

"He puts too much pressure on himself. He's a young kid and he has to understand that we don't lose a game if Tom Richards has a bad game." — Eskimo coach Joe Faragalli

returns punts, we run counters to him, he's the only slot we do that with," raved the man called "Papa Joe".

Richards is the youngest of the Eskimos' receiving corps. He has received a great deal of help from the older, more experienced receivers. "Rick (House) and Marco (Cynnar) are tutoring me, we sit down and do over films. I'd love to become a Rick House as soon as possible."

But Richards' experiences with the Eskimos haven't all been good ones. The turmoil surrounding the

league over the past two years has

Montreal Alouettes folded last year and the Eskimos took voluntary paycuts, Richards started to second guess the league. "You begin to wonder, what if another team folds? It's certainly a worry I have, that's why I'm trying to start a second career," said the Arts graduate with a Mathematics/Economics degree. "You work hard to make the team and then you're not sure if there's going to be a league."

All the off-field pitfalls haven't affected Richards' on-field performance. "You go out to bust your

butt. When the game starts, the game starts and you do your job."

If the paycuts weren't enough to rattle Richards, the dismissal of the coaching staff bothered him. "What more does an assistant coach have to do to keep his job than to win a Grey Cup?" Richards believes, however, that the dismissal was part of the game. "As a Head Coach you get to choose your assistant coaches. Coach Campbell wanted to give Joe Faragalli that chance."

Richards, like all other players, has had highlights and lowlights in his fledgling career. "Winning the Grey Cup," was one of his fondest memories. "My first catch was also my first touchdown, and the first punt return for a touchdown have to be right up there." As for the low points in his career, there haven't been very many. He points to the struggling CFL as a down point. "I don't like all the negative stuff around the CFL, I wish people would look at the positives."

Indeed, maybe they should. And when people look at some of the positives, they will find a young Eskimo slotback named Tom Richards; a superstar in waiting.

Kakoschke makes second all-star squad

by Alan Small

Bear freshman middle blocker Dean Kakoschke has been named to the Canada West second all-star volleyball squad.

"He was probably our most dominant player," Bear head coach Pierre Baudin said of Kakoschke, who has got off to a great start, after coming out of Salsbury Composite High School this year.

"He's passing over 40% of all the balls this year," Baudin said, "which is a lot for anybody, let alone a young guy like Dean."

The second team all-star honor looks to be just the beginning of a most successful career at the U of A for the 6'5" Kakoschke, who led the Bears this season with 306 kills with an attack percentage of 45%.

Faculté recreation

by Carol Kassian

Even though it is situated six kilometres east of the U of A campus, individuals from the Faculté Saint-Jean (FSJ) have been active participants in a wide variety of Campus Recreation activities. This year, an increasing interest has spurred a tremendous expansion of recreational opportunities avail-

able within the facilities located at the FSJ itself.

According to Susan Kraft, a fourth-year Recreation Administration student involved in the provision of facilities at the FSJ, "there are facilities located there and a lot of students enjoy participating in activities in a French atmosphere. It is an opportunity to use the facilities to promote the French culture."

Kraft has been working at the FSJ since the beginning of the school term, and she has noticed a dramatic change in participation levels since she began. This may be partly due to increased scheduling and programming of activities that has ensured continuity and efficient use of the facilities. In addition, a new weight room has been installed which has also contributed to an increase in activity levels.

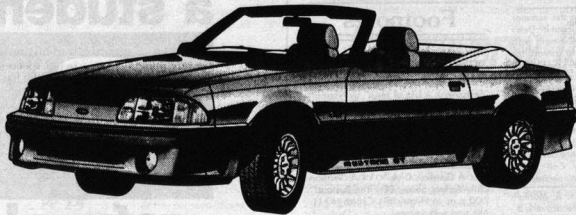
The most noticeable change has been in the "drop-in" use of the facilities. According to Kraft, "hardly anyone used the facilities on a 'drop-in' basis last September, but they are now being used regularly."

Floor Hockey is the most popular activity at the FSJ and is currently being played "religiously" at least three times a week. Other activities being held at the FSJ have included a two-week volleyball tournament entitled "Volleyball En Français", student and staff aerobics classes, and challenge ladders for both badminton and ping pong.

Upcoming events include a Winter Carnival to be held on March 13. The carnival will feature "Soccer Sur la Neige", a tug-of-war, and a three-legged race. In addition, a two-week badminton tournament is scheduled for the end of March.

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