



# Alex Hardy

Sports Chatter

In six years at the University of Alberta, Dave Cragg has seen a lot of sports, played a lot of sports, and learned a lot about sports.

Cragg, 25, has been connected with every aspect of sport on campus. He was a Golden Bear swimmer for four seasons and took part in almost every intramural sport played. He held the top student administrative athletic post, president of men's athletics, this year. He's a former men's athletic vice-president and Block "A" president, and he even gave refereeing a whirl this year.

It all adds up to Cragg being as qualified as anyone to speak on athletics, a much-maligned topic at U of A in recent months.

Dave, who steps down from the men's athletic presidency next week, sat down with The Gateway last week to pass on his impressions of sport at Alberta.

As men's athletic president, Cragg also held the position of chairman of the athletic board, a post filled until this year by Dr. M. L. Van Vliet, dean of the faculty of physical education.

"Part of my job was to probe into campus athletics and bring out issues for discussion by the board," Dave says of the job. "The biggest topic we dealt with was the proposed university stadium. The feeling of the board in general was that a suitable permanent structure be built."

According to Dave, a stadium will now be built along the west side of Varsity gridiron. But it won't be as high as the planned 30-foot structure that brought a heated protest from Windsor Park residents last summer.

The most exciting part of the job was discussing which awards should be presented to deserving campus athletes," he notes. UAB had the final say on major Block "A" awards, and selected the Wilson trophy candidates.

The board dealt with topics ranging from the staging of Canada's first intercollegiate rodeo last fall, to the formation of a track and field club.

"It was a pleasure to see track and field make a bid for revival," Dave says. "I can only wish Mr. Lionel Fournier and Mr. Stuart Robbins the best of luck in their attempts to develop track into an accepted WCIAA sport. They're aiming at setting up an intramural track program, and I'm all for that, too."

Cragg says his only disappointment has been what he calls "the infiltration of politics into athletics" at Alberta.

"I would like to see more time devoted to athletic endeavours rather than to the political crises which seemed far too numerous this year," he says.

He admits, though, he was disappointed no students from the physical education faculty saw fit to submit nominations for any of the administrative athletic positions in the recent student elections.

Dave has witnessed a growth in the calibre of athletics at the inter- varsity level in his six years at Alberta.

"It's a shame the students on this campus haven't wakened to the fact we have some of the top teams in Canada at this university.

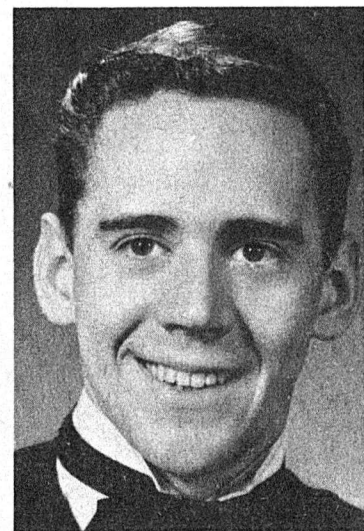
"And our junior varsity teams in sports such as basketball, hockey and volleyball are doing as well as the varsity. It shows the depth of athletics, which is a good sign for the future."

Dave holds the intramural program at Alberta close at heart. He believes it is as good as any in Canada.

"Our administrative setup, the idea of an intramural council and representatives, has been a model which other universities have followed."

One innovation he would like to see instituted is a referee development program similar to the one in operation at the University of Toronto.

"Referees with the least experience officiate in the lower leagues. Those with more experience handle the high-calibre games and, consequently, get paid more. This ensures that the intramural program receives the benefit of referee training and serves as an incentive for the referees."



DAVE CRAGG

Cragg would also like to see physical education students form the nucleus of the present campus officials club.

"It would give them a different point of view for their future jobs as teachers and coaches."

Cragg officiated several intramural games himself this year. "I enjoyed it as much as playing," he recalls. "Nothing beats the personal satisfaction that comes from being told you've called a good game."

