

# No one is an Alien to sport

By Karl Wilberg

Participation has made director Hugh Hoyles' Men's and Co-rec Intramurals a success. The measure of its success has to be its growth and ability to involve a disparate campus population. In fact, 40% of the male U of A student body was active in an intramural or sports clinic program. The program's success is also reflected in the wide variety of activities offered.

Intramurals are available for almost any skill level imaginable. For example, the well-

attended hockey schedule provides action for players who reached a high level in the brutal Juvenile and Junior leagues. The program also offers competition for those who have just learned which end of the stick to hold. It is this wide appeal that has made the program expand quickly.

Competition is not welcomed by everyone. More people realise that learning a sport does not have to include damaging your fellow participants' bodies or egos. The program recognizes this, and offers instructional clinics in a non-competitive atmosphere. The Co-Rec activities also fill this need. These programs, too, offer a wide range of activities and include jogging, volleyball, and car rallies.

Hoyles uses clinics to teach sports basics in a relaxed atmosphere. Consequently, students that have seldom participated in a sport will find this structure more acceptable than the competitive atmosphere in many clubs and collegiate teams. Moreover, if learning rather than comparative achievement is the goal, then clinics are well suited to this aim.

The program, as well as being sensitive to a diverse range of needs, is an efficient use of resources. Hoyles states more people are always becoming involved and this has prompted cooperation between Women's, Men's, and Co-Rec programs. This, according to Hoyles, will allow for fewer administrative problems and a better use of funds.



Flag football, one Intramural activity of many.

Funding is also a concern for Hoyles. Because of the University Athletic Board (UAB) fee increase last year, Hoyles seems unique in feeling obligated to provide more services. For example, for the first time, a campus Superstars competition will be organized. This event will involve all intramural units and intercollegiate teams. Hoyles hopes the Superstars event will give the intramurals a high profile early in the year.

Other high-profile activities that the intramural program offers are the prestigious Turkey Trot run and the Tour de Campus bike race. Also notable is the Stamp Around Alberta jogging program. It involves a computer record of participants'

jogging distances in relation to Alberta towns. According to Hoyles, it creates great interest in jogging. It must, because phenomenal distances are often reached by the joggers.

In other words, though, there is little reason for any student to be left out of the program, given that they can get out of the library. Consequently, the Intramurals program can offer, to many, the most important aspect any sport program has to offer. That is, it can provide an individual with a real mental and physical benefit.

For registration information on the activities offered, see the Men's or Women's Intramural office in the Physical Education Building.

## Terry Jonestown

I'm just a regular guy but I do keep my ears open. Rumors are flying that small, but effective, Bears Q.B. Forrest Kennerd was recruited by Coach Donlevy from the Rocky Mountain dwarf colonies near Banff. Kennerd states that in order to find open pass receivers the equipment managers have built a periscope into his helmet. Kennerd says, "We thought of getting trainer Ray Kelly to surgically shorten the offensive linemen, but that would be too expensive. We also thought of using platform cleats on my boots, but if I fall over on them, I can't get back up." Kennerd stated that the periscope is not too heavy, and is also useful to find his way through crowds.

My colleague in the real world Cam Cole, maintains that coach Lazaruk called most of the plays at the Bears' August 31 victory in Calgary. Perhaps this verifies the rumors that head coach Donlevy has gone Commie and is starting a movement to oppose corporate football teams that recruit star Bears players. Hopefully, with the new coaching system, players can be indoctrinated to avoid the capitalist lure of running dog imperialist football.

Peter Esdale's soccer team returned last Sunday from an alleged tournament in San Diego. It's difficult to believe that the population of San Diego, a known center of retired Navy men and drugged-out beach bums, could field any players under the age of 75 who don't have a hard drug addiction.

Also, I've heard that Esdale led the innocent soccer Bears through episodes reminiscent of Chuck Manson. It's too bad: I've seen the effects of too many pina colodas and immersion into the decadent mellow culture of California. The results are not pretty. First you start buying loud floral shirts and five gallon tubes of Ban de Soleil. Next come the Jacuzzi parties and dependencies on light beer. One can only hope they will recover from their ordeal.

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