

# SPORTS

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## Wayne comes to U of A

Superstar hockey player Wayne Gretzky visited the U of A campus last week to tell students he takes their education seriously.

Gretzky, who never graduated from high school, has won the most valuable player Hart trophy in the National Hockey League in the past two years, and has virtually rewritten the NHL record book.

"But I would forego all my fame and fortune if only I could come to university and get a liberal arts education," Gretzky told an audience made up largely of swooning first year education students.

He said Oiler's owner Peter Pocklington was considering setting up a special scholarship for budding hockey stars whose parents took them out of school at

an early age and forced them to play competitive hockey.

Since the University of Alberta does not approve of athletic scholarships, Pocklington is rumored to be buying majority ownership of Grant McEwan College and turning it into a 'McGill of the North.' U of A president Myer Horowitz, a frustrated jock, is reportedly interested in heading up the new elite school for hockey drop-outs.

Gretzky ended his talk on campus on an inspiring note; he said in spite of being slandered repeatedly by the Getaway, he is still very interested in journalism, and when he comes to university hopes to write for the Getaway.

"I'd like to write hockey stories," the Kid said. "Just like Dick Chubey."



*and likes it so much he's staying sprots*

Shock, indignation, unbelievability. These are some of the things that ran through my mind when I heard the news. How can they do this? Well, whatever the answer, they have done it. They have closed down the paper.

I feel very strongly about this. My bank account will suffer. I may have to (Oh God!) get a part-time job. Do you realize how much I hate working for a living? This paper gave me a chance to keep my gums flappin' and get paid for it. I really should try and fight back in this column. I could call a lot of people names. I mean what are they gonna do? Fire me! Hah! They think they're shutting me down. Then think they are silencing me. They feel I'm beaten. Well, take this, and that. Hah, hah, you swines. How does it feel now?

Actually, I shouldn't do this. I should go out with head held high and dignity preserved. If they want to be assholes, let 'em. I can be a bigger man than that.

I really should just have a final kick at cat(s) and leave saying, "No hard feelings." Of course that is totally false but I guess class means keeping your mouth shut when you've been wronged. Be noble, erect, do not degrade yourself by sinking so low that you can't even spit on the sidewalk. Those candy-assed little bureaucrats that do things like this, are, after all human beings. They have pride and believe in nice things and beat their guppies and feed live crickets to their kids but who strive to make something good out of their lives. They all have pretty wives and nice homes and they shoot the neighbour's cat when it craps on their flowers. I mean, after all, it's only a newspaper. It's only my career, my future. It's not as if I'm destitute. I can quit school and work construction and get raped by some 400 pound faggot who likes 'em young ... WAIT!

What am I doing? I'm totally losing my sense of perspective. Boy, the things I said. I should feel ashamed. Wouldn't you feel ashamed?

Was this a necessary act? Did they have to do this? Let's look at the facts. The paper was costing over \$100,000 a year and the Students' Union was well over \$1,000,000 in debt. So what? It's not my fault somebody screwed up. I wasn't even here then! The people we should go after are the ones who started the debt. Put a contract out on them. Take a big fish hook and rip their noses off. But then again, that wouldn't eliminate the debt. What they have to do is eliminate some of the big expenditures. Look at the paper. It costs over \$100,000 bucks. Get it out of here ... God! What am I saying? Oh well, I'll see ya.

In a surprise move yesterday, Peter Pocklington announced that the Oilers have sold Wayne Gretzky to the U of A Golden Bears hockey team. Terms of the sale were withheld but the rumor mill has it that the Bears get Gretzky in return for twenty diplomas for the Oiler players.

When asked of the sale, Wayne asked, "does this mean I have to take any courses?"

In a press conference release Mr. Pocklington stated, "it was a tough decision to make but the guys (other Oilers) really wanted those diplomas."

Asked if Gretzky would do well at school Pocklington said, "oh sure, Wayne's a great hockey player."

