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For those of you who read the last sports column you will have noticed that the writer of that column stated that he would no longer be handling the sports desk. Well, true to his word, he is not, I am. Whether I thank him for this opportunity, or kill him for the aggravation remains to be seen. But seriously, folks, this job looks like it could be fun and I am actually looking forward to it. I think.

One question has come up however, and that is the reason for today's column.

As most of you know the university indulges in a variety of sports on the inter-collegiate level.

This means that these teams have to do a fair bit of travelling during the year and that is where the controversy arises.

We send a reporter along with the hockey and football teams when they travel and of course this costs money.

A lot of money when it comes to air-fares and hotel costs on the same trip. Throughout the year these jaunts to other schools in the country add up to a rather large travel budget. Now the question is: Who pays for the reporter?

I had assumed when I took over this job that the university athletics department pays for that person. They add this reporter on as an extra member of the team anyway and I thought they would pay for the privilege of having this first hand coverage at every game of the season. As I have said this only happens with the hockey and football teams and the extra cost of the reporter could not amount to a huge overrun in such a large expense as the athletics department travel budget is.

Well, if you have not guessed yet I was wrong. I found out, to my intense chagrin, that the athletics department BILLS the Gateway for providing them with such excellent coverage. Gee whiz, people, we're a small operation with a very limited budget and the cost of sending two reporters all over the country amounts to a very large percentage of that budget. Why should the Gateway get stuck with the entire bill? This is an inequitable arrangement.

The athletics department says that university sports benefit everybody and I whole-heartedly agree. But shouldn't the athletics department wish to contribute to this program which is beneficial to everybody? I think they should.

I feel that having a reporter at the away games is important and would like to see more teams receive that type of coverage. But with our limited budget and the possibility of cutbacks in funds even the football and hockey teams may have to get by without a reporter at their away contests in the near future. I think if we put our heads together we can come up with some sort of plan to keep the reporters travelling and the coverage remaining firsthand instead of through the grapevine.

Whadya say?

Sports Quiz

Okay sports fans it's back, that mind boggling, brain teasing, fun in the sun adventure called the sports quiz. Because of all the hoofafrat concerning baseball this week, this weeks quiz is naturally on hockey. Got your brains in gear? Here we go.

1. Last year Wayne Gretzky tied the record for most assists in one game. Who did he tie and how many assists was it? (1 pt.)
2. Think way back. What goalie recorded the most shutouts in a single season? (2 PTS.)
3. What player got the fastest three goals in hockey history? (3 pts.)
4. When was the hockey schedule increased to 70 games? (4 pts.)
5. Who was the first player ever to play in 1000 N.H.L. games? (1 pt.)
6. In the 1936 winter olympics who won the gold hockey medal? (2 pts.)
7. An easy finish. Who won the European cup of hockey in 1911? (2 pts.)

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Hockey Bears almost ready to start

The 1981-82 version of the hockey Bears are really taking shape as Clarke Drake continues to make his final cuts before the season starts next weekend.

"All of the players in camp right now are of basically the same ability and it's tough to decide who stays and goes." Says Drake.

As the season nears its opening a couple of familiar faces will be missing on defence. Two returnees, Duncan Babchuk and Curtis Jans were let go last week in favour of defencemen with more playing time left at the university. The coach says he wants to have players who he can work with for a few years and build a solid stable defence. Whether or not the loss of the veterans will hurt the team in terms of leadership cannot be assessed properly for a few weeks yet.

"Hopefully one of the players will assume the role of team leader." Commented Drake.

This years team should be stronger than last years which barely missed the playoffs for the first time in 18 years. Clare Drake is one of the best college coaches



Bears play NAIT and Camrose this weekend.

in Canada, his teams have always been tough and can never be counted out of the hunt for the

national championship. Stay tuned next week for a more in depth look at this years team.

Football

The University of Alberta Golden Bears football team is coming off a very disappointing showing versus the UBC Thunderbirds last weekend, as they prepare for this Saturday's game against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. The game is scheduled for 2:00 PM at Griffith Stadium in Saskatoon.

