

Tigers face Chinese National Team

by Bruce Galloway

The Dal hockey Tigers will host the Chinese National team tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Dal rink. The game is one in a series of exhibitions which the Chinese will play against Canadian Universities over the next week.

The Chinese, because of their on-again, off-again relations with the Soviet Union, look to Canada for help in developing their hockey program. Over the past few years Canadians have sent coaches to China, ran clinics, and played exhibitions.

It seems to be paying off. Two years ago the Chinese finished second in the 'C' pool of the World Championships and thus qualified for play in the 'B' pool. Observers feel within a few years they could contend for the championship of the 'B' pool.

While in Halifax the Chinese will practise with Dal and St. Mary's and play games against both clubs. After a game with St. F.X. on the

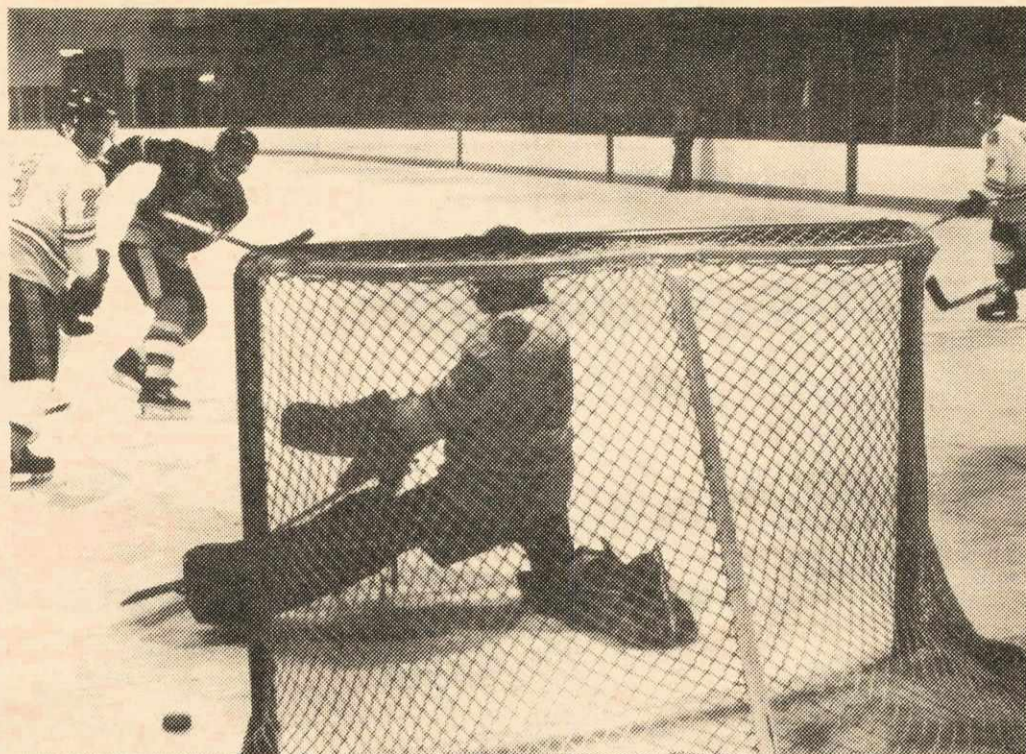
weekend the team will finish off its exhibition series with games against New Brunswick universities.

Last Friday a sparse crowd turned out to watch the annual alumni-varsity hockey match at the Dal rink.

In deference to the alumni's age, they were combined with the varsity players and then split into two squads, Black and White. Peter Glynn, playing for the Black squad, led all scorers with four goals.

Other highlights of the game included a penalty shot after "defenseman" Tim Cranston's stick flew out of his hand while attempting to stop a breakaway; defenseman Louie Lavoie explaining to the crowd (with the aid of a chalkboard) how the opposition's last goal had been scored, and finally a brilliant goal netted by "old-timer" Adrian Facca.

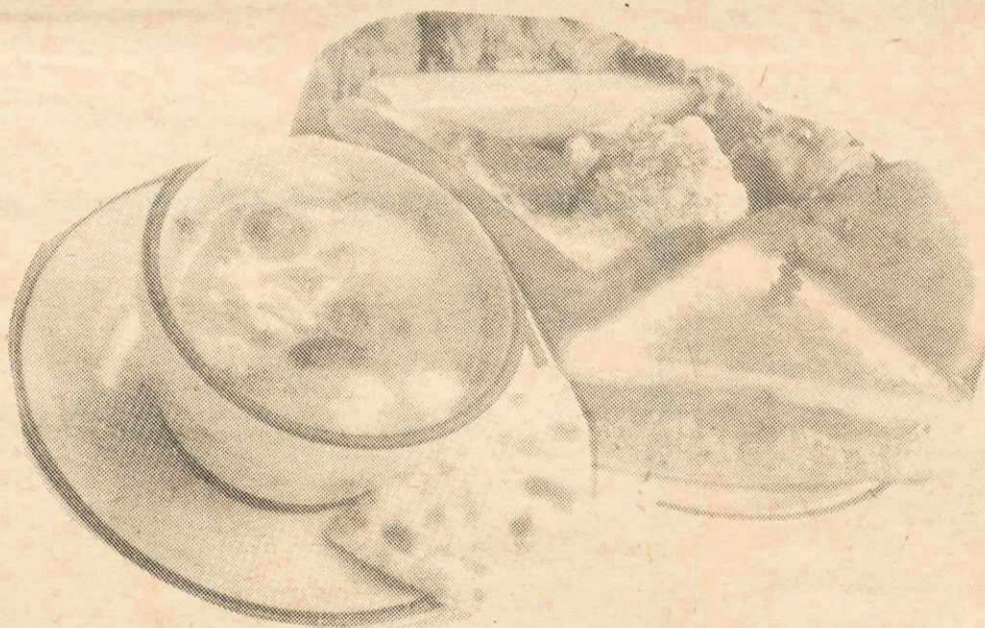
All in all, it was a game enjoyed by the players as much as the fans. The score? Black squad 11, White squad 9.



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Action from Alumni-Varsity hockey match last Friday.

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