

World University Winter Games

"Soccer Tactics"

Drop Bisons

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TORINO, Italy (CUP) — As expected, a Canadian hockey team came to the 1966 World University Winter Games to trade souvenirs and lose to the Russians.

Unexpectedly, Canada also lost to Finland, 8-3, and Rumania, 5-0.

Had it not been for a spirited 5-3 conquest of favored Czechoslovakia, the University of Manitoba Bisons, 1965 Canadian Intercollegiate champions, would have lowered the Maple Leaf abruptly to half mast in international hockey circles.

Father David Bauer's idea of a university-based national team never looked so impossible.

There are reasons, of course. Compared to the Russian team's Spartan-like schedule of daily workout, Canada did not practise once. The team was busy taking tours of Torino's sprawling Fiat Factory or visiting night clubs or signing autographs.

"They've had it too easy," admitted Manitoba's Athletic Director Bud Fraser, "They weren't thinking about hockey."

The team was alarmingly overconfident before the Finland game. Canada beat the

Finns 7-2 on the first day of the tournament, but the game was played the same day the Finland team arrived by train. In their second encounter Finland took advantage of sloppy Canadian play to build up a 7-0 lead after two periods.

But the real reason for Canada's poor showing was something our players couldn't bring with them.

The game of hockey has changed since they first batted rubber in the 1800s on the frozen St. Lawrence. The darting, durable, machine-like Russians have changed it.

"I'm convinced we can't play Canadian-style hockey and beat them", says Bison Captain Chuck Meighan, "I saw that when they beat our national team in Winnipeg."

Russia has brought soccer tactics to hockey. You can't forecheck them because they break quickly and trap one or two forwards. Skating with them is like chasing gazelles. The answer is superb conditioning and ability to play the puck and not the man.

In this tournament, the rock-hard Russian bear defeated confused Canadian beaver 6 to 2. Afterwards many Canadian players admitted the Russians were a better team. They had come up against the Iron Curtain version of challenge hockey — professionalism in a mortarboard.

Two Rumanians were policemen back home posted to a precinct. But neither had ever been there. They just played hockey and their pay cheques were sent to the rink.

Canadian defenceman George Butterworth told of a conversation with another Rumanian player: "He said we talk of professionalism in Canada. But he said we really don't know what it is."

The Canadian team came from one university. The Russians, Czechs, Finns and Italians all sent all-star teams; the Rumanians sent their national team. Russia's included two players from the national "B" team.

Along with the usual alibis of poor lighting (true) and poor refereeing (very true) comes the complaint that the Canadians had to play hockey on seven consecutive days, meeting the Russians on the first day of the final round without proper preparation.

Every team had a tough schedule, which probably detracted from the play towards the end of the tournament. The fact remains that Canada came to Torino never having played under international rules. And the team was not conditioned well enough to play full out past the fifth game of the tournament when they beat Czechoslovakia.

All Canada's expenses in Italy were financed by the Federation International du Sport Universitaire. The team was laden with souvenirs by the Manitoba government.

Half the travelling expenses were paid by the federal government.

The Bisons did not finish among the first three teams in Torino, but maybe they taught Canada a lesson.

Maybe some blustery winter morning when 1,500 miles of Canada's prairies are frozen and mercury collapses in thermometers — just maybe, a bunch of kids in Flin Flon or Saskatoon or Moose Jaw will be out on the lake. Playing soccer.

Club Elections

The SRC shall require all campus organizations to hold their elections of office before March first of each year. Organizations not complying to the above stipulation, at the discretion of the SRC may have their constitution suspended. The president and heads of all organizations coming under article V, section 13 of the constitution shall submit to the SRC, names of officers they have elected.

SDC Meeting

John Grice, a UNB student was found guilty of using obscene language and failing to co-operate with campus police. He was placed on academic probation for the rest of the year; had his student pass suspended for the remainder of the year and was fined \$25. Jim Thornton, another UNB student was charged with drinking in a public place and with failure to co-operate with campus police. He suffered the same penalties as Mr. Grice. Brian Naus, a third UNB student, was charged with obstructing campus police and was fined \$25.

UNB Debaters

The UNB Debating Society's team at the McGill Winter Carnival International Debating Conference came home with the trophy for the best Negative Debater, awarded to Ed Bell. Harvard captured the award for the best Affirmative Debater, while Columbia won the prize as the best team.

Chip Gillespie and Ed Bell, representing UNB, took the negative of the resolution, "Resolved that the United States has yet to fulfill its role as a world leader." During the four day conference, UNB competed against teams from Colby, University of Ottawa, Suffolk, Syracuse and Royal Military College, winning four debates and losing the fifth on