Dave admits being amazed at the concentration and enthusiasm which fraternities and faculties alike devote to intramurals.

"It's interesting to watch how the medical students give vent to their frustrations on the basketball court, and the fun the Aggies insist into their participation.

"Larry Maloney and Fraser Smith have given a high quality of leadership to intramurals in the last two years," he adds. "It all makes for a highly interesting and efficient program."

Dave finished his coffee and prepared to go. "In a way I'm sorry I'm graduating this year," he said. "But you can be sure I'll keep track of athletics at Alberta."

Athletics at Alberta won't soon forget Dave Cragg, either. "He was one of the most capable student presidents we've ever had," noted Ed Zemrau, U of A's director of athletics.

# Cats Cop Cage Crown

By Dave Henshaw  
BEARCATS 60, MILK RIVER 52

## Alberta Girls Showed Well In Athletics

By Mary Shearer

U of A women made an excellent showing on the inter- varsity level this year.

Our trophy cabinet displays the WCIAA trophies for golf, tennis, badminton, fencing and synchronized swimming.

Alberta was among the top three in every other women's sport. Two of the youngest teams, gymnastics and figure skating came through with excellent performances this year and look to an even better showing next year.

Physical education came out on top in the women's intramurals.

They were well ahead of Ed Phys Ed, Kappa Alpha Theta and Agriculture who placed second, third and fourth respectively.

Arts and Science made a clean sweep of the basketball, entering three winning teams. Phys Ed took the broomball.

Carolyn Dyck, Phys Ed 3, was the most active co-ed this season. She played second on the curling team, was a member of the winning golf squad and was captain of the Pandas Volleyball team.

Lee Hopper captain of the basketball team was another star, completing her fourth year with the Pandas.

Three freshmen made their presence known on the intercollegiate circuit.

Bev Richards, Maida Barnett and Cathy Galusha were all on at least one winning team and played for another. Miss Galusha proved to be an able replacement when injuries plagued the basketball team just before their WCIAA competition.

U of A Bearcats took the provincial men's senior "B" basketball championship at the weekend, by downing Milk River.

The championships were played at Milk River. Teams were entered from Calgary, Pincher Creek, Milk River and Edmonton.

The 'Cats were forced to sharpen their claws after dropping their first game 67-63 to the Calgary Stampeders. High scoring Bearcat of the game was Gaalen Ericson, who netted 18 points.

Pincher Creek fell hard to the now-aroused 'Cats. Ed Blott and Andy Skujins with 24 and 20 points respectively led the team to the lopsided 96-70 victory.

This gave the U of A hoopsters a 1-1 record going into the deciding game with Milk River.

They defeated the opposition in a bitterly-fought foul-ridden game and won the championship on their points for-and-against record.

Blott and Ericson led the Bear-

cats scoring by gunning for 15 and 14 counters respectively.

Several members of the team, commenting on the game, said that it was the best in which they had ever played—hard and close down to the wire.

A highlight of the tourney was the tremendous defensive basketball displayed by the 'Cats. The standout for the team was Lyndon Hutchinson who pulled down 17 rebounds in the game against Pincher Creek.

Coach Alex Carre said it was "a victory which was well-deserved, a very fitting climax to a very successful season."

Last Wednesday, the Bearcats won the Edmonton City championship. They came up with the victory in a close game with the Vandergrifts, downing them 64-59.

The Bearcats, winners of the city senior "B" league, winner of the city playoff's and winner of the Provincial Open, are looking forward to more of the same next year.

## Alberta Volleyballers Eye National Titles

After a very successful varsity season, U of A volleyball teams have their sights fixed on the Canadian Open championships in Vancouver at the end of the month.

The Golden Bears and the junior team, the Bearcats, have been at or near the top in almost every tournament they entered.

The Bears started the year off on a winning note by taking the popular Lethbridge Men's Open championships.

