

sports

Sporting a new season



Although this is no time to bother students with such trivial matters as sports during this crisis time of registration week, certain peculiarities should be cleared up. Those strange groans that can be heard above the moaning of new students with timetables that even a Xerox computer would find nearly impossible to decipher, can be easily explained.

Those guttural sounds are coming from the Varsity Stadium practice field where head coach Jim Donlevy has the murderous task of trimming down his present roster of some 55 bodies to around 48. Rookie camp opened August 21st with 50 newcomers hoping to be wearing the green and gold. That figure has since been reduced to roughly 20 along with 25 veterans.

Gone from last year's squad are Brian Fryer (DE - did everything), Gary Wydnowski (DHB), and Errol Moen (DT). No one needs to be reminded of the task of replacing Fryer, the outstanding College player in Canada last year. Donlevy did however, receive some unexpected good news when 1/2 of his dynamic duo of last year returned. Dalton Smarsh, who gained over 800 yards last year decided to return for another year of College ball after being one of the late cuts at Saskatchewan Roughriders training camp.

Bears suffered a blow to their offensive line when veteran Jim Anderson, a sixth round pick by Ottawa in the Canadian College draft, suddenly left camp a week ago. The league has adopted a new format of having a playoff between the top two teams in the final standings to determine the representative in the Western Bowl, rather than the league winner. This only adds to the already expected close race in the five team conference. Donlevy figures all the teams will be tough with UBC maybe being the preseason favourite. Bears open their season against those same T'Birds this Saturday in Vancouver.

Leaving football aside we now move on to hockey. Clare Drake is back after a year's punishment as the Oiler's coach, which some say is a fate worse than death. At any rate Drake has his team in the National final before a puck is even dropped this season.

Last season the playoff format was changed to a four-team sudden death tourney, where the host team has an automatic bye. Last year's hosts were the U of Toronto Blues, who also happened to finish on top when the smoke had cleared. The year before that a Drake coached Alberta squad won the national championship in its own backyard. Varsity arena was full to bursting for the best of three final series between U of A and... who else? - Toronto.

Whether history can repeat itself remains to be seen, but all the ingredients are present - home ice advantage, 2500 screaming fans, coach Drake and with any luck at all the Blues from Toronto.

Basketball is next, with two big changes. Gone as the Bears head coach after eight years is Barry Mitchelson, who resigned at the end of last year to devote more time to his family. The coaching duties were taken over by Garry Smith, long time assistant coach with the Bear football team. The other change concerns women's basketball where a playoff will be instituted this season between the top two finishers. (Coach Debbie Shogan's Pandas finished 2nd last year).

Other changes this year include a tournament-style format in Volleyball. Fencing has been reinstated as a Collegiate sport, plus all hockey games will be played on Friday and Saturday nights with no conflict with basketball. A new Volleyball coach will be named along with an assistant to help Clare Drake's hockey Bears.

One change in *The Gateway* sports pages will be the addition of a sports quiz, something to test the intellect and memory of any sports fanatic at the University.

Finally, anyone interested in writing for *the Gateway* sports department can talk to the sports editor at Rm. 282 SUB. No previous writing experience is necessary.

