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I would like to address a question that seems to cause much controversy among a great many people when it is raised. Some individuals become quite unreasonable and to me there is nothing to really get mad about.

The question being raised in this column concerns the application of a scholarships program for athletes in this country.

We all know that the universities in the States offer a wide variety of scholarships to a great many athletes. The universities that in many instances this the only way that a young man or woman can afford to attend university and get an education. Two universities in Canada agreed with these motives and do offer the same type of programs. Both Simon Fraser and Brandon Universities give athletes scholarships to attend their schools. As a result of this generosity they have been banned from competing in C.I.A.U. athletics.

This seems a rather harsh measure to take against a school that has such generous and humanitarian motives. Well, I feel that the prevailing thinking is that these schools, because of their program, have an unfair advantage over the schools who must rely on the normal scheme of things. This, to me, seems fair enough.

I'm sure we have also heard the stories of what 'really' goes on with these athletic scholarships. The universities seem to offer the moon to these prospective candidates just so they will come beat the living daylight out of their opponents on their chosen field. Because of this fanatical obsession the schools have with winning they fake marks and give false transcripts so the star athlete won't flunk. I think in many instances these stories are not just stories but fact. I sight an example of last year concerning a student of a California University. It seems this student had attended school on an athletic scholarship. He was the star of the football team and when at the end of his college career no pro team snapped him up in the draft he was faced with finding a job based on the education he had received at university.

Well, it seems he had no education. He had gone along with the behind the scenes Tom Foolery and had come out of university not knowing anything but how to hold a football and run. This young gentlemen was in quite a bind. What could he do to support himself?

Soon, a fast talking lawyer came up with the answer. Why doesn't he sue his alma-mater for not giving him his education? He did just that and won over nine hundred thousand dollars.

These are the types of situations that concern the universities in Canada. Consequently they do not offer any scholarships based on athletics. But in recent history the American universities have been coming up to Canada and raiding our young high school athletes and taking them down to America. This goes on mainly with our hockey players and accounts for the marked improvement in the calibre of American university hockey. At a recent university hockey tournament in Montreal, the best American team had twelve Canadians playing out of twenty-two players.

Therefore I ask the question: shouldn't we offer a scholarship program to keep our best young players in Canada? The answer of course, is no. We cannot offer the program on the same degrading level as do our American counterparts. We would reduce our standard of education and reduce ourselves as students and that is something I for one, would rather leave solely up to our American friends.

Fortunately there seems to be a viable, workable solution.

Sport Canada has just recently announced a program which would give the opportunity for young athletes to receive one thousand dollars toward their education on the university level.

The most important stipulation here being that the allocation of funds depends on the students marks first. A student with poor marks will not receive a dime until he pulls up his grades. Another big plus is the actual amount itself. One thousand dollars will only go toward the tuition and books in this province and not even tuition in others. We are not offering these students the moon. I feel we can keep from falling into the trap that so many other universities have.

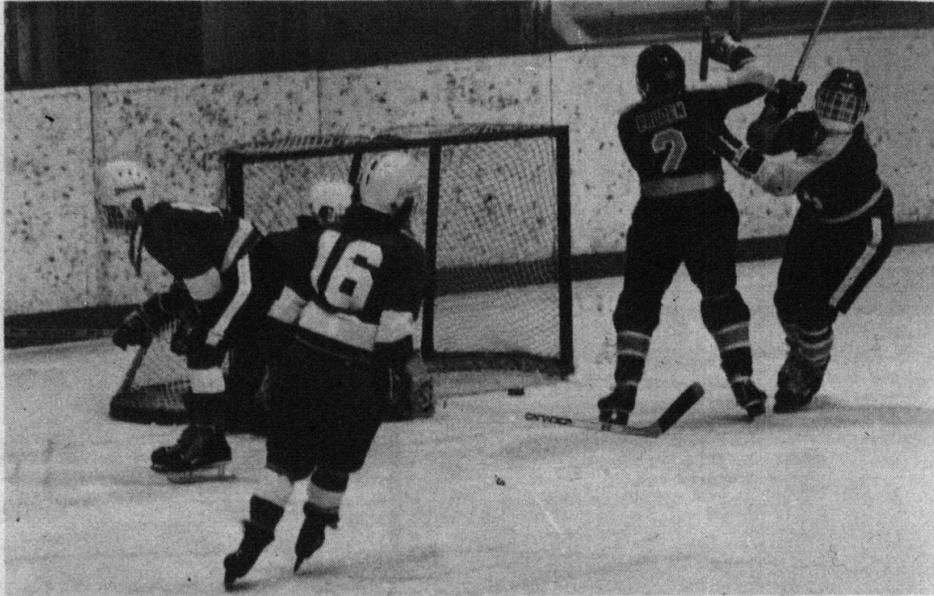
Despite these factors I still hear quite a bit of grumbling from people. Cries of it's unfair and it's elitist often reach my ears but I tend to dismiss them as being a little sour grapes. If a student is gifted mentally they are awarded funds to attend universities. Sometimes these funds are enough to pay for four years of university. In many instances this can amount to as much as ten or more thousand dollars. There are many such scholarships and busarities set up all across the country to aid such students. My feeling is that if a student can participate in sports at the university level and still maintain a good standard of education then this shows hard work and initiative and this student should be helped along the way as well.

