

Parking lot muddies playing field

Studley field sodless, Admin not

by Brian Lennox

For new students to Dalhousie who are unfamiliar with the university, Studley Field is this school's playing surface for varsity sports and intramurals during the fall. For those returning

fence the field off are wasted. By late September, Studley Field begins to resemble a thinning hair line. The grass that does remain, usually along the sidelines, has more weeds than grass. To add further embarrassment, the field is surrounded by one of

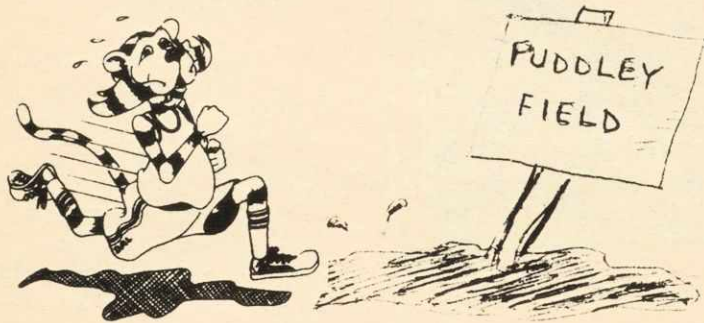
excellent track surface that Dalhousie track athletes and other athletes could train on. Today, it has been turned into a parking area. During soccer games that begin at 4 p.m. on weekdays the ball on many occasions hits parked cars. It is surprising that a soccer ball has yet to smash a car window. If a soccer ball hits one of the administrations' vehicles something would probably be done. Dalhousie's soccer field and parking lot have become the biggest joke of the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association.

With the Dalhousie men's soccer team winning its first four games, it is a shame that they will have to play on such a surface. If the men should happen to host a playoff match Studley Field may not be playable as late October rainy nights can turn Studley into a mud bowl.

There are some things the university could do to improve the situation. They could try to re-

sod the field every two years, especially down the middle. Improved maintenance of the field during the fall when it is in heavy use would help. When there is heavy rainfall the field should be reserved for varsity

events only. These are only short term measures, there really should be some long term plans to upgrade Studley Field such as having a real track surface which the students, faculty, and the whole community could use.



students you must wonder when, if ever, the field will be improved. How can this university have such a poor playing surface?

Studley Field is fenced off during the summer so that the grass can grow back, especially down the middle of the field. However, the efforts of the Physical Plant to

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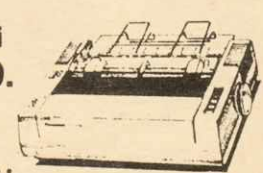
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