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Underrated But Supreme

Saturday's football game between the University of Alberta Golden Bears and the Queen's University Golden Gaels will long be remembered as a landmark in the development of Canadian intercollegiate sport.

But the effect would certainly not have been the same if—as was generally expected—the Golden Bears had lost.

It should be said that probably the only "group" that wholeheartedly felt the Bears would win was the team itself together with its excellent coaches.

The facts are that the Bears were badly under rated:

- eastern observers classed them as the sixth best team in Canada;
- Queen's came to Edmonton over-confident they would give Bears a resounding defeat, and
- even at the University of Al-

berta—judging from the betting that was going on—majority opinion was against the Golden Bears' winning.

All of this the Bears realized in advance, yet they went ahead Saturday to claim supremacy in Canadian collegiate football.

Saturday's contest is significant to Canada, to Alberta, and to Edmonton. It is significant for three main reasons:

- The game provides a justification for expanded intercollegiate sports competition on the national level; it shows the west has "matured."
- The Bears have proven that Alberta is not the backwoods of Canadian college sport.
- Victory for the Bears has jelled Edmonton campus spirit which was built up prior to the event.

The University of Alberta Golden Bears are now the best college football team in Canada. We are very proud of them.

SUB Expanding And Expending

Where students' money is involved, Students' Council would be well-advised to be cautious. As we pointed out last week, the students are not well-enough off to be able to afford indiscriminate increases in their fees.

Consequently they are justified in being wary of some of the plans which have been aired in the last few weeks for Students' Union Building expansion, because in the long run it is they who will be required to pay for them.

SUB expansion is definitely needed. But in view of the limited amount of money in the students' pockets, the expansion should not be of immense proportions. Some of the proposed facilities are, however, of extremely questionable value, if not ludicrous.

The provision of recreation facilities is an example. Planned are eight sheets of curling ice, ten bowling lanes, six extra billiard tables, and more table tennis facilities. Are these really needed? Will they pay their way? Is it not just conceivable that off-campus business could fill and need for these recreation facilities to just as great an extent?

The principle of financing what will at most be used by a minority of students from general revenue is not a good one to establish, even though the facilities may eventually "pay for themselves."

Also proposed for the new SUB are a "campus shop" or general store for the selling of needed sundries, to be owned as a money-making proposition by the students. This is a good idea. Its success would depend, however, on the motivation of students to patronize it, rather than the private concerns which have waxed

fat and sleek off the student body for a long time.

Other proposed facilities, like those for recreation, are of a less worthy tenor. Last week we pointed out the fallacies of incorporating a chapel into SUB. These fallacies will be little alleviated by the changing of its status to a "meditation room," as the council president is quoted as saying this week. If this is what is wanted, surely a small meeting room would suffice?

Also to be possibly incorporated into the SUB are a barbershop and a bank. Under some conditions this would be reasonable. But for the present at least there are two banks within two blocks of campus, and one barbershop.

In the near future, a shopping centre will be erected on 86 Ave. It is entirely possible that another bank and barbershop will be put in there. In view of this it is hardly good business to continue with these plans.

With regard to the meeting and conference rooms in the new SUB, we have no complaints. The planning chairman has done a thorough and capable job. More meeting places are needed. So is more lounge space, and both these are provided for.

On the whole, however, the report (which has not yet been made available to the students) fails to present a satisfactory plan of expansion. It is too much like a conglomeration of all the American Union buildings the committee visited in planning. Many of the suggestions are unrealistic in our circumstances.

What is needed is a SUB designed for the needs of the University of Alberta, not a motley aggregation of the bizarre from all across North America.



"AND SO ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS WE ARE HERE TO THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE."

Spectrum

There have been complaints that The Gateway did not give enough coverage, and consequently free advertising, to the Golden Bowl Football Game. This criticism comes after front page, headline run, in two different editions, and a near saturation university fan turnout.

It is interesting to note that thousands of dollars are spent each year on university sports. The campus boasts a well-equipped, multi-million dollar Physical Education Building, including a huge swimming pool, several gymnasiums and an ice arena.

These are acquisitions to be proud of, and sports certainly have their place in the university, but if we compare them to the funds, facilities and consequently the interest in the Arts on campus, there is a great difference.

The fine arts are stuffed away in cramped and ill equipped quarters. The Arts offices and many of their work rooms are spread out all over campus. The old Education Building's auditorium, inadequate as it is, serves as the campus's only workable

theatre.

However, this campus is only indicative of the situation in the whole country. Sport has become a big business—an industry. In Canada millions of dollars are spent each year on professional football, hockey and other sports—the majority of them spectator sports at that.

And yet, a city the size of Edmonton cannot support even one professional theatre or acting company. Also, the few attempts that have been made toward furthering the fine arts fail miserably or turn out to be costly mistakes. The Jubilee Auditoriums in Edmonton and Calgary are double horrors, built to house both the dramatic and the musical arts, but, because of different audience sizes and acoustics, don't meet the requirements for either.

We should stop to ask ourselves, both as university students, and as citizens of Canada, whether the scale has not become slightly out of kilter. Are we placing too much emphasis on sports and not enough on the Arts? Do we want our country to have a culture, or team spirit?

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