Gateway ports

Ron Ternoway ...from my square corner

All you screaming carousing drunks watch out.

Especially those of you that frequent football games. The unrestrained mirthful revelry that transpired Saturday afternoon as a record crowd of 7823 bodies watched the football Bruins thrash the T-Birds 54-0 could be the last. Ensuing home games at Varsity Stadium may have just a little more restraint and a little less mirth.

There are a few things that went on during Saturday's encounter that the athletic department and the University don't really want to happen again.

Like people throwing bottles at other people. And like others attempting (and succeeding) to steal yard-markers.

Very little more has to be said about tossing bottles. It's just out and out dangerous and dumb. Flying glass tends to cut, maim and disfigure people, even if they're only cops.

And stealing yard-markers is even dumber. What can you do with them? They're too hard to eat, too cold to sleep on, and too big to be a paperweight. They're as useless as screen doors on submarines, except to point out to someone on a shelf to show them how brave and courageous you can be when you're screaming drunk.

Besides, the athletic department kind of likes to have them around to give players and officials some inkling of where the hell they are.

Needless to say, the Golden Bears would like them back. Any repenting football fan who has discovered one of these items in his room and can't remember how he got it is welcome to return it to the Phys.Ed. building. In fact, return of the missing markers would be highly appreciated by all.

As I said before, the unregaled merriment may be curtailed if football fans do not cooperate. Either student police, Campus security, of (heaven forbid) Edmonton City Police may be called in to patrol the games and ride herd on people trying to run on the track, fling glassware, steal markers and the like.

The sorry part is, no matter who does the patrolling, the end result for the offender will be the same-a free night's lodging at the local hoosegow. A crash course on how to build license plates may be added, depending on response.

If the university is forced to adopt strict enforcement of rules, it will spell bad things for fans and football alike. Crowds for athletic events have been increasing for several years now, with the result that a record was set Staurday. Much of the appeal of football games is the fun to be had, no matter who wins.

Unfortunately for the majority of semi-sober fans, much of this fun could be over because of abuse of the few rules there are.

More restraint means less fun, which means less fans, which means trouble for football.

And Can't you imagine John Parent, sitting in his stands with his seven year old daughter, gazing out onto the track where an inebriated 18-year old is yelling the King of all four-letter words at the top of his voice 14 times in succession? It must be quite an experience

As coach Donlevy says, "We're really pleased with the fan support, and we need that support, but we'd like to think the fans were coming out to cheer on the Golden Bears. When someone misbehaves, they embarrass fans, but they also embarrass the players. Some of the guys may be beginning to wonder why they play at all."

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Rugby Bears

victorious

For the second consecutive years, the Ken Ann Cup is in the possession of the Alberta Golden

The trophy, symbolic of rugby supremacy in the city of Edmonton, was captured by the Golden Bear I team with a hard-fought 13-8 win over the Edmonton Druids.

Bears first won the cup last year, but were defeated by the University of Calgary Stags in the Alberta Championship.

The victory Saturday clinched the title for the Bears. Coach Mike Stiles' crew has a 7-s record with only one league game remaining. Second place Druids are 5-3-1.

The contest started at a fast pace, with the Bears holding as offensive edge, thanks in part to the excellent work of Doug Duke and basketball star Dick DeKlerk in the lineouts. Bears scored first on a touchdown by Jim Hamilton, and his conversion made it 5-0.

Minutes later John Stothart charged down a kick by the Druid fullback and the Bruins were awarded a penalty on the 10 yard line. Hamilton made no mistake with his kick and it was 8-0 Bears. The teams then exchanged converted touchdowns and it was 13-5 for the university crew at the half.

Druids pressed hard in the second half, but only managed three points on a penalty goal by Barry Westgate (?).

The Bear II squad, although not in contention for division title. came up with one of their best performances of the season to dump the league-leading Druids 11-3, while the Druid III squad salvaged some honour for the club with a 13-3 win over Bears III.

Sunday the Calgary Stags come to town for the second leg of the Little Brown Jug competition. The contest is a two-game total point series held each year. The Bears were beaten in Calgary by the Stags, and the I and II teams will have 17-8 and 14-0 deficits, respectively, to overcome. The games will be played at Varsity Stadium with kick-off times at 1:30 p.m. for the Bears II and 3:30 for the first division squad.

Be there, and remember: "It takes leather balls to play rugby."





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