enjoyed by most North Americans is to invite complete ecological collapse. Unlimited growth for all citizens of the globe is simply not feasible.

Few would argue with the World Commission's contention that third world nations need to

undergo environmentally-sound growth. By the year 2000, the labour force of the third world is projected to rise by a staggering 900 million. The commission equates development with progress and growth for all.

The "limits to growth" idea is politically unacceptable yet essential. The World Commission has abandoned it. This is both the report's greatest strength and its greatest weakness. Earlier reports calling for these limits failed to seriously influence the global economic system. Poverty and the environmental crisis continue. This report hopes to enjoy a different fate.

Our Common Future has the potential to move the world forward in some key areas — recycling, reduction of waste, use of ecologically-sound technologies, and use of renewable energy. However, there remains a paradox. If gaining acceptance among those in power requires

'shying away' from unacceptable, 'radical' proposals, will the messages and proposals which remain — even if accepted wholeheartedly by all — be sufficient to solve our present and future environmental problems? Does our society, our planet, have the time to find out?

The World Commission's report is useful as a catalyst for awareness and action, especially at the community level. It contains strong proposals that must be implemented. It has weaknesses that must be explored, debated, and overcome. *Our Common Future* can be used to public awareness of the environment, of the role of our economy, and of the need for equality and balance between the two.

Hopefully, any movement toward a sustainable society will reinforce the values and attitudes necessary to sustain it. With each step, an ecologically-sound future may appear closer, and more attainable.

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cigarette smoking, drunk driving, and alcohol abuse were basically ignored, but today these types of drug abuse have been made socially unacceptable, thanks to advertising campaigns and changes in social attitudes.

Melinda Daye, another founding member of CCAD says there are definitely attitudes which need changing, such as the idea that Halifax's illegal drug problem is confined to the north end of the city, and the lack of respect for the dangers of cocaine.

Says Daye, "cocaine kills. The

end result of cocaine is death." Daye listed various examples such as death by overdose, suicide caused by the severe depression which accompanies the addict's drug use, the pusher shot in an alley or the prostitute who puts herself at risk on the street in order to obtain money for drugs. It's simple for Daye: deciding to use drugs is a life and death decision.

Johnson will be speaking this Thursday night at seven o'clock at the North Branch Library in Halifax. He will discuss the legal problems he faced because of drugs. Sgt. Gary Grant of the RCMP's Drug Awareness Unit will outline the police department's view of drugs.

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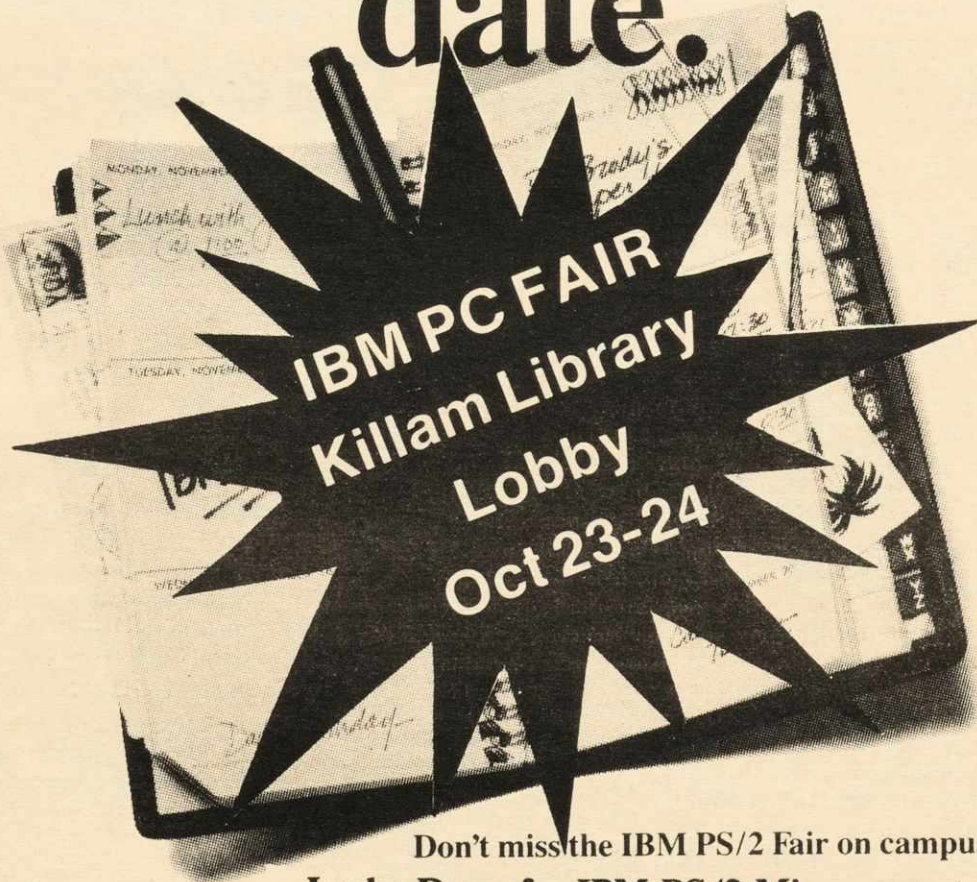
vinced. "The fact that no decision has been made yet is the fearful thing. But right now we're all in the same glass house. The DSU is an integral part of the Financial Strategy Committee's process, so it's not wise for us to throw stones."

Dalhousie students are now protected from significant increases in tuition fees by a Tui-

tion Fee Agreement signed in 1985. The agreement runs out at the end of the 1990-91 academic year.

Even though the student body should be alarmed at the lack of response by the administration and the board with respect to tuition fees, says Crawley, "it is still our hope that we can get another Tuition Fee Agreement. We want to build, not destroy. But we need a solid reiteration of the university's intentions before we can negotiate."

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