



# Ron Ternoway

from my square

corner

For the first time in 47 years, the outgoing sports editor's closing column is going to be different.

Until now, it's been traditional for the column to cover briefly past glories and near misses of the University of Alberta athletic teams, and then close with a heart-rendering, tear-jerking testimonial from the ex-editor on how he's had such a good time and how everyone has been just so cooperative and great and how he really hates to pitch his Underwood typewriter over a cliff and join the ranks of the straights, but that's the way it must be.

Consider this a departure from that format. In light of all the things that have happened lately, I really don't feel much like congratulating and eulogizing.

Kowing as I do that the actions of Students' Council has effectively stifled The Gateway and caused the demise of Photo Directorate, I'm not too optimistic about the coming year. Students' Council just isn't interested in providing services, and Gateway Sports is just one of the areas that's going to suffer. Pictures are an integral part of any sports department, and we've run some good ones this year, but next year you'll have to be content with seeing the occasional mug shot and acres of print.

Yet, I consider myself fortunate, for I won't be here. A lot of you will, though, and it's about time that you stand up for what you believe, or whatever other non-sports cliché you use.

Otherwise, you will find yourself quickly deprived of any remaining services that the Union still provides. You'll be paying \$38.50 or more so that Council can have a good time playing Joe Administrator.

Unless you're at the general meeting on Wednesday, you can probably kiss your aardvark goodbye. And most other things, too.

## New football conference formed in West

Formation of the Western Intercollegiate Football Conference took place recently in Calgary during a meeting of the athletic directors from the Universities of Calgary, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The new football conference replaces the old WCIAA which will cease to exist in May as the result of the formation of the Canada West Athletic Association and the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

The WIFC will operate independently of either of the western Canadian athletic conferences.

One significant change from the old WCIAA was the approval of a playoff game if two teams tie for first place upon the completion of an eight game home and away conference schedule.

Another change will restrict player eligibility to five consecutive years after registering at a post secondary institution rather than allowing five years of eligibility in an unlimited time period in the old WCIAA.

The new conference also approved a maximum of ten games in one season exclusive of post season bowl games and playoff games.

The WIFC endorsed previous WCIAA regulations allowing athletic awards to the extent of tuition and fees to in-province residents; allowing former

professionals to play after one year of ineligibility while attending the university; and allowing U.S. citizens transferring from U.S. post secondary institutions to play after one year of ineligibility during their first year of transfer.



ACTIVITIES

There was a big upset in division I volleyball on Tuesday evening. Mac 'A' stung Kappa Sigma 'A' 15-9, and 15-10 to advance to the finals along with Apathy 'A'. Apathy disposed of L.D.S. 'A' in two quick games to reach the final. The final will be played at 7:15 tonight. 5th Mac, P.E. 'C', Deke 'B', and Apathy 'C' have advanced to the semi-finals in division II action. P.E. 'C' has the power but in the past the Dekes have shown that they can come through under pressure. Apathy 'D', 3rd Mac, A.+ S. 'F', and Civil Engineering have reached the semi-finals. 3rd Mac just missed capturing a basketball title, but they won't miss in volleyball.

Lambda Chi Alpha captured the championship of the Non-Skaters League on Tuesday evening. Jim Priddle scored 3

# Bears ousted in semi-finals; Toronto Blues still reign

By Stu Layfield

The city of Sherbrooke, Quebec will not be recalled with the fondest of memories by twenty University of Alberta Golden Bear hockey players and their coach, Clare Drake. In fact it will likely be regarded by many Bears as the scene of their bitterest disappointment.

For it was in this old French community of 82,000 people situated in picturesque hilly country in the eastern townships of Quebec that the Bears envisaged themselves ending their three-year stranglehold which the University of Toronto Blues enjoyed in Canadian intercollegiate hockey. But instead the Bears played perhaps their poorest game of the season against varsity competition and were upended in a semi-final contest 4-3 by St. Mary's University Huskies.

Like their football contemporaries had done in November's College Bowl against the University of Western Ontario, the Bears jumped to an early lead and seemed destined for a convincing victory until the roof caved in. The Bears scored twice in the first three and one-half minutes of play, gave up a goal later in the period, fell apart at the seams in the second stanza in yielding three unanswered markers, and then were only able to come back for a single tally in the latter half of the final frame as their comeback attempt fell just short of sending the game into overtime.

Speedy Jerry LeGrandeur scored the Bears' first goal at the 1:28 mark when he took a behind-the-net pass from centre Dave Couves and hit the open side on Huskie netminder Chuck Goddard. Then while playing with a man advantage Rick Wyrozub broke in on passes from Cal Botterill and Dave White and let go a soft low backhand which Goddard mis-played to give the Bears their second goal at 3:32.

However, the Huskies reduced their deficit to a single goal at 16:01 when Richie Bayes took advantage of the first of what was to be many glaring Bear defensive errors in the game. Bayes easily deflected a low point drive off the stick of

goals and hit 2 goal posts to lead his squad to a 6-3 win over A.+S. 'Z'. Phys Ed 'B' captured the Division II hockey title with a hard fought 2 - 1 victory over Law 'B'. Larry McDaniels fired a shot at 19:57 of the second period which proved to be the winner. It was assumed that P.E. 'B' would walk away with the game, but Dave "Razor" Wray and Bryan Mahoney came up with key performances for Law 'B'. In the division III final, Phys. Ed. 'D' defeated 7th Henday 7-2. It was a rewarding victory for Phys. Ed. as they had to play four games in four nights to capture the title. Our final "Athlete Of The Week" of the 1971-72 session is Doug Stenberg of this championship team. He scored 3 goals in the final and an amazing 16 goals during his team's four games climb to the top.

