Fans support lacking

by Brian Lennox

One of the most important aspects to university life is the social atmosphere. Certainly, many students have been very critical about the lack of campus spirit here at Dalhousie. This is apparent at varsity athletic events.

With the exception of men's basketball and hockey, athletic events at Dalhousie have not been well attended. Even basketball and hockey tend to draw more community fans than student

fans. The lack of attendence is unfortunate because the admission is free this year and the games have been very entertaining

Most students believe there is more entertainment off campus than on campus. No one can dispute the fact that Halifax has a lively night life. However, attending social events on campus such as varsity athletics as a student only lasts a few years. There are really not that many games to attend and many of the games are played during the weekday so stu-

dents can still go out on the weekends.

Some of the residences on campus have tried to support varsity teams but there could be more of them. Some of the students from Howe Hall have been told not to use profanity at varsity games. While fans should not curse at visiting teams there is no reason why they cannot be vocal in supporting the Tigers. Student attendence at varsity events could be much better than it is. There are few reasons not to attend var-

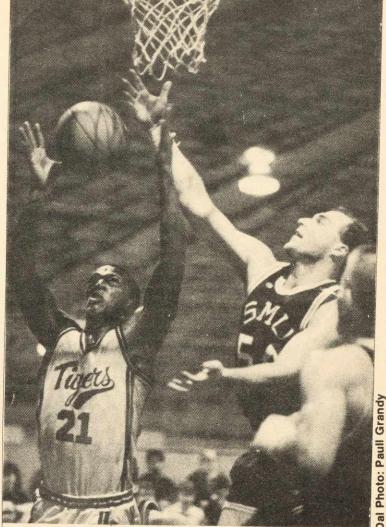
Lobster Pot boils Feb 1 by Chris Murray The Dal Tigers hockey team will face a tough schedule for the

The Dal Tigers hockey team will face a tough schedule for the remaining seven games of their 1988-89 season. The Tigers have a 9-9 record and five of the last seven games are against teams from within the Tigers' own Kelly division, including two games versus the 11-6 Acadia Axemen. In their last meeting just before Christmas, the two teams played a fast paced game which ended in a 3-1 victory for Dal, with one of the goals being scored into an empty net.

The next time the Tigers play Acadia will be on Feb. 1 at the Metro Centre as part of the Lobster Pot Tournament. Dal students can pick up a free ticket for this game at the Dalplex, as it counts in the standings for the two teams. Students must have a valid Dal I.D. to pick up a ticket. The winner of this game will play in the championship match versus the winner of the St. FX-Saint Mary's contest held the same day. The championship and consolation matches will be held the following Wednesday, Feb. 8. The Tigers will play at 8:00pm, Feb. 1 with the other game starting at 5:00pm.

It looked like early season inconsistencies were not going to be a problem for the Tigers in the second half after going 1-1 on the road and then coming home to upset the 14-0 Moncton Blue Eagles by a score of 7-6. With Martin Bouliane injured, the Tigers proceeded to lose a pair of 5-4 games to cross-town rivals, the SMU Huskies. Bouliane, a centre who led the team in goals and assists the past two seasons, suffered a groin pull and will be sorely missed by the Tigers.

This weekend the Tigers will face the Mount Allison Mounties at 7:30pm. Saturday at the Dal Arena and the 13-5 UPEI Panthers the next day at 2:00pm. The Tigers will be bearing down for the playoff run and fans are encouraged to get out and see them in action.



Dal's Paul Riley battles with SMU's Dean Durnford. Dal goes on to win the war 73-71.

Tigers beat SMU, lose to Acadia

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The men's basketball team over the last few weeks have shown that they can make great comebacks late in the game. Unfortunately, Bev Greenlaw, Tigers head coach, has seen his team get behind by 10 and 12 points early in games and this concerns him. Last week against the St. Mary's Huskies, the Tigers were down by 13 points with a little over eight minutes left in the game. Only a great defense and a string of three point shots by Jim Charters, Colin Charles, and Gary Blair gave the Tigers 73-71 victory.

The game against SMU was one of the most exciting games so far this year as sophomore Gary Blair hit a three point basket with two seconds remaining on the clock. The Huskies had been looking to avenge a 38 point shellacking the Tigers handed to them in December. However, the

Tigers showed a lot of poise in coming back to defeat the Huskies.

On Monday the Tigers faced the seventh ranked Acadia Axemen in Wolfville. Once again the Tigers got behind by a large margin. Down by as much as 14 points the Tigers came back to within two points late in the game. Head coach, Bev Greenlaw had to be pleased with the comeback but concerned that his team is getting behind too early in the games. In the AUAA you cannot continue to get behind the good teams and comeback to win.

If the Tigers could put together a full forty minutes they can beat anyone in the conference. The Tigers will get another chance to beat the Axemen as they host them on Tuesday January 31. Fans sould expect an exciting game as both teams are fairly evenly matched.

OOPS — The Gazette apologizes for the headline "Hockey Tigers lose" (Jan. 19) on a story about the Hockey Tigers win against the U of Moncton last week.

This was an oversight!



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