

Overtime

Dalhousie Sports Experts the story behind the store

By MARK ALBERSTAT

Any returning Dal students who use the facilities at Dalplex have or will soon notice that there is now a sports store in the building, where the training room used to be. The store's official name is Dalhousie Sports Experts. It was to be called just Sports Experts, but after certain zoning laws came to light the name got the "Dalhousie" appendage which appears to solve any zoning problems—your official simple solution brought to you by Dalhousie.

The name change of the store by no means alters it in any obvious way. The store is not owned by Sports Experts but merely a franchise of it. This allows Mike Crosby, the store manager, to have the buying power of Sports Experts but does not force him to tow the party line of its namesake. This fact gives Crosby the freedom needed for this type of enterprise (or any other type of spaceship).

The question easily arises as to who is in charge of a store with such a name as this one. The answer is simply us and them, us being Dalhousie and them being Sports Experts. The store manager does not pick up a Dalhousie paycheque but can obviously not disregard any suggestions made by Dalplex Dieties.

The idea of a sports store in Dalplex has been kicked around by Dalplex administration for about three years. When it is considered that the only sacrifice given up for the store is the moving of the training room to around the corner, near the cafeteria area, Dalplex members can only benefit.

Dalplex administration does not expect the store to compete with the downtown sports stores but wants it only as an extra service to members and a service to make Dalplex a more full service sports center to entice new members.

What do Dal students get out of this, you may be asking? Well, unfortunately, I can't say a discount of certain goods or anything like that, but the store will be offering weekly and monthly specials. It will also be the place to buy Tiger paraphernalia like T-shirts, shorts, baseball shirts, etc., etc.

So the next time you're in Dalplex drop in to the store and check out what they have. It offers a good selection and good brand names, and you're right there anyways.

Soccer Tigers swing into action

By MARK ALBERSTAT

September not only means the start of classes again, it also signals the start of the varsity soccer season. This year's Tigers squad will have a new look not only because of new faces on the team, but also by a new head coach and manager.

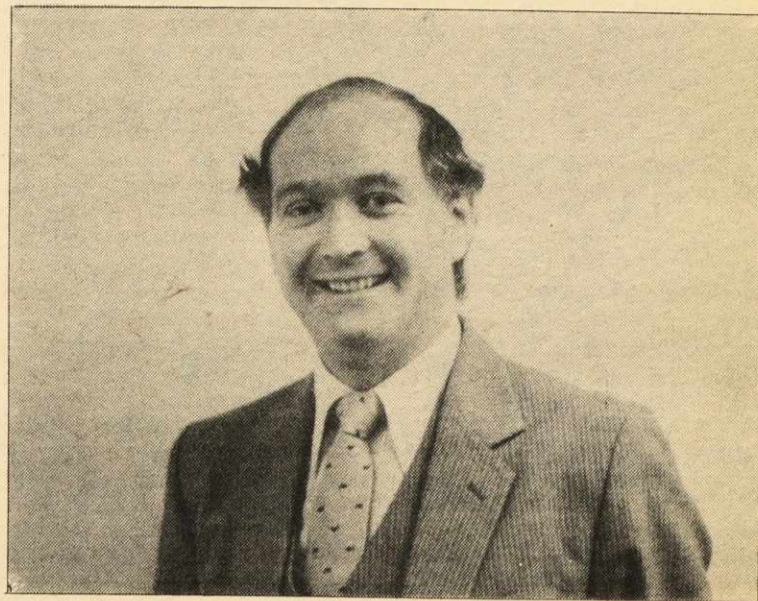
Eric McIntyre, a Glasgow, Scotland native, was appointed coach of the Tigers in early May and with credentials as complete as his, Tiger fans should be in for a very good season of well-rounded soccer action.

The full roster won't be known until the third or fourth game into the season. McIntyre explains this by saying, "Some players look good until they get into a competition." The total team will consist of 20 while only 15 will be dressed for any particular game.

Some of the veterans that will be back are Keven Burges, Pete and Steve Hutchins, Andrew Clark and Steven Cooley. It is hoped that John Evans, an Olympic B squad player, will be the catalyst for the team.

Some of the players that won't be back and will be missed are Manoj Vohra, who is not playing because of an anticipated work load, and last year's two imports from England, Dominic Ashton and Tony . . . All three were high scorers and valuable assets to the team.

McIntyre was very impressed by the calibre of new recruits that have come out to try for this year's team.



Eric McIntyre

Of the 33 players that tried out nine are Canada Games players and several others have been on Nova Scotia and other Provincial Select teams.

The Tigers' first AUA games are away in Moncton and Fredericton, 15th and 16th, but their first home game will be at Studley Field on the 19th.

