



# SPORTS

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## amateur sport in canada

First in a Series by Brent Jang

Geoff Elliott's office window goes from floor to ceiling, overseeing what will soon be the busiest corridor on campus. Elliott, a former Commonwealth gold medalist in the pole vault, is able to see the steady growth that will eventually link the present phys. ed. complex to the new \$18 million dollar Fieldhouse being built for the World University Games. Universiade '83 will be a "high quality sports event," said Elliott, now Assistant to the Dean in the phys. ed. faculty.

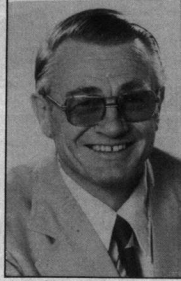
Elliott was the Commonwealth Games' venue coordinator from 1976 to 1978. He spent a couple of years in Ottawa after that, serving as the director general of the Canadian Track and Field Association. He returned to his present job in the summer of 1981.

Naturally, there will be comparisons between Universiade and the Commonwealth Games. The main difference is that the University Games will attract a greater variety of countries.

"With the Commonwealth Games, there were common ideologies. With the Student Games, we have different political situations," said Elliott.

Such diversity will invariably lead to the need to express as many different beliefs as the situation will allow.

"In today's age, a shrewd government will use sport as a political platform," said Elliott,



Geoff Elliott speaks out.

adding that next July's event "will be more cutthroat than the Commonwealth Games."

Governments pay athletes in the hope that they will do a reasonably good job in representing their country. Some athletes even reflect the attitude of their government. "If they tell the athlete to jump, he has to jump," said Elliott.

Elliott was once quite a learner himself. To win two Commonwealth gold medals, he cleared fourteen feet in 1974 and 15'9" in 1978, quite an accomplishment considering they were landing in sand pits at that time.

The record for the pole vault has been increased to over eighteen feet since that period, but it hasn't been an easy time for Canadian athletes in either the pole vault or amateur sport in general.

"Canadian sport is in the adolescent stage of development," said Elliott, "rules govern the life of a university athlete. For example, he has X years of eligibility, and then he can't compete any longer."

The new Fieldhouse will help the plight of the amateur athlete, but funds are needed in its upkeep. "A minimum amount of funding is needed to maintain track and field facilities," said Elliott.

Some of that funding could soon come from a proposed sport pool. A sport pool is based on sport which will show where the sport pool money should be spent. "If we get ten million dollars more a year, we can start making improvements," said Hoffman.

Elliott was a colleague of Hoffman's during his stay in Ottawa. Elliott says that in addition to adding funding, a "professional coaching system" is needed if Canada wants to move up the world's sport ladder. Ken Porter, a national track coach, and Greg Joy, a former world record holder in the high jump, have the same ideas as Elliott.

Porter told the *Charlatan* that "the alternative is mediocrity and Canadians are tired of being cast in that mold." Joy says top athletes need professional coaching meaning coaches whose full time occupation is to help train athletes.

Elliott prefers to view the situation as a "coexistence of excellence and mediocrity." He says an environment where elite athletes train with less talented ones is beneficial in the university setting. Elliott reiterates the need for professional coaching for top athletes, especially those finishing university.

## Time Out

After watching the Montreal Expos blow a 7-0 lead last weekend, I'm sure many followers of "Canada's favorite team" were ready to trade in their Expos caps. Sure, nobody likes a losing team, but if you're going to lose, why not do it like the Toronto Blue Jays. At least the Blue Jays don't blow big leads.

The Expos' performance this year has left a lot to be desired. They went through half a dozen second basemen before settling with Doug Flynn. The Expos have the worse double play combination in the majors. Part of the problem is with management, who let steady Rodney Scott go in training camp.

Basically, Scott was released because of personality clashes with the coaches. Eccentric reliever Bill Lee also left in spring training, citing Scott's wrongful dismissal as one of his reasons.

And guess how the Expos have been losing? It's been because of poor defense and outrageous relief pitching. Ray Burris and Woody Fryman were the victims in Montreal's 10-7 loss to the lowly Cubs on Saturday. Burris has lost ten more games than he's won. Steven Rogers' outstanding pitching record this season is offset by Burris' dismal year.

