

# School spirit needs work

by Brian Lennox

Numerous opinions are offered as to why Dalhousie, essentially, has little school spirit. Many students consider that there is no atmosphere on campus, i.e. too many commuting and mature students. Students believe that the Halifax night life is too good and campus activities — not necessarily sports — are unexciting.

I have great difficulty in understanding why students do not participate in school activities. My view is that athletic events,

advocating that we be like American universities — the environments are different — but each basketball and hockey game should be sold out, or with very few tickets left. Attending a varsity game is one of those inexpensive leisure activities.

Generally speaking, universities today seem to be producing apathetic leaders. If students cannot use the resources available to them, how can they expect society as a whole to use the available resources? Let me give a few examples.

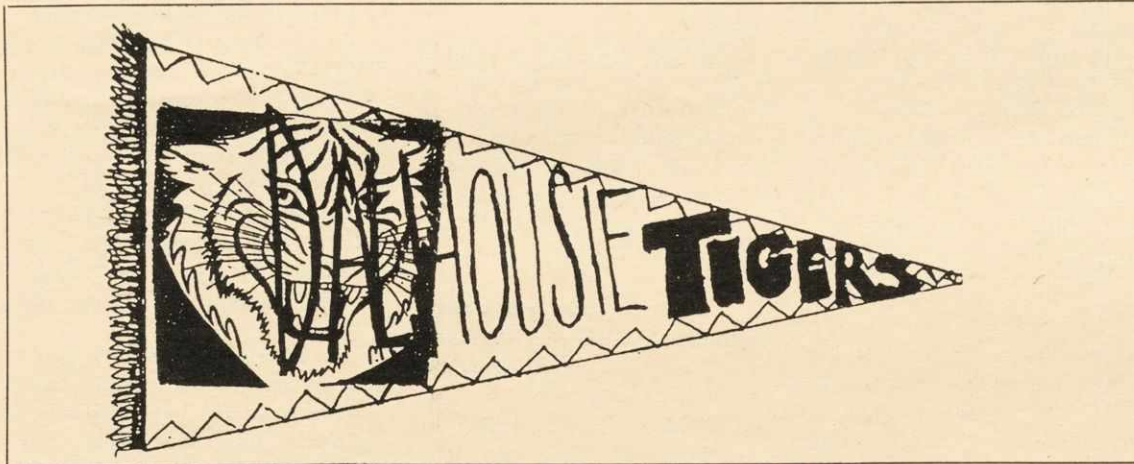
● Recently the Winter Carnival was held at Dalhousie, and participation was, in a word, sad. Of the 78 societies on this campus, two participated in the Winter Carnival. Some people went to great efforts to put together this year's Winter Carnival, and they had to be disappointed. Many of the activities during Winter Carnival were of little or no cost.

● Super SUBs at Dalhousie are becoming extinct as well, and this is unfortunate, since the cost to the student is reduced because the SUB sponsors these parties. The

my plea for things to change. Unfortunately, I am not sure how quickly things will improve. Next year's tuition could increase by 20 per cent, but at a recent forum at the SUB, fewer than 100 people attended. This is an issue in which students must become involved, because what is to stop tuition from rising another 20 per cent the following year? Think of the cost two or three years down the road. Many of you will be fin-

ished, but what if you plan to continue? Will you be able to afford it?

Ultimately, the question becomes one of participation not just in campus activities, but in life. If we are tomorrow's leaders, we have to become involved in a variety of activities that affect society. I chose participation at Dalhousie because in many ways it reflects participation in society or the lack of it.



intramurals and various other social events are the core of extracurricular activities on campus. These activities are inexpensive, and students who are concerned about the cost of their education should be aware of inexpensive entertainment. Students usually attend university for four or five years. If they do not participate during their university life, they will never get that opportunity again. Think about it; students are in an environment where people are relatively the same age, with many of the same aspirations. Not involving yourself in extracurricular activities at university is not taking advantage of the resources available.

Having been at Dalhousie for a number of years, I have been involved in a number of activities where I have witnessed the lack of student participation. As a varsity athlete from 1984-87, I saw how the students rarely supported the athletic teams. Even when teams were having successful seasons, the majority of the fans came from the community. I am not

● During the academic year, there are numerous lecture series that are for the most part free to the students. In fact, part of your student fee goes to the student union, which puts on these lecture series.

ironic thing is that part of your academic fees are used to put these activities on.

I strongly believe something must be done now if things are to change. This is my last year at Dalhousie, so I can only convey

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

Nominations have been reopened for the following 1990/91 student union positions;

### SENATE REPRESENTATIVES ONE EACH FROM:

- Law
- Management Studies
- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Graduate Studies
- Health Professions



Nomination forms may be picked up from room 222 of the SUB. They must be returned by 4:30 pm on Wed., Mar. 7. For further information, contact Edythe McDermott at 424-2146.

## RELOCATING?

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halifax, nova scotia B3M 2L9  
phone: (902) 453-0460 / 835-6683  
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MLS Bronze Award Winner 1988

## ATTENTION!

### Nominations are open for the following positions in the DAL ARTS SOCIETY

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice-Pres
- President

Nominations close March 13, 1990.  
Please pick up forms in Arts Box at Enquiry Desk.

General meeting to be held on March 13.

**BE THERE!**

## WANT TO SAVE MONEY?

Kind young lady wanted to live with us from May to Sept. Rent FREE, lots of privacy, in return for supervising large dog, cat and lovely 16-year-old daughter. Must definitely be committed for ALL weekends. 2 blocks from Dalhousie. Ideal for summer school student or student with downtown summer job. Phone days 429-9292 evenings 429-0066.

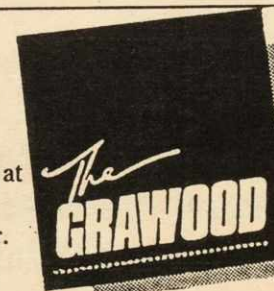
## MUSICAL

## DOUBLEHEADER

## THIS FRIDAY!

ICU & The Waterfront Stompers!

March signals the beginning of spring and the last chance to party big at the Grawood for another school year. Why not start the month off by spending Friday March 2 dancing and getting generally excited with The Waterfront Stompers (2-5:30 pm) and ICU (9 pm - 1 am)! And if you think your mid-terms marks were a joke - you'll be glad to learn that Yuk Yuk's is returning right here to the Grawood Friday March 16. Wow!



**This Week!**  
Thursday, March 1  
9 pm - D.J. James spins discs and feet!  
Friday, March 2  
2 pm - The Waterfront Stompers  
9 pm - ICU

Don't forget Yuk Yuk's returning March 16!

