Strong bench bodes well for Bears

by Pat Maguire

Golden Bear volleyball coach Pierre Beaudin came away from his first competition as head coach with two wins in the annual Tri-U tournament in Calgary last weekend.

In a tough battle, the Bears beat the University of Calgary three games to two, winning the final game 15-13. Beaudin then used his bench as the Golden Bears trounced Lethbridge 3-0.

In the pivotal match against Calgary, the Bears were led by fifth year veterans Dean Wellar and Jim Schubert, who had 20 and 16 kills respectively. Newcomer Steve Kentel added six stuff blocks.

'When it came down to the crunch, we were overpowering, but inconsistency led us to a five game match," said Kentel, who joins the Bears after two years with the Manitoba Bisons.

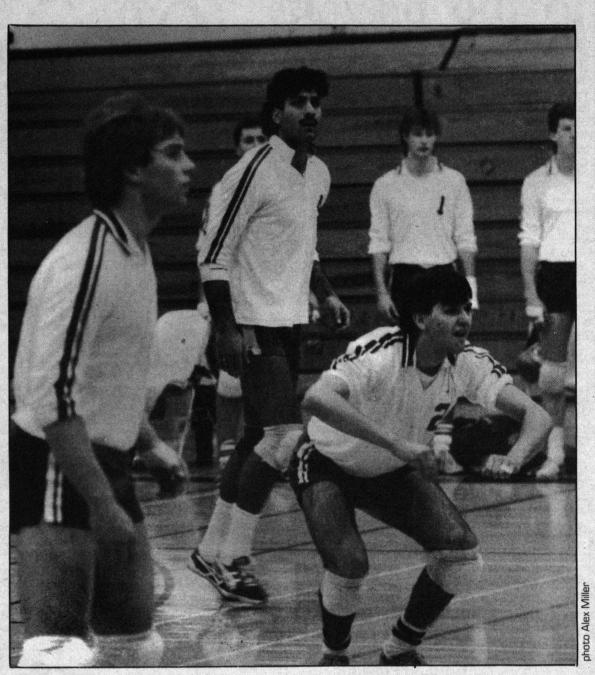
The Bears are now working towards the Cougar Classic in Regina October 24th, where they will meet the best teams in the country.

"I'm very optimistic considering the many veterans and the strong bench," says Beaudin. "We will be very competitive in Canada West and in the CIAU once we work on our consistency."

Consistency won't come quickly, however. "Right now we come from varied backgrounds - but when we put our experience together we should be very strong.

Beaudin enjoys the luxury of a strong bench including Junior National Team member Doug Anton and two bright prospects from Harry Ainlay, Brad Evans and Brian Schaefer.

The team will see action against the Red Deer College Kings at 7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the Main Gym. The Kings were second in the national college finals last year.



The volleyball Bears are off to a good start, winning Calgary's Tri-U tournament in exciting fashion.

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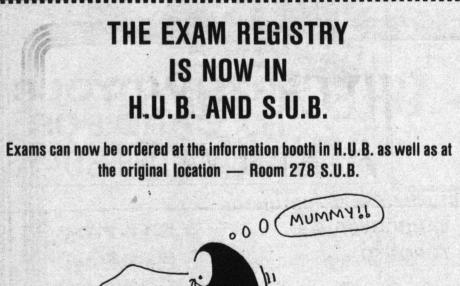
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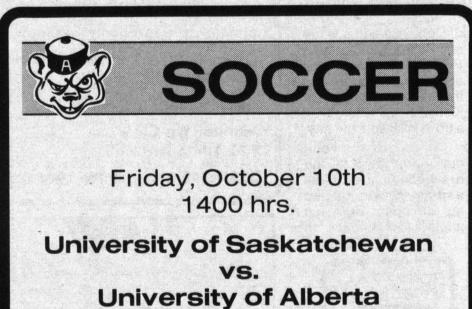
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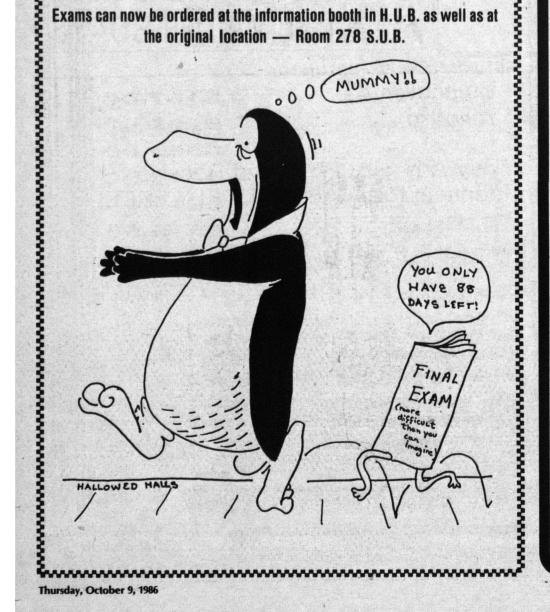
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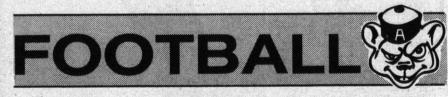
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