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ELASTIC ELAINE—Gymnast Elaine Sadd warms up with some free exercise.

Hoopsters clown way to victory

If Harlem secedes from the United States it may well be the world's basketball republic.

The Harlem Clowns defeated the Bears 105-77 in an exhibition contest last Saturday night. The Clowns laughed their way through a hard-working Bear team, relying on machine-like play to make up for comedy time.

The win left the two Harlem teams with a perfect 3-0 record this year.

The only blot on an otherwise enjoyable evening was the injury to Bruce Blumell early in the second quarter. Blumell will be back in action this week.

Banks and Walker were the big scorers for the Clowns. Both six-footers, they swished the cords for 36 and 25 points respectively. The other high point for the Clowns was their set shot artist. Only 5' 10", he sank the long ones like an IBM machine at exam time.

After the Clowns established the lead the fun began. Heckling the refs, talking it up, hiding the ball are all part of the routine. But the Clowns are at their best when they really start to play basketball, all these boys are real pros. The passing and faking are superb.

A game like Saturday's is a chance for the Bears to pick up a few tricks from the old pros and the Bears learned. The Bears have a strong team this year with ballers like big Don Melnychuk who hit the board for 21 points. Terry Valilash was number two for the Bears with 14.

Center, Ed Blott, got 11 for the Bears but the surprise of the evening was guard and Gateway sports staffer Dave Wright who chaulked up 10 points from long range.

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... looks at sports

"Irving Layton is the sexual athlete of Canadian literature."

At least Eli Mandel, English professor, thinks so. But that's not important. Irving Layton is the most thought-provoking and interesting thing to hit this campus in many years. Some people who read this column think campus sports are campus life. This is false and so is the converse, campus arts are campus life.

The truth is somewhere between these two extremes and it takes a man like Irving Layton to put life in perspective for people on one side of the fence.

People who exercise their lungs at the hockey games should take a little time to exercise their minds at the teach-ins, theatres, and concerts. If they don't they are cheating themselves out of the better part of campus life.

The same is true for the smoke-stained poet who never sees a football game and takes his frustrations out on a guitar and a bottle of rye in a Garneau ghetto.

Some people who read this think poetry readings are effeminate. There's nothing effeminate about thinking, or you, the campus athlete, wouldn't be here. If you're still not convinced, go to one of these sessions and make your own decision.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not for the arts and against sports. I'm for a full campus life. If you sit in your room for three years and only go out to classes you are a slug, not a student. If you see only one side of campus life at the expense of the other you are a fool.

Get out and take a look on the other side of the fence.

Well, the Bears pulled it out of the fire. It was an uphill fight, with the defence doing most of the fighting. The Bear defence has always been strong but it took a year like this to bring them into their own.

It is players like Steve Egbert who fought the Bears to the top in a tough year. Steve, 5' 10", 190-lb. interior linebacker, has more moxie than a D9 cat in a sorority tug-of-war. Enemy quarterbacks make appointments with their doctors before the game with guys like Steve on the Bears. Jim Chartrand, a big 200-lb. guard, is another Bear mauler. These are the boys who pierce the line and stop the enemy drives; there's not much glory in it but without them the Bears would never go to Toronto.

On offence the Bears have improved. From a slow start they've come on like Eliot Ness in Lister Hall on Saturday night. The bootleg is enough to fool the smartest campus cop: the backfield is running with the usual Bear precision.

On offence, Jim Hale and Irwin Strifler both deserve a lot of credit. They've done the bread and butter running and receiving for the Bears all year. Hale has been with the Bears for three years, but it took this year to get him out of the shadow of Nielsen and Kachman. He should make the all-stars with ease.

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