Olympic retrospective

L.A. Games - Aftermath

By LISA TIMPF

In the wake of Los Angeles' hosting of the Summer Olympics, a number of issues confronting the Olympic movement have been raised anew. One of the big ones was the boycott issue. The Soviet-led Eastern-bloc abstention from the Games was believed by many to be a tit-for-tat reprisal for the American-led boycott of the Moscow '80 Games, despite the ostensible reasons of security, smog, etc. voiced by the Soviets. Whatever the true reasons for the boycott, the future of the Games appears as though it could be shaky ground, especially given the selection of Seoul, Korea as the 1988 Summer Games' site and the political ramifications in terms of potential for further boycotts.

The question, "Will boycotts spell the end of the Games?" might well be met by many members of the public with a shoulder shrug and a "who cares?" To many minds, the death of the Games would not merit a tearful funeral.

The public perception of the Olympics is clouded by issues related to commercialization of athletes and of the Games themselves, by controversies surrounding the use of performance-enhancing drugs, by the complicated eligibility hassles and by questionable judging of events such as boxing.

Negative perceptions are strengthened by the mass media, which dramatize the problems without doing much to clarify the issues underlying them.

Part of the problem is that the Olympics, and Olympism, have become equated with a sport spectacular that happens every four years, captures the attention of the world for two weeks, and then is forgotten until next time.

But the Olympics are about more than a two-week sport spectacle.

The ideal of Olympism transcends the Games themselves. It ties in with cultural exchange, with enhancing sportsmanship, with education through sport, with the encouragement of mass participation inspired by excellence and with the fostering of international understanding, in addition to the seemingly more prominent concern of excellence in performance.

How well do the Games as we know them today actualize the ideals of the Olympic movement?

Those who watched the L.A. Games from the TV set at home may have been largely unaware of it, but various activities celebrating culture did go on concurrently in L.A.

Performance emphasis in coverage and controversies regarding doping led some to question the sportsmanship aspect, yet athletes who were there found it. The boycotts seem to indicate a breakdown in international understanding yet, again, those athletes who were at the Games enjoyed the opportunity to rub shoulders and converse (verbally or in sign language) with athletes from a variety of countries.

And so Los Angeles ended up showing us two sides of many of the Olympic ideals and related problems.

Because there is more to the Olympics than the Games themselves, they should not become a dead topic once they are over. For that reason, the *Gazette* sports pages will be featuring a bi-weekly editorial exploring some of the issues and offering some ideas about what can be, and is being, done to come to grips with the problems.

We hope you'll join us.

Be a Tiger mascot

The Athletics and Recreational Services department at Dalhousie University would like to extend the following job opportunities to Dalhousie students.

A chance to "follow the Tigers" and earn money too is open to anyone interested in being a Tiger mascot. The Recreation department is looking for a student to wear the mascot Tiger suit at selected sporting events. Details can be obtained by phoning 424-3754.

As well as a mascot, the Recreation department is also looking for managers and trainers for the varsity sport teams. Be part of the teams' home and away games. Are you a hockey player? We also need hockey camp instructors. Call Nina Hoffman at 424-3754 or drop by the Dalplex.

In addition to the jobs available, students are also reminded that up-to-date schedule information can be obtained at the new Tiger schedule boards located in Fenwick, the Dal SUB and the Dalplex. These boards will also contain Dalhousie's Athletics of the Week and Tony's Tiger Trivia contest questions.

Field hockey Tigers start play

The Dalhousie Tigers Women's Field Hockey Team will begin defense of their 1983 Eastern Division title as they travel to Newfoundland this weekend to open the 1984 season with a two-game series against the Memorial University Beothucks.

The Tigers and Beothucks will do battle Saturday, September 15, and Sunday, September 16, at

noon and 2 p.m. respectively.

The Tigers finished on top of the Eastern division last year with a 10-2 record but lost to the University of New Brunswick in the AUA championship game. The Tigers placed fifth at the Nationals.

Memorial finished third in the East with a record of 8-4.

The Tigers will return home for their annual Alumni game at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18.

Soccer Tigers kick off season

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's Soccer Team will kick-off the AUA regular season this weekend with a pair of games in New Brunswick.

The Tigers, 6-5 last year, will face the University of Moncton (also 6-5 last year) at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and the University of New Brunswick (7-4 last year) at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The Tigers' first home game of

the regular season will be on Wednesday, September 19 at 4 p.m. as the Tigers host St. Francis Xavier University.

The Tigers finished second behind St. F.X. in the Eastern division last year, and were then eliminated by the eventual AUA champions, the University of Prince Edward Island, in the league semi-finals.