

## Hockey win

# Tigers eat Huskies

by Chuck Piercey

If last Sunday evening's opener at Scotia Stadium is any indication, Coach Pierre Page's efforts to ice a serious contender in the AUSA Varsity Hockey League may well pay off this year. With Page unable to attend, Athletic Director Ken Bellemare took the reins and directed the Tigers to an inspiring 3-2 triumph over rival SMU Huskies.

The game was a rough one by anyone's standards. Aside from some good body checking, it was marred with a lot of highsticking and needless penalties. This seemed to undermine the quality of offensive play of both teams. Dal had the top defence, and proceeded to outcheck, and outscore the Huskies. Dal's Paul MacLean opened the scoring late in the first period, but SMU's Doug Chase tied it up before the end of the period.

In the second period a Tiger bulldozer trade named Earl Jessiman fired two pucks past Huskie goalie Mark Locken to put Dal ahead 3-1 after 2.

The 3rd period saw SMU attempt a rally but they could manage only one more, from Grant Thompson. Final score — Dal 3 SMU 2.

The most encouraging aspect of the game comes from Dal's ability to stave off their characteristic last minute choke. Actually, SMU came too close to tying it up and Dal netminder Ken Bickerton saved my sanity with some final minute scrambling in front of the net.

For the first time in many years, it seems the 1978 edition of the Hockey Tigers have a combination of talent and aggressiveness needed for a league winner. Their checking game appears adequate, but the scoring drive needs work.

Watch this team, they'll give you something to cheer about. The Tigers travel this week to Acadia on the 18th, and Cape Breton for two games over the weekend. On Monday, October 30th, at 7:00 p.m., the Tigers host the Universit e de Trois Rivi eres at the Forum.



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## Law school, coach face off

by Gail Picco

This year's intramural hockey is getting off to a bitter start because of a clash between Dalhousie Varsity Coach Pierre Pag e and law school hockey enthusiasts. The bickering is a result of a programme of intramural hockey introduced by Pag e called 'Calibre Hockey'. Under the new set-up, players will not be playing for their individual faculties, but will be on teams according to their skills.

The scheme was introduced to eliminate all faculty teams in hopes of making hockey safer through more evenly matched teams. This plan represents a new philosophy in team sport by cutting out much of its competitive nature, and some universities across the country have already implemented such a programme.

Ian Logan, Sports Rep. for the School of Law, feels the school has been 'administratively shafted'. According to Logan, Coach Pag e made a submission to the Sports

Council at their September 20th meeting in favour of scrapping Inter-Faculty competition and substituting 'Calibre Hockey'. 'But', says Logan, 'at that meeting it was the near unanimous opinion of Council that such a format was not desired'.

Two weeks later, however, Pag e announced Inter-Faculty competition on a regular basis was being scrapped in favour of the concept of 'Calibre Hockey'. Logan says the teams making up the new league are 'meaningless' and because 'Calibre Hockey' is lacking in competitiveness, it has attracted little support and strong opposition. Especially because the Sports Council had expressed its support of the old system.

Opposition to 'Calibre

Hockey' is visibly coming from the Faculty of Law. Petitions calling for the re-institution of Inter-faculty Hockey are being circulated by Sports Rep, Ian Logan, and all those desiring to play Intramural Hockey from the Dal Law School. Only two of the original 42 players who signed up to play intra-mural hockey have expressed interest in playing calibre hockey. The petition says 'meaningless groups of people arbitrarily chosen without player input does not and will not in any way fulfill our desire to play'. Opposition is also mounting from the Faculties of Medicine and Commerce.

At press time Coach Pag e was out of town and unavailable for comment.

## Coed Sports ?

by Dani le Gauvin

"Open competition" is a fairly new concept in intramural sports, but it appears to be gathering support in college programs across the country.

According to Sharon Bradley, recreation co-ordinator at the University of Toronto, the purpose of open competition is to allow individuals, male or female, to play intramural sports at the level of their ability. This means, for example, that if a woman feels that the level of play in the women's intramural league is lower than her ability to play the sport, she can join the men's intramural volleyball league.

"Calibre" intramurals, now being introduced at Dalhousie, resemble open competition, but don't let women play on men's teams.

Both open competition and "calibre intramurals" operate on the premise that people should play in intramurals at their own level.

The "calibre" concept places players on teams, by skill, rather than by field of study. For example, law students no longer have their own team. Open competition stresses participation by both sexes according to skill rather than gender.

Only men's ice hockey at Dalhousie is organized according to "calibre". Intramural sports co-ordinator says that no women have asked to play so far in that or any other all-male sport.

However, she sees no reason to exclude men and women from playing together in "calibre" sports. Tryouts for teams are the same for everyone, and players are placed on a particular team solely on the basis of their skill.

Ipson said that co-ed programs differ from men's or women's programs because rules for co-ed intramurals are modified to compensate for the varying ability levels of the male and female players. In "calibre" and open competition, however, all players on a team have similar levels of ability.

Although the "calibre" program has met a lot of opposition, especially from Law students (see story this issue), Ipson expects it to be fully operational within five years. "Open competition is still only a future possibility, but any feedback on it or the calibre program is welcome," she said.

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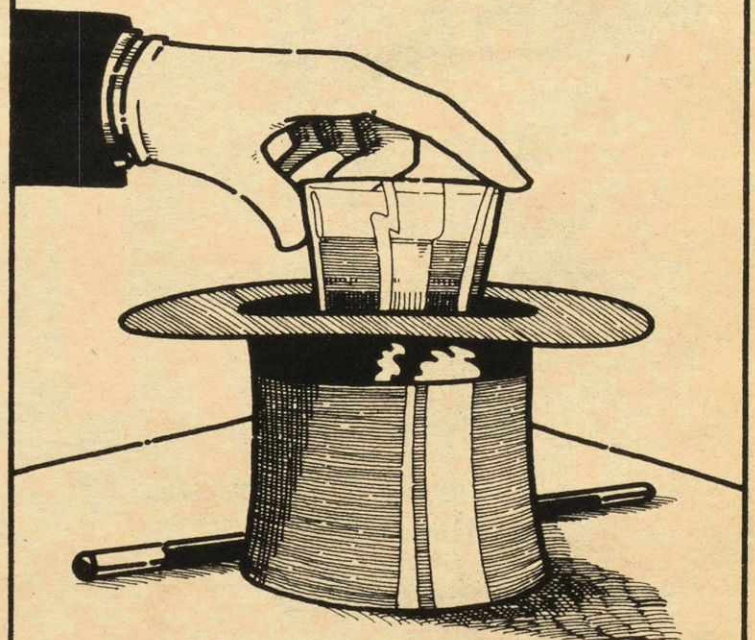
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