

# Tigers split on road

by Brian Lennox

The men's soccer team split two road games on the weekend.

On Saturday the Tigers beat the University College of Cape Breton 6-0 in Sydney. That win takes some of the sting out of losing a game earlier in the year to Cape Breton because of an ineligible player. On Sunday Dal was defeated 1-0 by St. Francis Xavier in Antigonish.

Saturday's game was a relatively easy win for Dal and brings up the issue whether Cape Breton should really be in the league. Winning should not be the primary factor in Cape Breton's participation. However, it cannot be any fun going out on the field and losing 6-0 or 8-0. The athletic department at UCCB should evaluate some of their programs

and determine whether they should play in the Nova Scotia College Conference or the AUSA.

Sunday's loss to the X-men was difficult because Dal is quite capable of beating St. FX. Coach Ray McNeil felt his team just did not play well. The loss to the X-men leaves the Tigers with a record of 2-2-1. their record should really be 3-1-1.

Following the first game of the season against Cape Breton a Dalhousie player was ruled ineligible. The players lost his eligibility because he was a full time student and had full time employment. A rather obscure rule prevents a student athlete from having a full time job and being a student. This ruling hurts because Dal's victory over Cape Breton on September 10 was taken away.

# Shakespeare on the gridiron no more

by Riki Rili

It was November 2, 1976, a day few students will remember. Jimmy Carter was urging national unity. Gerald Ford was urging anything. Thurman Munson was honored for his World Series heroics and Tony Dorsett was tuning up for a date at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City.

Nevertheless, a sad day it was. On November 2, 1976 the last collegiate football game at Dalhousie University was played. UPEI Panthers set back Dalhousie Tigers 21-10.

For trivia buffs, Quarterback Robert Riopelle hit Craig Garson with a 35-yard touchdown pass. A 17-yard field goal by Ian Preston and a quick-kick single by Tom McLeod rounded out the scoring.

Now, thirteen years later, football remains silent on the Dal campus. Saturday afternoon sports now consist of field hockey, rugby and soccer. These events will never, in the thickest sense of the word, replace the echoes of pounding football helmets and boisterous crowds so common over the years at Studley Field.

Cutting football threw a dark cloud over the whole tradition. When the cloud lifts, nothing remains except fond memories.

When football was axed, it severed a distinct relationship among students, alumni and all involved.

Except for the heroics of people like Brian Gervais, Jeff Neal, Mal Paterson and Joe Taranczuk among others, the last few years of the football program were characterized by low morale and lack of recruiting. Then in 1975, a dramatic turnaround took place. New coach Bob Thayer, taking over for Doug Hargreaves, brought in recruits from Quebec and Ontario. Rookie signal-caller Mike Thompson led Dal over Mt. Allison in the inaugural tilt that year. It appeared to most that the gridiron program was on the upswing. However, embarrassing losses to Acadia, 51-0, and St. FX, 61-7 followed. The rest was downhill all the way to that fateful Nov. 2, 1976.

The main reason football was derailed was the lack of funding to operate a top-notch program. A top-notch program involves full-time coaches employed twelve months of the year. As soon as the season ends, coaches must evaluate the program, interview high school coaches for possible stars, plan recruiting trips and monitor the day-to-day situa-

tion. This requires someone who can also teach courses and become directly involved in the community. Universities, with cutbacks in academic budgets, see football coaches, equipment and field preparation costs as a heavy expense. First Dalhousie, then UPEI and finally UNB saw the balance sheets and you all know what happened.

The situation at UPEI is understandable because of limited enrollment. But Dalhousie has 10,000 students, a rich tradition, high profile alumni lurking everywhere and a student union budget that would scare some students.

The SU budget takes care of the operations of many clubs and organizations affiliated with the DSU (Dalhousie Student Union). Suppose three per cent of the DSU fund went into the Dalhousie Football Club. This amount, depending on who you talk to, comes to around \$25,000. The university might pony up a minute \$10,000. Gate receipts could bring in an additional \$25,000. Concessions, pubs, Greenwood, alumni and corporate sponsorships could bring in anywhere from \$20,000 to \$40,000. It does not take Donald Trump to

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