

Athletic scholarships vetoed: CIAU controversy continues

During the summer the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union pronounced themselves once again against athletic scholarship for Canadian college athletes. The CIAU is the governing body for college sport, and this decision means that all member-leagues and institutions must abide by the ruling.

This means that Simon Fraser University, for instance, is not eligible to compete in any league sport sanctioned by the CIAU, and can never hold a Canadian College championship. This also means that individual competitors in track and field and other sports who set Canadian records cannot have them recognized as college records.

The argument against athletic scholarships in Canadian Universities are largely derived from observation of the American collegiate scholarship system. Furthermore, the opponents seem only to see the negative aspects of the scholarship system in the poorly-motivated American college athletic programs.

Canadian college athletic directors cite the case of the athlete who, for various reasons, does not perform as expected in college, and is subsequently "dumped" from the program. Or, the athlete who is treated as "valuable material" and has his life and living habits dictated down to the minute by the athletic staff.

The academic objection in Canada is most often that to give a scholarship for athletic prowess would be contrary to the aims of University, those being the nurturing of a "community of scholars" united in the search for truth and knowledge. They fear

the introduction of special "make-up" examinations prepared for athletes who, because of their time commitment to the University's athletic program do not have the time available to produce passing grades.

These corruptions of the University aims do, of course occur, but it is surprising to note the kinds of athletic scholarship programs that are available for athletes which do not run against the good reputation of the University as primarily an academic-oriented institution.

There are many in favor of athletic scholarships in Canadian colleges. Among these are most of the coaches and many of the athletic directors. The CIAU vote and announcement reflects not the feeling of the athletic staffs, but the views of the university's administrative officers.

The coaches offer the following arguments in favour of the scholarship:

- Athletes, on scholarship or not, must gain and maintain good grades in order to participate in athletics at all; in fact, academic standards are more stringent for athletes than for most other students.
- Athletes have a second motivation for striving for good grades in the fact that they will have to sit out a year of sports for the lack of passing grades; add this to the usual strong motivation for sports held by most athletes and the desire is reinforced two-fold.
- Many athletes participate in athletics because they must hold down part-time jobs through the school year; an athletic scholarship for these students would

give them more time to devote to their studies.

Athletic directors and coaches also point out the contradiction inherent in many universities who on the one hand assert that sports are an important part of the total development of many university students, but they on the other hand balk at recognizing this fact in such a situation as this.

Some athletic directors will candidly admit that the only rationale for spending so much money on major sports (football, hockey, basketball) which involve a mere fraction of the student body directly, is in terms of publicity for the university—Notre Dame in football and University of Toronto in hockey, for examples.

The above arguments are mouthed by both sides publicly; the private, and lesser-known bone of contention within the CIAU is more subtle.

The fear is that if athletic scholarships are sanctioned by the CIAU universities will be in competition for Canada's athletes, and thus the richest universities will get the best players.

This, perhaps, is the single most important point upon which there will have to be an agreement before the CIAU reverses its present stand.

In the meanwhile, Canadian College athletes will continue to be given year-round jobs mowing lawns; they will be drawing part-time pay for duties as "equipment-manager"; they will be getting inflated meal allowances; they will be receiving vague "assistance bursaries" usually reserved for the needy students; their residence fees will be conveniently left unpaid; and questionable "medical expense" cheques will be issued.



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OUCH, THAT HURTS—Dinnie halfback Don Maxwell runs into the ever-loving arms of Bears John Wilson (55) and Larry Dufresne (30). The Golden Bears won the game 22-13. The Bears and Dinosaurs will clash again this Saturday at Varsity Grid at 2 p.m.

Intramural Scoreboard

By GRANT SHARP

"The time has come," the walrus said, "to speak of many things . . ."

At this time of the year, the men's intramural program is definitely one of the most talked about topics in sports circles.

Such questions as "how do I sign up", "what sports are included" and "who can play?" are being asked around campus.

The answers to most questions concerning the intramural program can be found in the Students Handbook. The staff at the intramural office in Room 150 of the Physical Education Building will answer any other inquires.

Flag Football is the first activity on the intramural scene this year. Entry deadline is on October 5, with competition beginning on October 10.

There are more fields this year so the schedule should be completed before the weather gets too cold.

October 10 has been set as the entry deadline for golf, tennis, and track and field.

The golf tournament will be held on October 14 and 15 at Victoria Golf Course.

Rumors have been spread that last years winner, St. Joe's, has been practising with black golf balls, just in case the course is covered with snow!

The track and field meet will be held on October 14 starting at 9 a.m. at varsity track.

Phys. Ed. will be defending the trophy they won last year in this meet.

The tennis competition will be a single elimination tournament running from October 16 to 21.

A schedule will be displayed after all the entries have been received. Both singles and doubles competition will be run.

Entries for squash and handball will be received any time up to January 16, 1968.

The competition will be in the form of a ladder tournament with games arranged at the convenience of each player.

B'ball meeting set for Friday

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