The fact that the money is not given to the student until he has enrolled and begun attendance at the university seems to fall on deaf ears as well.

Hell, I hear a lot of people advancing the idea of the abolition of intercollegiate sports. Lets fact it, they (intercollegiate sports) have been around for a great many years and will be around for a great many years to come. People continue to flock to watch professionals battle it out and never complain vociferously about the exorbitant salaries these pros receive. Many of the same people who complain about the scholarship program for athletics and university athletics in general also pay exorbitant admission prices to finance these professionals. I offer this conclusion and suggestion: why don't people (in general) go and watch some university sports? I think they would be surprised by the calibre of play exhibited, it is usually excellent. You know that your not going to beat it so why don't you try and join it. You may have yourselves one hell of a good time.

Andrew Watts

Intramurals wind up



Women's hockey winds down for this semestre but sign up for next semestre soon.

by Garnet DuGray

Two of the campus' leading fraternities stole the show at the annual men's intramural swimming and diving meet two Saturdays ago. On top with a 132 point total, was the Delta Upsilon fraternity while Kappa Sigma finished second with 104 points and St. Joe's followed in third spot with an 87 point total. Top individual honors in the swimming events went to Mike Evans (Kappa Sigma), Barry Scott (Delta Upsilon) and Todd Van Vliet (Delta Upsilon) all with 26 points while Gerald Trenthan (Recreation) was fourth with 18 points and Richard Bruce (Delta Upsilon) with 17 points was good for fifth place overall. Van Vliet, incidentally, is grandson to former P. E. dean and 1978 Commonwealth Games president Maury Van Vliet.

In the diving events Scott edged out Evans with 14 points solo, while Rob McLean (St. Joe's) finished a close third with 9 points. Also in the pool this week, Kappa Sigma and Delta Upsilon came up with big first-round wins in water polo on Tuesday. The double-knockout tourney con-

tinues this week and next on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the West pool.

The men's snooker tourney #1 wraps up tonight (Thursday) in the SUB games area, with the top four winners advancing to the grand finale next semester with the top four from the snooker tourney #2 also next semester. In addition, this Thursday evening sees the wrap-up of the men's intramural basketball league which is going well. Playoffs for the league have been now set to begin on Thursday, January 7 with the top three teams from each league making playoffs.

This coming weekend sees the men's squash tourney set to be run between 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the P.E. courts for A, B and C level players. The track and field results from last weekend's meet have not yet been finalized and will appear next week.

In the women's area, the ice hockey wraps up this Thursday, November 26 in the ice arena, but do not forget girls, there will be another league run next semester starting near the end of January. This Monday evening, November

30 + December 3 with the exception of Wednesday, sees the women's team handball league running each night from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. in the west gym.

Finally in women's sports we have a Tuesday, December 1 deadline in the women's office by one p.m. for 3-on-3 basketball. This league will run also in the west gym on Monday - Thursdays again with the exception of Wednesdays between 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. from January 11-26. Get together those teams now before it is too late.

The final co-rec event, curling, has its annual bonspiel on Saturday, November 28 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Royal Glenora curling rink. The change in venue should keep the S.U. people from stopping the fun enjoyed by those in the co-rec program!

Campus Recreation's final clinic of the semester, team handball, wraps up this Wednesday, November 25 in the Education gym starting at 7:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more fun learning clinics to be held next semester as well as they were run this time around.

Football

The Golden Bears left yesterday morning for Toronto and the College Bowl. They will take part in the various award ceremonies and then the game itself which will be held on Saturday, November 29 at 1:00 p.m. But remember that the east is two hours ahead of us so adjust your time and turn on yours sets at eleven in the morning.

Along with the team went Gateway reporter Bob Kilgannon. He'll be covering the awards and the game in between his visits to the big city. If he stays sober long enough then he is sure to write something. If he doesn't then you will be reading a blank page and looking at some puzzy pictures on Tuesday. The following week you can come to Bobs funeral my subsequent trial. But I'm sure this won't happen so get ready for a good game of football and the subsequent celebrating of our win. Remember, have fun, get drunk and be sure to cheer on our Bears.

Sports Quiz



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Hi! The quiz remains. It will be on this page every Thursday so be sure to tell your friends. It's a good idea to do these questions in a group and then you can compare your answers. But these really aren't that tough. Oh, by the way, if anybody has an idea for a quiz that they would like to see in the paper then please bring it on up. The room is 282 SUB and I'd be relieved, I mean delighted, to print your quiz. You can remain anonymous if you wish.

1. What player in the NHL holds the record for most hat tricks in a career? (1 pt.)
2. What player is referred to as the hammer? (1 pt.)
3. What player has won the Frank Selke trophy for four years in a row? (1 pt.)
4. What do you think this quiz is about? (1 pt.)
5. Who was the first player selected in the NHL draft last year? (1 pt.)
6. What does the 'H' in the Montreal uniform refer to? (1 pt.)
7. Does Wayne Gretzky really like 7-up?
8. When 'the kid' broke the assists record last year how many did he get and who did he take the record from and how many did he get? (3 pts.)

That's all there is folks. Sorry for the slight knock against Wayne but it really was hard to come up with something this issue. I personally think he is a great hockey player, even if he is from Brantford.