The Golden Bears saw their regular season record drop to 3-2 last Saturday as they were defeated 27-33 by the Thunderbirds. The Bears are now in second place, four points behind first place UBC and two points ahead of Calgary (3-3), who were winners over Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Huskies are in last place in the W.I.F.L., and have won only one of their six games. The Bears defeated the Huskies 33-8 on September 19 in Edmonton, in the only game between the two teams so far this year. The Huskies have a solid running game as running backs Todd Tretiak and Taras Stetzenko are among the W.I.F.L. leaders. The passing game of the Huskies is also good, as quarterback Doug Siemens has fine receivers in Jay Sinclair, Murray Wehardt, and Darrel Wacker. Their kicking game is strong with punter Paul Hickie, leading the W.I.F.L. in punting with a 40 yard average.

Listen-up

To all fencing fanatics out there we have heard some great news. The U of A fencing club will be hosting a very large fencing tournament on Saturday and Sunday of this weekend.

The tourney is to have some fencers of national status competing and is considered second only to the National Championships to held later this year in western Canada.

There will be three competitions in the tournament, and it will take place in the Education gym.

On Saturday the men's and women's foil competition will start at nine in the morning and run all day. The foil epe category has both men and women competitors while the saber competitions is just for men.

It is only in recent times that the women have taken up the epe competition and it should be interesting to see how they fare in handling the unfamiliar sword.



Photo Tom Freeland

Intramurals

by Garnet DuGray

As winter and mid-terms are slowly beginning to engulf the university, the time has come for the men's intramural playoffs in outdoor soccer and flag-football. Both sets of playoffs got underway with soccer on Tuesday with finals for all three divisions scheduled for 7 and 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 22 at the Lister fields. Flag-football, meanwhile, got underway on Wednesday evening and wraps up with all three division finals getting underway on Saturday, October 24 at 11:30 a.m. on the Corbett fields. Come out and support your team.

Elsewhere in the men's department, the team handball league is scheduled to start this week. Be sure to check for your playing dates and times for the games in the Education gym.

Speaking of ball games, the men's basketball league starts next Thursday evening, and will run Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from October 29 - January 14 between 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. each evening in the main and education gyms. As well the men's basketball golf and freethrow competition goes next Tuesday, October 27 between 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. in the main gym. There is no prior sign-up for this event, just come as you are.

Finally in men's intramurals, the racquetball tourney goes this Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25 in the East courts. Be sure to check for your play off times and courts at the men's office or bulletin board.

In the co-rec area, the tour-de-campus bike race for men and women will go this Saturday, October 24, starting at 10:00 a.m. beside Stadium car park. The co-rec people would also like to help you cure that after mid-terms hangover with their annual car rally. The rally goes at 9 a.m.

Sunday, October 25 with entry deadline set for one p.m. on Friday, October 23 at the co-rec office. Check with the co-rec office for further information.

From the women's side of the playing field, the innertube water-polo got underway this week and runs Mondays and Thursdays until October 29 between 8 - 10 p.m. in the East pool. Switching to more solid ground, the women's bowling tourney goes this Saturday, October 24 between 1 - 4 p.m. in the SUB bowling lanes. Please check the women's board for further info and scheduling.

For those girls who love to skate and play hockey as well, the women's hockey season is fast approaching with the entry deadline set for Tuesday, October 27 at one p.m. in the women's office. The round robin league will run between 7 - 9 p.m. in the ice arena on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, November 2 - 26. Be sure to sign-up those girls now!

Women's intramural soccer wrapped last Thursday with the undefeated OV's taking the competitive division with 20 pts. while P.E. finished a close second with 16 pts. While in the flag-football department, the OV's came up winners again with their "O" and "V" teams both winning their respective divisions.

Last, but not least is the non-credit instruction area where the women's weight-training clinic will run on Monday and Wednesday, October 26 and 28. The clinic will be held each night in the weight room between 8 - 10 p.m. Also the social dance instruction for men and women will run on Wednesday evenings between October 28 - November 25. The clinic will run from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. in the Dance gym of the P.E. building.

Athlete of the Week

TERRY LESCISIN
LEFT WING

Terry, a third year veteran on the Golden Bears Hockey team is this week's BOSTON PIZZA "Athlete of the Week." The Golden Bears returned to Edmonton on Sunday night following a five game road trip to Winnipeg and Brandon.



Lescisin, scored one goal and two assists in the five games and was selected as the Golden Bears' M.V.P. in two of the three games played at the Brandon University Invitational Hockey Tournament. For his achievements this week Boston Pizza is pleased to name Terry Lescisin as the "Athlete of the Week."

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