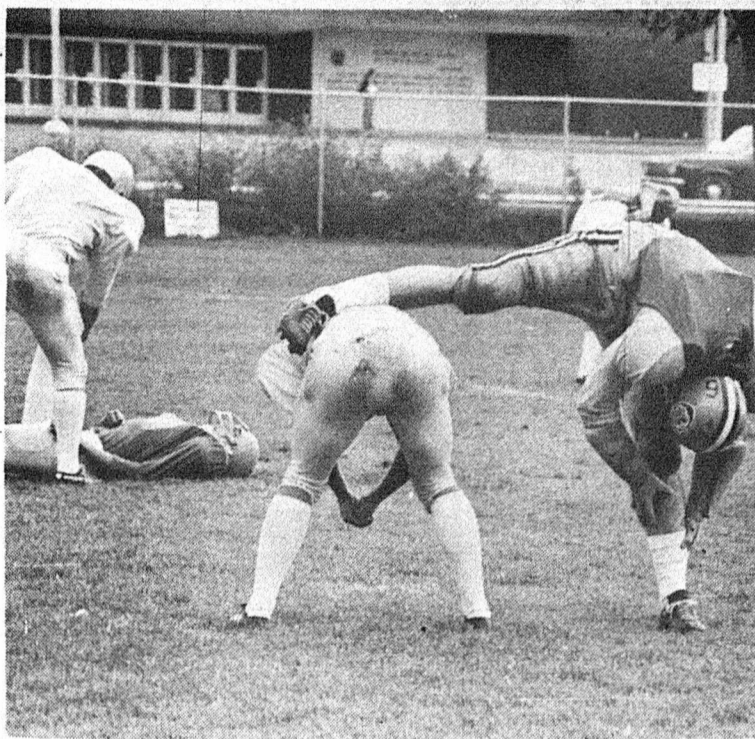


photo by Don Truckey

Bears kick up their heels against T-Birds at UBC on Saturday.

Bears to Coast

by Darrell Semenuk

Head coach Jim Donlevy resembles an expectant father lately, pacing his office with a look of uncertainty painted on his face. Of course the reason isn't the approaching birth of a new child, but of a new season. In Donlevy's case, his sixth as head coach of the Bears.

Coaches have always been known to become very anxious awaiting that first kickoff, that first tackle made in anger. No matter how optimistic a coach is during training camp, and all coaches are, there is always that nagging doubt that can only be answered when the team finally takes to the field.

"You can hit your own guys so long and so often and you get tired of it. We're anxious to test our mettle against someone who isn't our friend. Our guys are anticipating the chance to test themselves as individuals and as a unit."

Donlevy feels that last year's club improved as the year wore on, improving as rookie pivot Brian Larsen learned the offence, and the opposition defences, definitely not an easy chore for a quarterback suddenly thrust into the starting job. Donlevy summed up Larsen's improvement from his first game against Manitoba to his final game against UBC, "being like night and day." Donlevy hopes that the steady improvement from last year is still in motion. "We're expecting to take off where we left off."

Despite the loss of Brian

Meetings

Cross-country and Track and Field meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 4:15 p.m. Rm. 126 for new and past members.

There will be an organizational meeting for players interested in trying out for the Golden Bear hockey team, on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 124 of the P.E. Bldg. Prospective players will be assigned to tryout groups and tryout times will be announced. It will be necessary to provide your own equipment for tryouts.

Fryer, Donlevy feels that this year's club has to be an improvement over the 1975 version, on paper at least. One thing he is concerned about is the loss of lineman Jim Anderson, a veteran on the front line. "The loss of Jim Anderson has hurt. As a result the offensive tackle position is a little unsettled." The hole left by Anderson's departure will be filled by either Dave Salloum or Jim Hole, who will move over from the defensive line.

Probably the hardest task for the coaching staff was cutting down the roster. At the beginning of training camp a maximum roster of 40 players was hoped for (last year's roster was 38). But with the over abundance of rookie talent the roster will stand at 48. Donlevy noted that there were 10 players on the team who were in their first year of post secondary football. That is an unusually high number which illustrates the claim of the coaching staff that the team has a number of super athletes this year. The question which remains to be answered is how well can they live up to their athletic ability on the playing field under game conditions.

Bears will play their league opener on Saturday afternoon against the UBC Thunderbirds who lost their season opener to the Huskies from Saskatchewan, 21-20. After studying film of the game, Donlevy felt the Saskatchewan should have won by a greater margin, but still had nothing but praise for the T'Birds.

"They don't have any weaknesses. Offensively they have a horse of a front line. They don't do anything fancy, they just run at you." According to the head coach the game will be won in the pits.