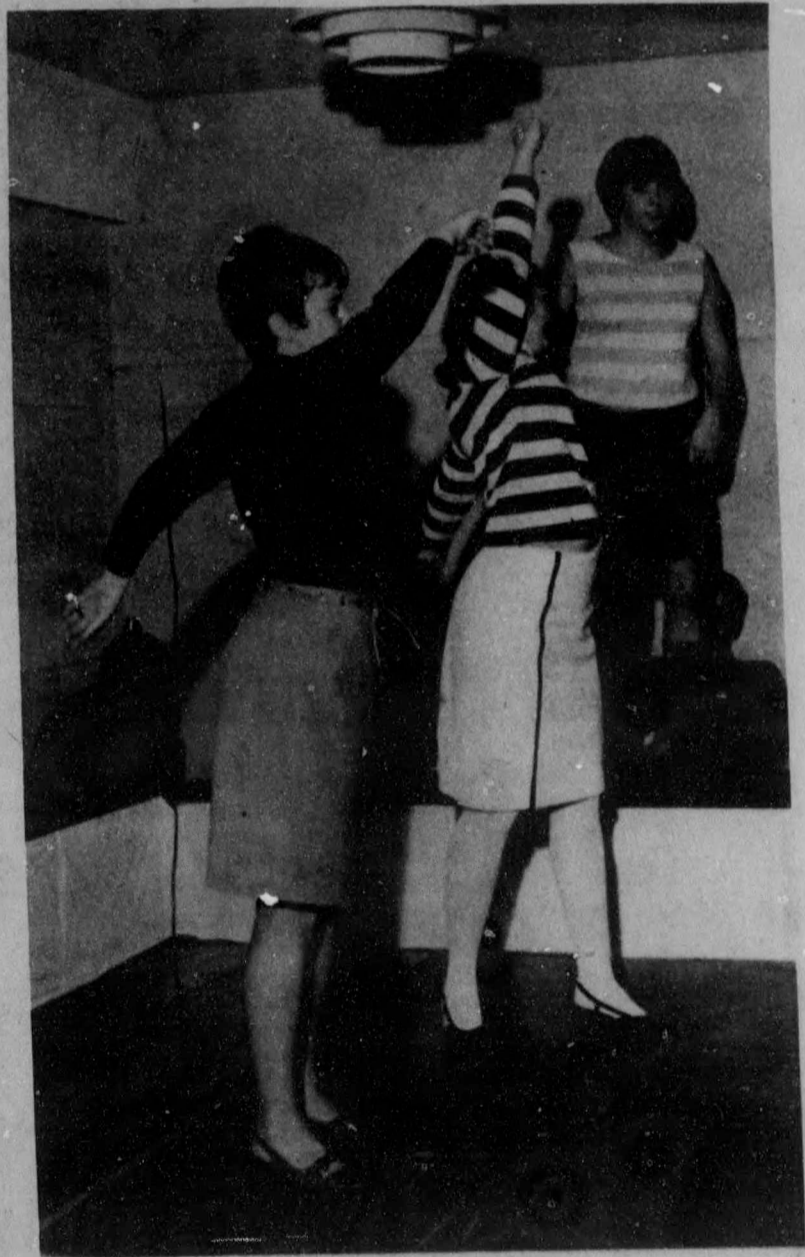
"CIRCULAR LETTERS"

A circular letter may or may not mean one which goes around in circles . . . it ordinarily is applied in the more restrictive sense of a mimeographed letter addressed to "Dear Householder", "Dear Friend," or "Dear Subscriber". As the months at any one address go by, one's mail becomes ever more polluted with circular letters . . . which are either trying to sell you something, or bill you for something . . . quite often which you have neither ordered nor received.

Now I like to think of myself as a reasonable sort of chap, unruffled by the minor inconveniences of the modern commercial world. However, during the last few weeks, I've been veritably assailed with literature trying to tell me I need . . . a Canadian cookbook (whatever that may be), a Centennial Library, a new Rambler, innumerable new records, nineteen indispensable magazines, made to measure nightclothes, and a collection of books ranging from Amy Vanderbilt's Etiquette to a new translation of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Enough is enough! If I want any of these things, I can ruddy well write in and request the information, rather than be bombarded with it in my home. It must wear out the postman . . . and cost the taxpayers a great deal of money . . . to distribute this wealth of printed TV commercials. Why not stop sending it?

I've prepared a carefully premeditated plan to stop this flood of drivel that flows onto my doorstep daily. And it works. Unfortunately, I cannot very well publicize it without the method losing its effectiveness. However, if you are plagued with the same problem, phone me at 454-4421 and I'll see if I can help.



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RESUMES NEXT WEEK

a contested decision.

Ranking in the top five teams of the thirty-five participating universities, UNB was the top Canadian team, and won the only trophy presented to a Canadian. Mark-

ing the first award for UNB at the McGill Tournament, and in the same year as the inaugural UNB Winter Carnival Tournament, it spells a revived interest in debating at this university.

RULES

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just been elected president of the girls' Propylaeum Society, the organization controlling female activity on campus.

Last month's co-ed calendar impounding has also started a chain reaction.

Because of the administration's action, student union lawyers are studying the whole area of student discipline on campus; the students' union is obtaining a legal brief on incorporation; and the Students' Judicial Committee, used by the University Provost to popularize student punishments, is in danger of being abolished by the Students' Representative Council.

Just as the destruction of the snow sculpture was symbolic of administration action, the reaction of the students involved was symbolic of the new resistance movement on campus: after finding their sculpture in ruins, the students simply rebuilt it.

SKATING

General skating sessions will be held on Wednesday and Saturdays at 10:00 to 11:30 P.M. during January and February.

Students and Faculty may attend these sessions free of charge. Please present identification.

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