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Hockey Tigers coach wants to win

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They've been to the CIAU finals for the last two years, that's an advantage they have over us right now.

Gazette: Will they repeat?

Darrell: They made us look so bad, I sure hope so. (Note: Acadia lost 9-6 in the CIAU semi-finals to the Lethbridge Pronghorns, who went on to beat Guelph in the finals).

Gazette: As coach this year, what do you think has been your biggest success?

Darrell: One thing I've done this year as coach is delegate a little more authority and a little more responsibility. I went to the captains for the dressing room and keeping the team together.

Also, our assistant coaches, specifically Shawn MacKenzie, who I gave more responsibility in terms of running the defence and having a lot of say on the input. Shawn's a guy who was in the National Hockey League as a goaltender as a nineteen year-old and he's coached in major junior for the past five years and we've brought someone like that on board because he's a very knowledgeable person and he's been a big part of our success this year.

I've given Kim Houston a lot of leeway in terms of the off-ice program; the conditioning program; and the nutrition program. I've let more people do more things.

Gazette: With the benefit of hindsight, is there anything you would have approached a little differently?

Darrell: I think one thing we have to do a little more of next year is psychological work with our players and mental imagery. We stressed a lot of off-ice conditioning and I think that we were a very well-conditioned hockey club, maybe even the best in the league. We've just got to broaden our base a bit in terms of mental preparation and make sure our players get over the hump. The hump being the so-called "Acadia-hump", it's like the Lakers and the Celtics, the Celtics beat the Lakers for a number of years. We've got to get over that hump. It's like the Minnesota Vikings or the Buffalo Bills; we've got to get over that hump of losing.

Gazette: You've recently signed a three-year contract with Dal, that would seem to be their stamp-of-

*"Be proud of our guys."
~ Darrell Young*

approval on your contribution to hockey at Dalhousie. Do you think a CIAU championship this year would have turned your head to explore other options?

Darrell: No. I've been here since 1977 as a student-athlete and I can't see any better place in the world right now. I've got a young son who is twenty months and I can't think of a better place to raise him than Halifax.

Plus, I've got my goals, I want to

win the CIAU championship, I want to win the AUSA championship, I want to see our kids graduate. Every year there are different goals, and when you see players like Wilcox mature and the Suk's and MacDermid's go on to bigger and better things and to see guys like Brian MacDonald and see guys like Brian MacDonald graduate; these are things that make your heart beat a little faster and it's very fulfilling when you see the success of those student-athletes that you've coached.

Gazette: Where do you see yourself in five or ten years?

Darrell: Well, I can tell you where I want to see myself in 25 years and that's right here at Dal. This is a great spot, a great institution.

Gazette: What would you say to fans that saw this year's edition of the Dalhousie Hockey team as our big chance to make some noise at the nationals?

Darrell: Be proud of our guys. I know I am. I think the alumni should be and so should the students and administration. You should be proud of the way they represented our school. They acted with class and with dignity and pride and respect for their sweaters and for Dalhousie University in general.

In terms of the future, the best is yet to come. I think the future's bright, we've got some good leadership, a good core.

Gazette: Is there anything else you want to comment on?

Darrell: I just think that students here at Dalhousie should enjoy their

experience while they're here. That goes from the athlete's point of view; and if you're not an athlete, enjoy something else. There are other parts of campus life, be it the Grawood or going to the theatre. Take in the opportunities here on campus.

Everyone talks about a lack of spirit or a lack of pride at Dalhousie and I think it's what you make it. I've always found that people I've been around are very spirited and very proud of Dalhousie and have had a great sense of belonging.

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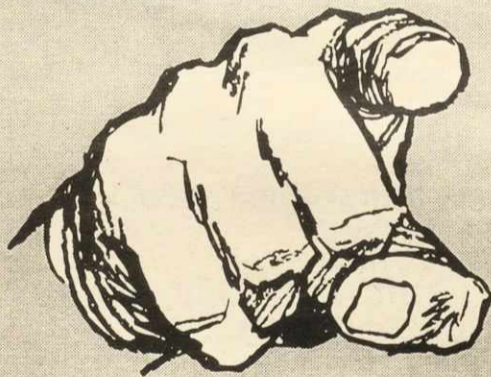
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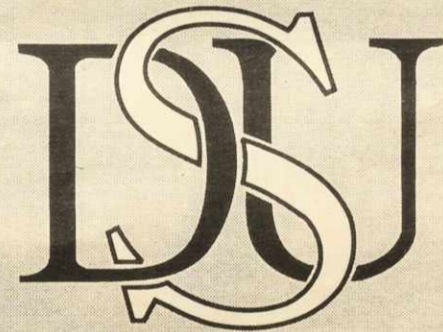
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