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Some of the more alert amongst you may have noticed an ad in Tuesday's paper seeking a new sports editor for *The Gateway*. The obvious implication is that I am leaving this post, and yes, dear readers, the implication is correct.

The reason for my departure is simple: health. If I continue to hold this job along with my career and my university courses, my life-support system is likely to give out. Something has to go, and I'd rather it was the sports desk than my sanity or respiratory system.

I no doubt a worthy successor will be found; the candidates who have already made themselves known have impressed me with their knowledge and determination. The latter, incidentally is the more important qualification. The job, while still the easiest in the paper, still requires long hours of hard work, and *Gateway* editors do not own chateaux in the Ozarks.

Fortunately, I have been given a windmill at which to tilt in my final collision with a sports typewriter. In Tuesday's *Gateway*, Teneunisje Harrison, Co-Captain of the Womens' (you'll note she didn't say Pandas) Field Hockey Team, accused yours truly of being 'insensitive' for referring to a tournament in which the team went 0-4-1 as a 'humiliation'.

Heavens! Should I perhaps have referred to it as a 'moral victory'? Sorry, Teneunisje, but where I live, five games without a win is pretty embarrassing. If you and your team-mates sat around joking after being outscored 25 to 3, then I admire your savoir-faire.

One thing I did not do was suggest that the field-hockey team would not improve. University is a learning experience, and this applies to university athletics, as well. But if I punt an assignment or an exam, I tend to feel embarrassed, and my work next time is usually better as a result. It's called learning from your mistakes, and god knows there's nothing wrong with making a mistake. The problem comes when you have trouble facing up to failure.

Sure, athletics involves more than winning and losing. The majority of our readers, though, are seldom concerned about more than the bottom line. The bottom line for me is this: university athletes, if they want to take advantage of whatever publicity a student newspaper has to offer, are going to have to accept that they are public figures, and as such are open to criticism in public.

One of the major problems I have come face-to-face with (and one I have not resolved, I might add) is more or less outlined by the above. Writers at *The Gateway* are generally considered to be in training for the real world. The real world of sportswriting, while it involves a fair amount of flackery, also allows for criticism; reviewing a performance, as it were.

University athletes have a distinct propensity for petulance if they feel they have been unnecessarily criticized. The department of athletics doesn't take well to criticism, either. The feeling seems to be that a student press should be primarily concerned with promoting athletics: Don't say anything bad about the Bears, attendance is poor enough as it is.

Who knows? They may be right. Maybe students really don't want to know anything but the scores and where the teams are playing next week. Fine, but I don't think I can handle that myself. So the question will have to remain unanswered, at least as far as I'm concerned. So long, campers, and we'll see you at the College Bowl.

HELP WANTED IN SPORTS

Athlete of the Week

Mike McLean
Golden Bear Football

Rookie linebacker, **Mike McLean** is this year's first Boston Pizza Athlete of the Week. **Mike**, in his first year with the Golden Bears, has displayed great skills and inspired defensive play so far this season. At the half way point of the season **Mike** is second on the team in tackles with fourteen and leads the Golden Bears defensive unit with three quarterback sacks. He also has two fumble recoveries and one interception to his credit. For his outstanding defensive play — this season Boston Pizza salutes **Mike McLean** as the Athlete of the Week.



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Soccer Bears fit to be tied

by Luis Pena

Last Monday at Clarke Stadium, the University of Alberta Golden Bears and the University of Calgary Dinosaurs played to a 1-1 tie, second in a row for the Bears.

The first half concluded with no goals from either side, with the Bears keeping the pressure on the Dinosaurs most of the time; unfortunately, luck was not on their side.

Both goals came in the second half, the first one at 75 min. of play from the Calgary Dinosaurs. Starting with a shot coming from the right wing, the play degenerated into a scramble in front of the Bear's goal, and ended up with a 3 yd. shot by Calgary's Eugene Horack.

Later, at the 83 min. mark, Robert Mosele of the Bears was substituted for by Tim Duru, who took a hard shot three minutes later, that the Dinosaurs' goalkeeper Steve Humpries could not handle. The rebound was picked up by Rudy Bartholomew who then sent the ball to the net.

After a not very convincing



Alberta Bear goes high for ball. Keep those knees up!

photo Vic Marchiel

performance against the Victoria Vikings (0-0) last Friday, this time the Bears showed much improvement and the class that we are used to. This obviously was reflected in the statistics at the end of the game, with the Bears outshooting the Dinosaurs 19 to 13 and forcing Calgary's

goalkeeper to intervene in 13 saves, while the Bears' goalie Peter Snyder had to do the same only six times.

Next game for the Bears is away from home when they visit the University of Saskatchewan this Saturday.

Winners take home turkeys

by Garnet DuGray

That's it you turkeys! You all missed the intramural turkey trot, but 144 others didn't. Those 144 people that did participate in the annual fun/serious run, trotted over two courses of different length. The long course (8 kilometres) ran around Windsor and Hawrelak parks before finishing in front of the P.E. building, while the short course (3.5 kilometres) was around Windsor Park only and also finished in front of the P.E. building.

The turkey trot winners that

went home with the prized birds (except for the second place finishers) are:

- Long Course
- 1st place male - Ron Thomas (staff) - 26:31
- 2nd place male - Dave Evans (Grad Studies)
- 1st place seniors - Ron Thomas (staff) - 26:31
- 1st place female - Faith Rostad (P.E. Grad) - 34:29
- 2nd place females - Judy Tate (P.E.) - 36:04

Short Course
Don Ferguson (Grad Studies) -

12:27

- Bill Boyne (Independent) - 12:31
- Dave Johnston (Staff) - n/a
- B. Cameron (St. Joe's) - 14:31
- Kelly Thomas (St. Joe's) - 16:21

In addition the wild card winners were T. Clarke (St. Joe's) in 80th spot and D. Mackie (Wrecking Crew) in 66th spot while the St. Joe's unit took the trophy for top participation with 41 participants or 66 percent of their unit in the race.

Turning to Co-Rec activities, the golf tournament went over well last weekend despite a small group of participants. Top finishers for the tourney found a tie for the top spot between Steve Williams and Don Edwards who recorded a 76 at Riverside Golf Course while Dave Reeves received honourable mention for knocking 30 strokes off his previous mention on the golfing terrain.

In Co-Rec softball the Thursday night schedule is over with the powerhouse Chug Sluggers taking top honours with a perfect no-loss record, while other fine performances were turned in by Geography, Botany, Zoology, Henday 36er's and Owens. The Tuesday segment of the softball wound up this week with the results forthcoming next week.

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Hockey

The University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team travels to Saskatoon this weekend to defend their title in the Second Annual Labatt's College Classic Hockey Tournament. Last year the Golden Bears defeated the Saskatchewan Huskies 7-6 to capture the championship.

Last weekend the Bears looked impressive, defeating the SAIT Trojans 10-1; however, this weekend's games will be against University clubs of higher calibre.

It should be a good test for coach Drake's team. He plans on taking a mixture of rookies and veterans to make up a 22 man roster. The Bears will play teams from the universities of Brandon, Manitoba and Saskatchewan to complete the round robin tournament.