Besides linebackers and runningbacks, one of the Bears' strengths should be their line play, both offensively and defensively.

Despite losing their opening game, UBC managed to gain 386 yards in the game. That's just one of the reasons why Donlevy sums up the approaching game simply and with a typical coaching cliché. "It's going to be a tough contest for us."

footnotes

Friday, September 10

Campus Law Review Committee, Room 3-17 University Hall, 2 p.m. The agenda will include further discussion on the question of what procedures should be used in disciplinary actions when an offence of an academic nature (cheating, etc) has been alleged. The composition of panels, if any, which may sit will also be discussed. Anyone wishing to make a written or personal submission should give notice of such intention to the Secretary Mrs. Lilian Plaskitt, Rm. 1-15 University Hall by Sept. 6. Ph. 4715.

September 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Chaplain's Drop-in, 2-4 p.m. Meditation Room (SUB, 158A, by elevators) - free coffee, put your feet up, watch a movie, take coffee to weary book-buyers, talk.

September 14

Tuesday lunch: join us for the best and cheapest lunch on campus in the Meditation Room (SUB 158A, by elevators); make your own sandwich, reflect on your recent life-story, share in a quiet, intimate moment of Communion. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30. 50¢ sponsored by University Parish.

General

Anyone interested in operating the U of A Curling Club contact Games Area supervisor immediately. Also anyone can register now for curling at Games area counter, phone 3407.

Library Information: Photocopying Service - the coated paper coin copiers located throughout the library system have recently been replaced by Xerox bond paper copiers. This move is an attempt by the library to improve both the service aspect as well as the quality of the coin copies. Change in the form of two dollar rolls of nickels will be available at most service points in the libraries and staplers and three hole punches will be located at many of the photocopy locations. The one unfortunate factor is the unavoidable cost increase, as the nickel vend is far below operating costs, and this has forced the increase to a dime a copy. However, the profits generated will be indirectly returned to the student as these monies will be placed in a trust for the purchase of library material. This is a significant feature as budget restraints and the ever increasing costs of periodicals has forced the library into cancelling numerous publications.

Book Detection Systems - Detection units similar to those installed in the Rutherford Libraries have now been installed in Cameron, Law, and Education libraries. For the benefit of newcomers it should be mentioned that they are not dangerous to hearing aids, pacemakers or similar items. The system operates on an electromagnetic principle that detects the passage of sensitized library materials through the exit turnstiles. An alarm rings and the barrier locks when sensitized material is detected. To avoid problems make sure all library books are properly charged out.

Student vacancies on GFC Standing Committees are, Conference Fund Committee, 1 graduate student; Housing and Food Services Committee, 1 graduate student; Radio and Television Committee, 1 graduate student.

classifieds

Quick, professional typing. Drop in to Rm. 238 SUB (432-3423) or call Margriet at 433-4587 evenings. One day service possible.

Garage sale of household furnishings Sat. Sept. 11 from 12-15 p.m. at Garneau United Church Hall 11148-84 Ave.

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Burger King Enterprises requires part-time staff for various hours at all locations. For personal interview, please call 429-3708 or 429-5666.

Garage Sale - Setting up house? We have dishes, linens, small appliances, etc. for sale. Come to 10715-83 Avenue, Friday, September 10, 7-10 p.m., or Saturday, September 11, starting at 9 a.m.

Babysitter required for twelve month old boy on Tues. & Thurs. from 12:20 to 2:00 p.m. Your residence in HUB preferred. Phone 973-3406.

Garage Sale - desk, bike, curtains, clothes, Sept. 11-12, 9-5, 11603 - 75 Ave.

Volunteers wanted for psychomotor test. Seven sessions each beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing to mid-afternoon are required. Mid-month openings available. No \$ involved: an article is given in exchange for services at experiment's end. Males 18-30 are requested to call Natalie at 432-5216 (8:00-4:00) to arrange screening interview.



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