

## Alex Hardy Sports Chatter

No journalist worth his expense account can ever be said to have truly covered a college football game if he spends his whole time seated in the press box with binoculars in his hands.

Accordingly, I have elected to bring you the broad view today, of a football train trip to the University of British Columbia two years ago. Sponsored by the promotions committee, the trip attracted a large number of more fortunate U of A students. My hope is that upon reading this, you will be motivated to sign up for future trips of this nature.

Let no one say the Vancouver trip was dull. Two people died (neither was a U of A student); one student was so "hypnotized" he was carried off the train stretched out like a board; and event organizer Bob Lampard was kidnapped during the game and treated to a grand tour of Vancouver at 4 a.m.

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Everyone gathered at the CN station early Friday afternoon, with their old hats, guitars and bottles. One co-ed carried a placard on which was written the motto: "Every man for myself." There was a fellow who looked as if he was born with a hangover and hadn't a curfew since he left the playpen.

He made the trip with his fiancée, and things started to jump when she caught him kissing another girl in a private compartment. He said he was just giving her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation till his fiancée pointed out there wasn't enough water for miles around to make a cup of tea.

This guy was a real loser. He said he dragged her out of the way cause he didn't want to collect a crowd. He collected one anyway. Turned out his fiancée had three brothers on the same train, all carrying guns and all crack shots. The loser won't be doing any more kissing for a while. He had air going through him till Christmas.

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There was another fellow who was so unlucky he ran into accidents which started out to happen to somebody else. To top it off he had a big mouth. The night of the game he was walking along a dark street in Vancouver's waterfront district when two rough characters jumped him and demanded his money. This fellow put up a terrific battle until he was finally brought under control by the thugs, who searched him and found only a few cents in his pockets. They were amazed and said, "How come you put up such a big fight for only a few cents?"

"Well," admitted the fellow, "to tell you the truth I thought you were after the \$100 I have hidden in my shoe."

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The train to Vancouver was packed, and it was hard to tell just who was from the U of A. After growing weary of a kick-line that had formed in one of the cars, I went off in search of some new company. Noticing a strange girl sitting by herself, I tried to be friendly. "Where do you live?" I asked. The girl replied, "I already got a fellow."

At Vancouver, a couple of us happened to be standing outside the UBC dressing room during half-time. The door was ajar, and we were able to catch a glimpse of the pep talk. UBC was behind at the half and needed a victory to win the league title. The coach stood there with tears streaming down his cheeks. He said, "Boys, my sainted Grandmother is right now at death's door and the only thing I know of that can save her is for us to go out there and fight. Fight! Fight! And win this game!"

Just then the phone rang, and the coach answered it and listened for a minute. Then he hung up and said to the boys, "That was the doctor boys. He said it wouldn't mean a thing to her condition one way or the other whether we won or lost. So forget it."

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One of the fortunates who made the trip was Bryan Campbell, the present Gateway sports editor. Bryan is a novelty in the newspaper business—a sportswriter who doesn't care if he ever sees a football or a hockey stick ("I get by exercise acting as pallbearer to my friends who exercise.") Bryan's interests extend beyond the sporting field. For example, he is honorary president of the local Down With Fraternities chapter. Some readers refer to him as a radical, a man with both feet firmly planted—in the air.

There are few things Bryan enjoys more than a good party. Like the rest of us, he found the Vancouver football train fit the bill perfectly. "It was the best thing I've done in my college career," he recalls.

Bryan admits most of the 120 U of A students on the trip took an occasional drink.

"Of course, there is nothing more frequent than an occasional drink," he adds.

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At Vancouver, everyone staggered off the train and piled into waiting buses.

"I got caught with Ralph the Mad Bus Driver," Bryan remembers. "We were already late for the game so we told him to step on it. He was off like a bullet. Then he crashed the bus against the curb trying to make a turn and air started to leak out of the tire. There was Ralph doing 60 down Broadway with a flat tire."

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Things really began to rip after the game. The Alberta students took control of a downtown hotel and started their own private party. They were soon joined by a wandering group of UBC fun-seekers. The way one fellow remembers it, Bryan Campbell struggled up to a fellow Albertan and said: "I remember your name perfectly, but I just can't think of your face."

Another party-goer, not realizing the most dangerous thing in the world is to try to jump a chasm in two jumps, attempted to fly to a party in a hotel across the street. The reports of his death were greatly exaggerated, but my (and Bryan's) account of the rest of the trip is true-to-life. If you don't believe me, sign up for the next exchange trip and find out for yourself.

## Bears, Rockets reach deadlock in year's second ice encounter

A less than brilliant Golden Bear hockey team played the Lacombe Rockets to a 4-4 tie in varsity arena Tuesday.

The Bears failed to impress in the first period as they fell behind 1-0. Even with the advantage of numerous Lacombe penalties the Bears just couldn't push the rubber.

At one point in the period there were two Rockets in the box and the Bears were unable to mount an effective scoring drive.

The Lacombe marker was scored by ex-Bear George Severin at 9:50 in the first period after a scuffle in front of the net.

The second period was pretty much a repeat of the first with Severin notching another at 6:44.

The Bears got on the stick at the 10:53 mark when Belcourt rapped in a rebound from in front of the Lacombe net.

The score was 2-1 for Lacombe when the horn blew.

The third period started with a bang as Bear forward, Brian Harper, hit Lacombe goalie, Gillow, for the first of three to get past him in a furious third period.

The goal seemed to fire the dormant Bear team and the whole complexion of the game changed.

The passes were surer, the checks harder and the play faster as both teams realized they had a game to play.

But the Bears didn't enjoy the tie for long as Belcourt of the Rockets pushed one past Bear goalie Hugh Waddle just 11 seconds after Harper's breakaway.

From then on it was good wide-open play.

The Bears struck back again with a goal by Martin on a screen shot set up by Harper.

The Rockets got another as Solinger scored from Gee and Baker at the 4:37 mark.

The last goal of the game came when Harper blasted in a quick one on a scramble in front of the Lacombe net at 10:53.

Assists went to Leblanc and veteran Ed Jorstad.

Leblanc was an all star with the University of New Brunswick and faced the Bears in the national final two years ago.

But the excitement was not over as the Bears missed the opportunity of the game—Martin fanned on a sure set-up from Harper in the last minute of play.

And so it ended, a 4-4 tie.

After the game Bear coach, Clyde Drake, told The Gateway, "We didn't play very well the first period-and-a-half; the last part of the game was a little better."

"Of course we didn't have Doug Fox or Smith with us—both these boys are good players and it makes a difference," he said.

The next Bear game is an exhibition against the Oil Kings in the Edmonton Gardens Sunday.

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## Chomiak resigns

Helene Chomiak, arts 2, has resigned as president of WAA.

Disorganization within WAA was her reason for quitting.

She gave the following statement to The Gateway explaining her position:

"I am resigning because I think that it will take too much time to change WAA and I really don't see the purpose of the group as it is," she said.

"I think that intramurals on campus are good but I don't like the way they are being organized on this campus. I think the students bungle them up.

"The way intramurals are being run, you have to plan in advance where and when you will be doing a specific activity.

"It would be much better if there were several professional organizers who had several activities offered every night for anyone who wanted to come out.

"In intersarsity sports the coaches are really the ones who do all the work and possibly it interferes with their program to have a student body telling them what to do.

"Possibly the best way to run athletics for women would be to have an executive council who would make the major policy decisions . . . something like the number of games, the teams that will play, and how much money will be allocated to each sport.

"And, after this, the people who know how to run a sport should be given a free hand."

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