

George Hughes Night

An era which many Dalhousie basketball fans will cherish has come to an end. George Hughes has played his last game for the Black and Gold of Dalhousie. It is fitting that George's last game of his Bluenose career should also have been his last home appearance. For all of us, it is our last chance to say thanks.

For those of you who aren't familiar with George, he hails from New Waterford, Nova Scotia. George came to Dalhousie in the autumn of 1964 and from there proceeded to rewrite the Dalhousie basketball record book. Although only a rookie, George started every game for the Tigers that year, and finished the year with 272 points.

That year, George brought the Tigers out of disaster. The three years previous to George's arrival were sad ones in the annals of Dalhousie basketball history. During those years, the Tigers had not won a conference game. However, since George's arrival, the Black and Gold have not had a losing season.

The highlights of George's career are many. In his four years at Dalhousie he has started every game for the Tigers. He has led the team in scoring in each of those four years. 1964 - 65 - 272 pts; 1965 - 66 - 390 pts; 1966 - 67 - 514 pts; 1968 - 69 - 350 pts. George is the holder of most of the Dalhousie scoring records, including a single game high of 39 points and a four year total of over 1500 points. George's scoring ability is not limited to conference games. George, up until this year, held the Bluenose Classic single game scoring record of 35 points. He still holds the tournament record of 52 points. George still holds the St. Mary's single and tournament scoring records of 32 and 50 points respectively.

In each of the tournaments that Dalhousie has entered; Bluenose, St. Mary's and Acadia, George has been chosen an all-star - a fine tribute to this tremendous athlete.

George's contributions to Maritime basketball don't stop with his powers as a star of the Dalhousie Tigers. In 1967, George helped the Nova Scotia team win a bronze medal in the Quebec Winter Games. To many observers the real George Hughes was brought out in the tournament. During the tournament, eight games were played in six days. Concentration and toughness were tested in all. George stood out as the only player in the tournament who grew stronger as the tournament progressed. George is also a member of Nova Scotia's basketball team for the 1969 Summer Games to be played here in Halifax.

Of all the bright moments in George Hughes' career, one event stands out more memorable than the rest. George was chosen M.V.P. for the Tigers in the 1966 - 67 season. To George, as to most players who receive the award, the acknowledgment of his teammates regarding his contribution to the team is the ultimate reward.

Dalhousie lost a great individual when George left the Tigers last night. On behalf of all the fans who have watched George, and all his friends, all that can be said is thanks and good luck in the future. Being the tough competitor that he is, there is no doubt that he will be a success.

Congratulations and Thanks George!

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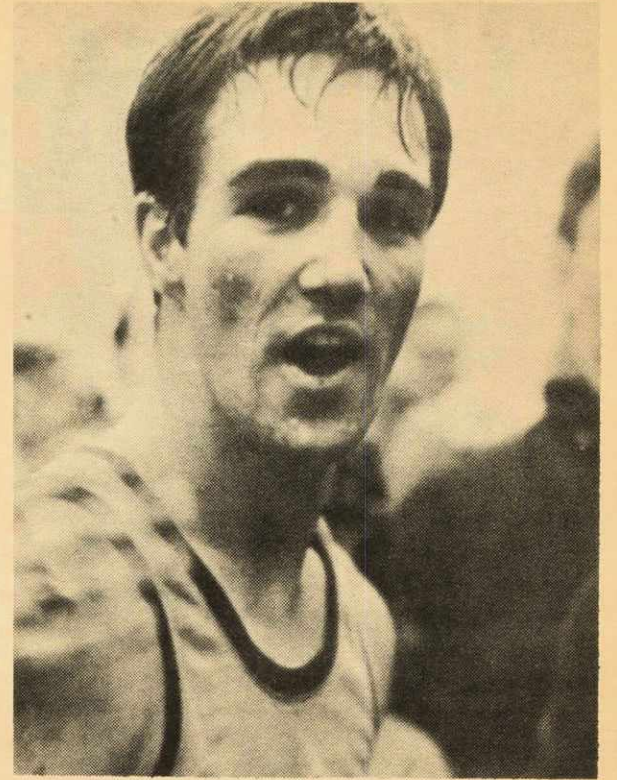
By ED LAPIERRE

Dalhousie's Junior Varsity hockey team behind goalie Charlie McConnell (a converted defenceman) have won four of their last five games. The Junior Tigers have defeated Nova Scotia Teachers College, (8-7) Nova Scotia Agricultural College (4-3), Acadia JV's (3-0) and King's College (3-2). Their lone loss came in overtime against King's.

Coach Bellemore expressed satisfaction with the team's performance to date. Sharper shooting, faster skating, and better forechecking are key to Dal's consistency says Bellemore.

The club's aggressive play as a team has produced three fairly balanced lines. Paul Edwards (defenceman) and Drew Bethune (forward) who both joined the club after Christmas have added extra power to the Tiger's forechecking.

Henpill and Morris have been outstanding in the winning streak. John McFetridge's hustling and forechecking have to be regarded as a plus factor for the JV's 4-3 win-loss record to date. The Junior Tigers travel to Sydney March 3rd and 4th to tangle with the Xavier JV's as part of their Winter Carnival activities. To Coach Bellemore and his crew - Keep Climbing.



A SWEATY GEORGE HUGHES

Bengals Bomb

By DAN FAWCETT

This was the year that the Dalhousie Tigers would sweep the conference. Instead, Dalhousie was swept off the floor in every major game. Last Saturday night was no exception, when the Tigers were humbled 98-71 at SMU. The SMU squad scored 12 quick points before the Bengals scraped the gum off their sneakers. Throughout the first half, all the Black and Gold could manage was to keep within 20-30 points of the Huskies as they were outthrustled and outbounded.

The Tigers picked up in the second half, but their effort was transient as they quickly faded into oblivion. Needless to say, Dalhousie's big guns, Cassidy and Bourassa were off - and with the Howitzers silent, the pea shooters made no dents. It would have been nice to say that the boys made a valiant effort, but for a team that was picked as co-favourite to lead the conference, they disappointed a lot of people.

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- 7:30 p.m. - McInnes, S.U.B. - Dal Film Society - Kwaidan.
- Fri. - Feb. 28 - 2:30 p.m. S.U.B. Rm. 328 - Commerce Lecture - Dr. W.A. Preshing, Un. of Cal. - "Marketing Management for small business firm".
- 6:30 p.m. - McInnes S.U.B. - Dinner and Ball - Student Union Government Annual Ball.
- Sat. - March 1 - 9:00 p.m. - McInnes S.U.B. - Open Dance.
- Sun. - March 2 - 2:30 p.m. McInnes S.U.B. - Sitar Concert.
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