When asked for his comment U of A coach Clare Drake said, "Gretzky, that's Ukrainian isn't it?"

Now Terry Jones and Jim Matheson and the rest of Edmonton's sports media will have to come to the university to kiss Wayne's ass in their columns and stories.

When asked for his comment on the sale Mr. Jones got off of his Gretzky doll to say, "Wayne's been sold? He's still my hero. I love you Wayne."

Will the World Student Games continue to plunge into debt?

This question plagued the games organizers at a press conference yesterday afternoon. The organizers categorically denied the debt story saying emphatically, "debt? What debt?"

When asked why they had moved their headquarters the organizers stated, "we like this outhouse, it's cozy."

Recent figures have shown the game sup to \$300,000 in the hole. The debt, incurred through

## Sports Quiz



Dick Hancock

Well, I guess this is the last of these great quizzes. Being shut down is disconcerting but at least I don't have to write any more of these. In deciding what to put in this quiz I spent gruelling hours thinking. But I decided to give you something you've never had before; hockey. Golly, huh? All questions taken from the pro-hockey hand book for '82.

1. What player is considered the 4th best hair-puller in the NHL? (1 pt)
2. Well, let's try needlers, who's number three? (1 pt)
3. Who is considered the all-time great retired boxing champ? (1 pt)
4. This one's easy. Who is the fighting goalie considered number two? (1 pt)
5. What fans in the NHL are considered as "confused?" (1 pt)
6. Think about this. Who is the strongest man in the NHL? (1 pt)

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7. What's big and fat and fluffy and says, "Oink, oink, I love you Wayne?"
8. What's big and apathetic and says absolutely nothing?
9. How do you know Donnie Osmond has been within four feet of you?
10. What's the most vicious sport in the world?
11. Who usually gets the worst bruises in the above sport?
12. In my opinion, what's the most bonehead move any team has ever pulled in the NHL?
13. In your opinion, give the same as the above.
14. Now a serious question, what team at the U of A has already won a Western Championship in their sport?
15. Why do grown men spent their entire lives fauning over sports celebrities?

## Help definitely not wanted

In almost every issue this year you have seen some sort of recruitment ad in the paper. More specifically these pleas for help have been concentrated in the sports department. Well, this is the last one you are ever going to see.

The students of this University have steadfastly refused to come out and write sports. No matter how silly or desperate I got you just wouldn't come.

Now that the paper is being shutdown I don't want you. This is therefore a help not wanted ad. Do not come out to write for the *Getaway* because there ain't

nobody up here anymore. And besides, I for one don't want to see you anyway. All you people had your chance to write before and you blew it. I'm glad we are going out of business in a way because now you don't have anyone to blame but yourselves.

Always remember that I tried to get staff and if anyone ever says I didn't you give yourselves a good kick in the ass. Just for me.

Answers to Quiz

1. Derek Sanderson. He yanked hair then bit. That's really true!
2. Good 'ol Glen (Slats) Slather. It says he did his best work skating past opposing benches taunting then smirking.
3. Gordie Howe. K-od Eddie Shack with one punch.
4. Billy Smith of Islanders. With his stick he should be number one.
5. Who else? Toronto.
6. Wilf Paiement. Son of a former Bear wrestler, almost as tough.
7. Terry Jones in a santa suit.
8. The students at the U of A.
9. You suddenly get a mouthful of cavities.
10. Women's field hockey.
11. The boys who have to play the girls in high school phys-ed.
12. The Toronto Maple Leafs trading Darryl Sittler.
13. Well, go ahead.
14. The water-polo team.
15. Beats me.

## Games are sinking very fast

stupidity, is said to be mushrooming at an alarming rate.

"That's false," stated the committee organizers.

"We're no more in debt than, than, your Students' Union," they boomed.

Whether the games go on or not remains to be seen. If no countries get invaded and if the alberta gov't. ltd. kicks in some dough the games will go on. But all this is just speculation. The committees for the games still have the last word and they said, "....."