

# Offensive Linemen -- Anonymous But Vital

Name the most unknown guy you can think of in the world. The mayor of Hobema? Castro's barber? Whistler's father?

Multiply him by five and I've got a guy who will make him look as if he's been on every magazine cover and billboard in the country.

My candidate is an interior offensive lineman on a college football team. The original Mr. Who? He's as anonymous as a masked gunman. A monk is a man-about-town compared to him. For all the public could care, every guy who gets down in a squared stance over the ball could be named "Smith."

To get his picture in the paper, an interior lineman would have to get arrested. To make a magazine cover, he'd have to save the prime

minister from drowning.

Which brings me to the point that, position-for-position, the University of Alberta Golden Bears just might have the best offensive interior

football beef each Saturday. They are so adept at it that they could pile up a buffalo stampede.

Glenn Claerhout, Bruce Switzer, Larry Speers, Jim

But Steve Egbert, Nestor Korchinsky, John Wilson, Len Karran, Fred James, Cam McAlpine and George Santarossa pray to God each night that the five front-liners get no-

hout does his stuff, nobody is looking. Except the guy whose nose he is bloodying.

Tony Rankel is an excellent thrower of footballs. But, without, Bruce Switzer and Larry Speers, he might be the world's greatest swallower of footballs.

John Wilson played some centre last year. He recalls that in one game it started to sprinkle in the second half.

"I thought it was rain 'till I noticed it was red," he says.

They moved Wilson from centre to defensive middle guard this year. It was like moving him 10 steps closer to the bubble-gum cards.

So watch the offensive interior linemen closely at the Golden Bear intra-squad game Saturday. And if you put the glasses on the quarterback, you can't miss him. That's Jim Chatrand's shadow he will be standing in.

## Alex Hardy

~ sports chatter

linemen in Canadian college football. They couldn't get a headline away from a tree planting. But if your job was to rush Golden Bear quarterbacks Willie Algajer and Tony Rankel, you'd know them.

\* \* \*

All they do is keep Algajer and Rankel from getting run over by a couple of tons of

Chartrand and Bob Bennett could probably divert freeway traffic too, if the coach demanded. They are the core of Alberta's interior offensive line.

Their philosophy is simple: It's better for us to get broken arms than the quarterback. I can block with one arm, he can't pass.

thing worse than a bloody nose. If they do, Egbert, Korchinsky et al will find themselves playing in the interior offensive line.

If they were on the lam they wouldn't mind. But they already hold down key positions on the Golden Bear defensive team, and at least the defensive people get a share in the glory. When Glenn Claer-



BOB BENNETT



GLENN CLAERHOUT

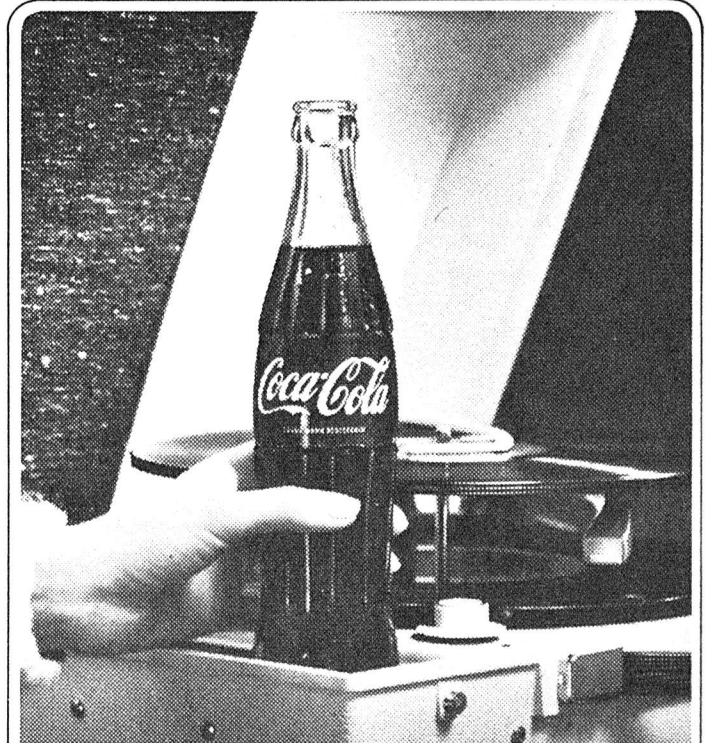
**Bears Vs. Bears : Saturday, Clarke Stadium**

### STUDENT PRICES

offered to U of A Students upon presentation of plasticized identification card

COMING ATTRACTIONS:  
"THE COLLECTOR"  
"MARRIAGE ON THE ROCKS"  
"ONCE A THIEF"

**PARAMOUNT**  
A FAMOUS PLAYERS THEATRE



things go  
better  
with  
**Coke**



Flip the disc—then the cap. Take time out for the unmistakable taste of ice-cold Coca-Cola. Lifts your spirits, boosts your energy . . .

Both Coca-Cola and Coke are registered trade marks which identify only the product of Coca-Cola Ltd.