Tickets are on sale for 'Come and Get It, Number One'. They are \$1.50 each and everyone is welcome. This awards social will be held on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 at the Hazeldean Community League. Tickets can be purchased at both intramural offices.

after being left completely unattended at the edge of the crease while the Bears were playing shorthanded.

Then in the disastrous second period Huskies capitalized on a succession of Bear miscues, with Student National Team member Mike Quinn counting after only twenty seconds of play, followed by Randy Crowell's marker just over a minute later and Bayes' second goal at 6:32. Richardson could not be faulted on any of the Huskie goals as his teammates in front of him, defencemen and forwards alike, simply collapsed. In fact, only Richardson's fine goaltending, combined with at least one friendly goalpost and the inability of Huskie forwards to loft the puck over the All-Star netminder's prostrate form after making two successive outstanding saves, kept the inept Bears from falling further behind. Meanwhile the Bears were unable to generate any offensive power of their own as the Huskies checked tenaciously. For perhaps the first time this year Bear puckcarriers Steve Carlyle and Bill Moores were consistently unable to beat the first men on them.

The Bears continued to flounder early in the third period, but then gradually began to come to life, although they were unable to mount any sustained scoring threats. Rookie winger Dave White came the closest to scoring when one of his favourite blistering slap-shots from well out beat Goddard cleanly but glanced off the goalpost and into the corner out of harm's way.

Two Huskie minor penalties at the 12:24 and 13:23 marks gave the Bears an excellent opportunity to count the third and possibly tying goal as well. But despite a two-man advantage for a minute and one second, they were unable to score until eleven seconds after the first penalty had expired, when Jack Gibson finally connected on a high screened slapshot from just inside the blueline.

Trailing by the single goal, the Bears continued to press for the equalizer. Coach Drake lifted Richardson for a sixth attacker in the last minute, but the Bears were stymied by relentless Huskie checking and the game ended with the frustrated Bears still attempting to work the puck across the St. Mary's blueline.

An atmosphere of disbelief permeated the gloomy Alberta dressing room after the game as the downcast Bears found it difficult to comprehend the fact that they had played so poorly and been eliminated by a team which they should have beaten handily. To their credit, no Bear players offered any excuses or alibis for their disappointing performance. They could easily have done so. The ice at the Palais de Sport was so slow that pucks held fast to the playing surface while players continually over-skated them; this was an obvious liability to both teams but may have hurt the Bears more with their reliance on a skating, passing game. A number of players were skating with knee or leg injuries, particularly Carlyle, upon whom the Bears have been so reliant for key defensive plays and rink-length rushes.

In the corridor outside the dressing room, Coach Drake searched for answers to his team's demise.

"Perhaps the first two goals came too easy," mused the Bear mentor. Then in a definite

understatement he referred to his players' "bad defensive lapse at the start of the second period" as the obvious turning point in the game.

"I really didn't expect any team to score four goals on us at this stage," he admitted.

While Coach Drake was pondering the Bears' fate the Toronto Blues, as expected, were having little trouble trouncing the hustling, but obviously outclassed Sir George Williams Georgians 5-1 in the other semi-final contest.

The following evening, in what was hopefully the last "consolation final" in Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Association hockey championships, the Bears managed to regain some of their scoring touch in downing the Georgians 5-2. After a scoreless first period in the meaningless contest, Bears took a 2-0 lead on goals by LeGrandeur and White in the first half of the middle session as the Bears outshot the Montrealers 15-4 in that period. However, Barry Cullen struck twice for the Georgians in the third frame and only two glove saves by Jim Coombs kept the Bears from falling behind as they had done the night before.

Then big Jack Gibson got the winner at 14:00 on a quick shot from the edge of the face-off circle after Harvey Poon had won the draw. Sparked by Coombs' clutch netminding and Gibson's surprise marker, the Bears caught fire while the Georgians sagged noticeably. Carlyle scored with one of his familiar low, accurate shots from the point at the 16:39 mark and Gibson completed the scoring forty seconds later with another good shot.

The following afternoon the Toronto Blues completely dominated the Huskies and breezed to a 5-0 victory to capture their fourth consecutive C.I.A.U. title. It was the third year in a row the Huskies had been the victims of the Toronto hockey dynasty in the final game.

The consolation final marked the end of careers in a Golden Bear uniform for at least four Golden Bears. Jack Gibson, probably the highest scoring player in Bear hockey history, and Harvey Poon, undoubtedly one of the most popular players to the fans at Varsity Arena, have both completed their five years eligibility. Two year veteran Randy Clark, whose hustling and checking excellence have been invaluable to the Bears in those seasons, graduates in Commerce and has accepted a position with CGE in Toronto. And veteran rearguard Dan Bouwmeester, whose career as a Bear has been plagued with injuries, also graduates and talks of either going to Europe or teaching school. Gibson's two goals in the last six minutes of play in his final period of play and his selection to the tournament All-Star team were a fine way to close out his years with the Bears. Other All-Star choices were Goddard in goal, Ripley on the blueline, speedy Torontowinger Bob Munro, and Toronto veteran John Wright at center. All played for the Student National Team in World Student Games at Lake Placid.

Wright scored one goal and assisted on three others in the final against St. Mary's after scoring twice and earning one helper in the semi-finals against Sir George Williams. For his efforts he was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.