



OILERS MISS ANOTHER ONE

Photo by George Yackulic

Bears, Rockets Clash

Coach Clare Drake and the hockey Bears hope to start the New Year right with a victory this Friday night as they oppose the Lacombe Rockets in the Varsity Arena at 8:30.

The game marks the second meeting of the two clubs this season and the Bears are anxious to avenge the 6-4 defeat they suffered previously at the hands of the Rockets.

Al LaPlante, Austin Smith, and Dick Dunnigan, who play regularly for both teams, will be wearing the Green and Gold livery for the con-

test, while Bear defensive stalwart Vic Dzurko will suit up with the Central Alberta League club.

Doug Messier, who also plays for both clubs, will miss the contest as he plays out the remaining three games of a five-game pro trial with Seattle Totems, replacing Totem badman Frank Arnett, who was suspended following a Saturday night tiff with a Western League official. Coach Drake, another sometime Rocket, will not play for obvious reasons.

The contest is another in a series of tune-ups for the Western Inter-collegiate wars which open here January 20.

NFCUS Committee Claims Poverty Blocks Education

OTTAWA (CUP)—A brief from the NFCUS Education Committee, warning that increased financial costs place a deterrent on the quality of the education obtained was received favourably yesterday by a special government committee on education.

Morty Zuckerman of McGill University presented the brief to 17 members of the unofficial 50 man committee set up by the Conservative MP's to study the constitutional aspects of education. He stated later that the members seemed to be extremely interested in his brief. Mr. Zuckerman presented the first non-government brief to the committee.

Although the committee brief is still confidential, Mr. Morton indicated that it may go most of

the way to solving the eternal problem of federal-provincial rights in education.

Mr. Zuckerman suggested to the committee that the financial barrier to education could be overcome by: amending income tax laws; a national loan program; dominion-provincial student aid program; a national scholarship program of 100,000 bursaries and scholarships of \$600 each.

He told the committee that scholarships, bursaries, and loans are "grossly inadequate," and pointed out that summer and part-time employment cannot fill the gap between cost and family assistance.

"Furthermore," he said, "with the cost of University education steadily increasing, and the earnings from summer employment staying constant or even decreasing, the reliance on family income grows. This problem is increasingly acute."

He stressed that nine-tenths of the total cost of University education is borne by parents and students, so that University entrance becomes

restricted to well-to-do families. This heavy reliance upon family income, "remains a deterrent to the quality of opportunity in accessibility to education," he said.

Using figures based on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics he said that the average cost for a year at University is \$1,400. Of this the average summer savings amount to \$500. Loans, bursaries and scholarships contribute only eight per cent of the total cost of University attendance.

"This last source of income for University expenses is the contribution of the immediate family," Mr. Zuckerman said. The national average is \$700.

The DBS estimates that a family with one to two children needs about \$5,000 income to assist in the cost of sending their child to University. Mr. Zuckerman stated that the financial obstacles are reflected in the ratio of University students to family income. "The top 15 per cent (families) contribute 50 per cent of our students; the bottom 20 per cent only five per cent."

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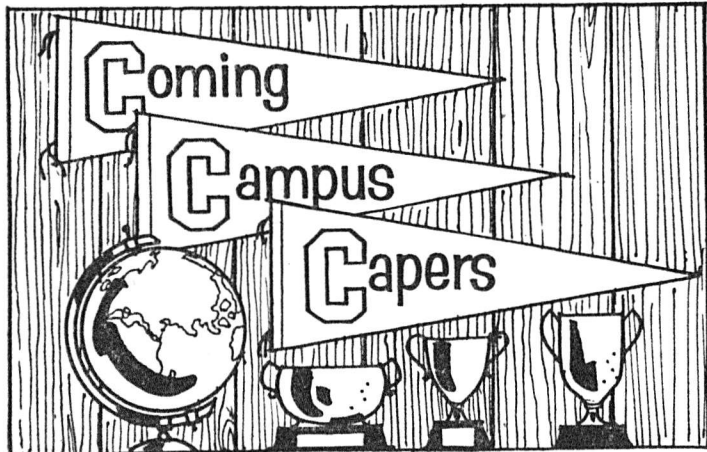
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14—Probation Bounce—Com. Club (PEB Gym) Sock

16-20—Drama Society Interfaculty Play Festival

18—Students' Wives Club Meeting

20—Pembina Formal

21—Ag. Club Banquet and Dance

26—House Ec. Formal

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