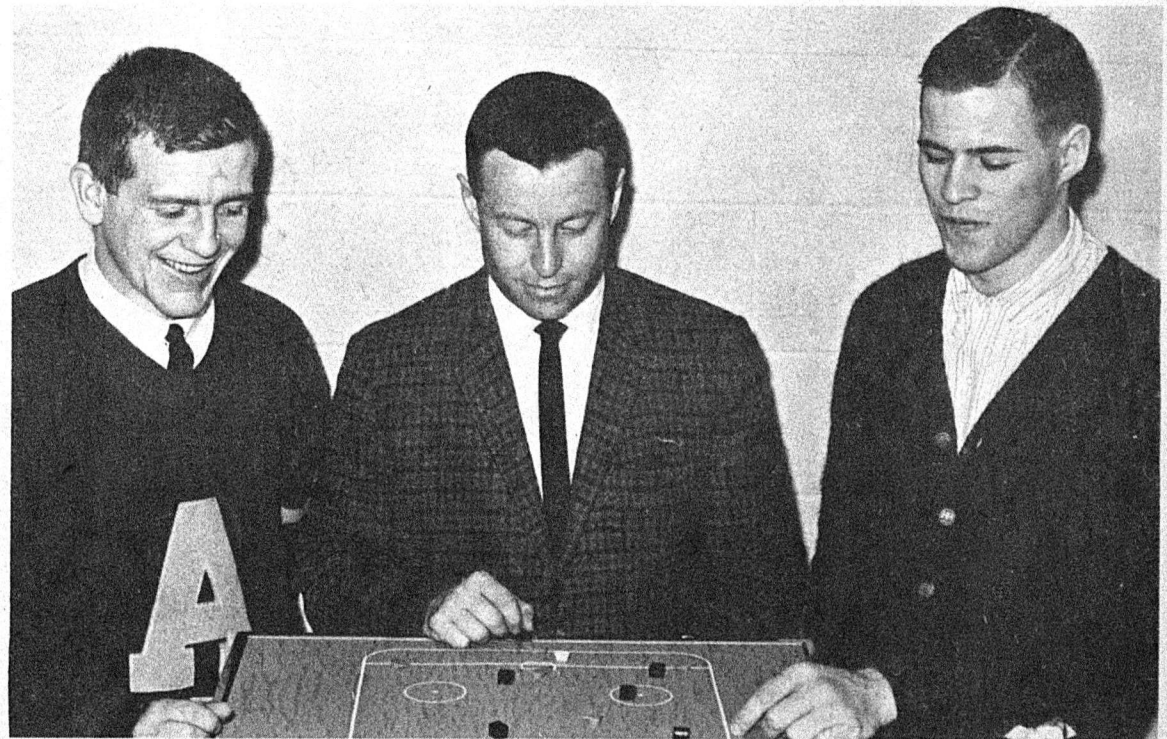
Both teams combined to make a clean sweep of the Edmonton city open volleyball championships held in late February.

Next on the agenda was the Alberta open volleyball championships. The Bears took the "A" division of the tourney and the 'Cats came up with the "B" division title.

The Bears headed into the WCIAA championship with an impressive string of victories under their belt. All was to no avail, however, as a frosh-riddled U of M squad managed to hold the Bears to second place.

Bears were disappointed in Saskatoon where they travelled for the Western Canadian Open Men's Volleyball championship. The Calgary Grads, who the Bears had defeated in three previous tourneys, and the Winnipeg YMCA team both defeated the Bears and forced them to settle for third place.

Alberta didn't go unmentioned in this meet, though. The Bearcats won the senior "B" division of the championships.



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**BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD**—University of Alberta Golden Bears, after failing to repeat as Canadian college hockey champions, have gone back to the drawing board. Above, coach Clare Drake (centre) maps out possible strategy for next season. Helping out are two Bears who are graduating this spring, defenseman Dick Wintermute (left) and forward Les Payne. University of Manitoba Bisons kept the national title in the West by winning the 1965 tournament at the weekend. Payne and Wintermute are two of several Bears who won't be back next fall. (See story, page 13).