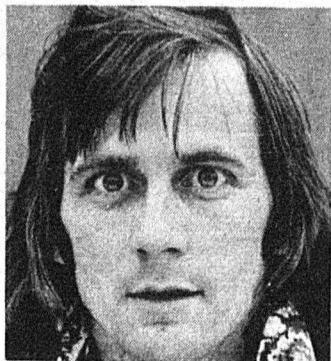


# the fifth column



by Paul Cadogan

Well, it is somewhere in the neighborhood of 4 a.m. and I am trying to write a blasted column. It is the fifth column that I have written in the last two weeks and all of them were intended to be placed in last week's paper. None of them seemed to make it for one reason and another.

The main reason is that I have principles to which I steadfastly adhere. Never would I resort to the tactics of a Jim Coleman. None of that interesting but wicked abrasive tone for me!

I prefer to behave in the civilized manner as befits my position and always remember to keep things pointed (but in a gentlemanly manner) but respectful at all times.

Jim Coleman is the man that I must single out. He has little respect for authority as was evidenced when he sent his columns back from Sweden and the USSR last year with those vicious comments about the officials. He referred to the two notorious West German referees as cloth-headed guffins.

I would never say anything bad about an official. Referees are people, generally inferior people, but nonetheless they pass for humanoid bipeds and that is enough. We should remember that occasionally a linesman is going to get in the way of a puck that is being cleared during a penalty and keep the play in the penalized team's zone but our linesmen have managed to keep these incidents down to a mere thirty or five a game and therefore my leniency in judging them.

Second-guessing coaches is something else that is extremely annoying. I will never refer to that field goal in Saskatchewan last October as long as I write this column.

Softly, softly is the order of the day. I won't say anywhere in this column that I think that the CIAU is anything but clever and good. I will say that it is unique.

There are not too many leagues in the world that will ever decide a national final the way that they did in soccer. Most of the players and coaches were happy to run their guts out for an hour and a half to gain a 1-1 tie to have the national champions determined by penalty kicks.

I understand that they are working on a way of saving finalists for the national crown from the inconvenience of having to run all over a dirty field and get hurt and stuff like that by having the national final by mail!

This would save money, time and trips to horrid places like St. John's.

I'll think of other things to illustrate their absolute singularity among athletic leagues anywhere there are plenty.

I probably won't mention that an eighteen game regular season for a hockey team is nothing short of obscene and just about enough time to get a hockey team together enough to play good consistent hockey.

Seriously, there are some positive glimmers in college sport that are worthy of note: the cross-Canada hockey league is probably going to become a reality in the near future and that will provide spectators with much better hockey than they now endure in terms of consistency, and quality of play and players with high level of skill with adequate competition; football is going to continue to improve; the women's teams are coming together extremely well and the minor sports will gain more attention as people realize exactly what these athletes are doing.

However, to get back to what I was saying, I will always conduct myself in a sporting and gentlemanly manner and try and keep the fist-fights down to a minimum.

## Dinos are coming

but

## Barry's back!

Clare Drake has suddenly found himself in the unusual (for college hockey) situation of having three goaltenders, and it's pretty well anyone's guess who'll start in the nets against University of Calgary Dinosaurs this weekend.

Bears' goaltending has been far from sensational so far this season, with Dale Henwood and Craig Gunther splitting the chores fairly evenly. Admittedly, they haven't had a great deal of help from their defense.

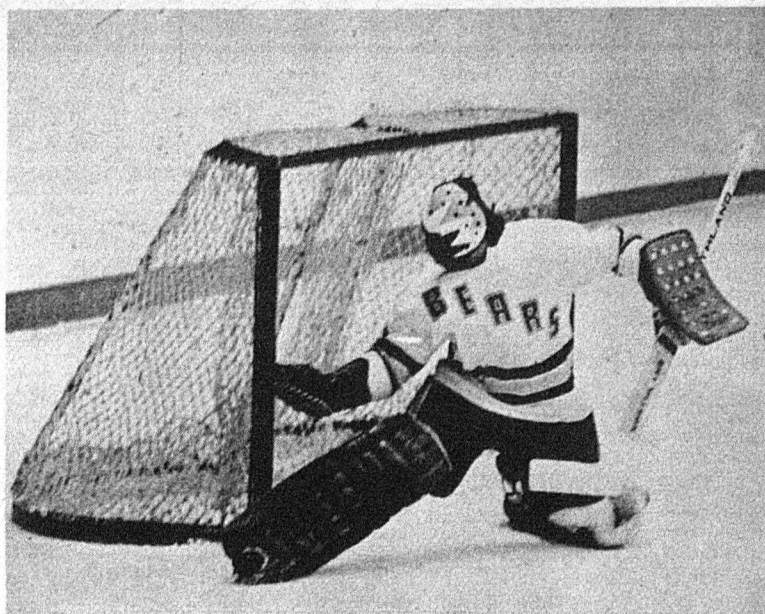
Came December, and Barry Richardson, Bears' number one goalie last year, was back in Drakes office saying he'd be returning to school for the second term.

Richardson was voted to the CWUAA first all-star team last year. He was also chosen to the WCIAA first all-star team in 1971-72, and played on the Canada Student Games team in 1972.

In September he was in Toronto at the World Hockey Association's Toro's camp, but returned to Edmonton to work until being readmitted to university.

The only problem is, Richardson's going to need some time to get back into shape. At this point he doesn't look any better than Henwood or Gunther. His glove's as good as ever, and he still has the moves, but he's slow.

In two recent inter-squad games between Bears and Bearcats, Richardson, playing for the junior team, allowed a total of 15 goals.



Barry Richardson was instrumental in Bears' winning the number one spot in the CWUAA last year.

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## SPORTS NOTES

### Home:

Basketball. Bears/Pandas vs. U of Victoria Friday and Saturday in the main gym, Phys Ed building. Pandas start at 6:30. Bears at 7:30.

Hockey. Bears vs Calgary Dinosaurs Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 in Varsity Arena.

Track and Field. Bears/Pandas host U of Saskatchewan in Kinsmen Field House Saturday at 1 p.m.

### Away:

Volleyball. Bears and Pandas in Calgary City Open.

Wrestling. Bears (where in hell is Panda wrestling anyway?) to Lethbridge, vs Lethbridge and Calgary.

Gymnastics. Bears to Vancouver for an exhibition meet with UBC.

Home on the telly. Super Bowl. Minnesota 27-17.



Clare Drake

With just 13 games left in the regular schedule, there's just no room for three goalies on the team. And the worrying question is who to drop.

Gunther played back-up to Richardson last year, and will be returning for at least another year of schooling.

Henwood on the other hand, has more experience, coming to Bears from the Long Island Ducks, an eastern pro team. Both men have played equally well this year.

Of course, if Drake does decide to go with Richardson, which seems inevitable to many, and if Richardson returns to his form of last year, then whoever gets the back-up job will see most of his action in practice.

With Richardson as first string goalie, the second man's main job consists of opening and closing the gate for players coming off the ice during games.

Fans will likely see all three goaltenders in action this weekend. Bears host Dinosaurs in Varsity Arena at 2 p.m. Saturday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free with a U of A Student ID card.

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