Bryn Smith gave up a two-run homer in Montreal's 7-5 loss on Sunday, making the Expos bullpen a virtual three-ring circus; sometimes you get a good performance, but usually only one act is up to par.

Fryman must be given some credit, though, as the old man of relievers has proven to be fairly steady. Jeff Reardon has been the lone stalwart this year.

Warren Cromartie has also struggled this season. Cromartie, usually a .300 hitter, has managed to raise his average to .250 recently. If the Expos are to challenge for the NL East next year, they'll need better efforts from Burris, Smith, and Cromartie. The team also needs better pitch hitting and more timely overall hitting. Les Expos were shut out three times within ten days last month. That's hardly the kind of offensive punch the team needs in a pennant drive.

There have been a few bright lights in the Expos' otherwise turbulent year. They have the NL's leading hitter in Al Oliver; they have some power from catcher Gary Carter, and they have a solid runs producer in Tim Lincecum.

Tim Raines hasn't stole bases like he did last year, but he's improved as the season's gone by. Andre Dawson has been hampered by injuries.

Perhaps it'll take a couple seasons before the Expos put it together again. They have the talent. However, games like the one they blew on Saturday tend to put Jim Fanning's future as manager on a tightrope.

## Sport Shorts

The Women's IM Archery tournament is on Saturday, September 25. It starts at 11:00 am and goes till 1:00 pm. Come out and have some fun even if it's your first experience with archery. Sign up now for the "William Tell Classic." For more information, come to the Women's IM office.



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## On the road again

by Luis Pena  
This weekend the University of Alberta Golden Bears' soccer team travels to the West coast for the opening of their 1982 season. They have games on Friday against the University of Victoria Vikings and Saturday against the

University of British Columbia Thunderbirds.  
The team features two players returning after missing last year's season. They are Lorenzo Antonello, selected for the C.I.A.U. All-Canadian team in 1979, and Ase Ayobahan leading

scorer for the Golden Bears in 1980.

Among the seven players returning from last year's team are the new captain Scott Fisher; Rudy Bartholomew, chosen for the 1981 C.I.A.U. All-Canadian team, and striker Tim Durr. The remaining members are new to the team; one of them being Toben Walker a promising 18-year old goalkeeper. Golden Bears coach Bruce Twamley expects this blend of strength and experience to prove itself in the upcoming matches and hopes for a repeat of the success obtained by last year's team which made it to the C.I.A.U. finals.

For this season, the preparation of the team has taken place by competing against Premier Division clubs of the City League. This preparation was expected to conclude with an invitational tournament organized by the Golden Bears featuring the University of Calgary Dinosaurs, Edmonton Selects and Victoria Club. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to the withdrawal of host Victoria Club.



### GOLDEN BEAR HOCKEY

hosts

the First Annual  
Junior Invitational Tournament  
Friday - Saturday September 24 - 25

Tournament Schedule

Fri., September 24

GAME 1 St. Albert Saints vs. Golden Bears 5:30  
GAME 2 Sherwood Park vs. Hobbema 8:30

Sat., September 25

Consolation Final 1:00 p.m.  
Championship Final 4:00 p.m.

Tournament Pass: \$5 Adults \$4 Students \$2 Sr. Citizens & Children  
Day Ticket: \$3 Adults \$2 Students \$1 Sr. Citizens & Children

All Games at Varsity Arena

### Fees Due By September 30

The last day for payment of fees is **September 30th**. If a student is paying by instalments (terms), the amount of the first instalment is the First Term assessment and the last day for payment is **September 30th**; the amount of the second instalment is the Second Term assessment plus a \$5.00 instalment charge and the last day for payment is **January 17th**.

A penalty of \$15.00 will be charged on any payment received after these dates. If payment has not been made by **October 15** for the First Term fees and by **January 31** for Second Term fees, registration will be subject to cancellation and the student to exclusion from classes.

If fees are to be paid from some form of student assistance, please refer to Section F of the Registration Procedures booklet or the calendar entitled "University Regulations and Information for Students".

Students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research are reminded that their fees are also to be paid in accordance with the foregoing.

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The football Bears will be in Winnipeg on Saturday to take on the Manitoba Bisons. The Bears have a 0-3 record while the Bisons are 2-1. Offensive center Mike Heidebrecht will be missing from the Alberta lineup due to a dislocated knee cap.