

Hidden PE costs under study

Hidden tuition costs levied against students because of the growing sophistication and expansion of provincial physical education programs are currently under study by a University of Calgary physical education professor.

Dr. Donald Newton, acting dean of the faculty of physical education, is examining hidden costs and resource allocations as part of a tripartite, \$23,358 study funded by the department of education.

"We will be looking at the extent to which we discriminate against students who can't opt into specialized physical education activities because of their financial situation," Dr. Newton explains.

He estimates that it is not unusual for parents to be faced with approximately \$50 to \$100 in hidden physical education costs each year, primarily in

such specialized areas as canoeing, archery, etc.

This new emphasis on such activities, he says, is a result of an increased awareness on the part of physical educators who wish to reflect our modern lifestyles and make education as interesting and exciting as possible for Alberta's students.

"The peer pressure brought about by the financial burden that results from specialized activities can be very great for both students and parents," Dr. Newton notes.

The Alberta minister of education, the Hon. Louis D. Hyndman, has expressed concern about such a response from parents, Dr. Newton says, and has asked that this study be conducted to determine to what extent these hidden costs are real.

In addition to examining hidden tuition costs, Dr. New-

ton is also compiling data on resource allocations for compulsory physical education. He will be examining subjects in the curriculum and searching for discrimination which may exist among subjects to determine whether physical education is "getting its fair share" of financial, physical, human, and time resources.

His main concern, however, is hidden tuition costs since "free tuition is a fallacy in our tax-supported education system," he says.

Shortly after funding for the province-wide study was received, the Calgary public school system passed a motion calling for a similar study to be made on the compulsory and resource aspects of the city's public schools. Dr. Newton agreed to participate in this project.

Consequently, the Calgary sample taken by Dr. Newton over the next few months will be as large as the original provincial sample. Dr. Newton and a graduate student research assistant will be conducting personal interviews and administering questionnaires to all of the city's high schools, approximately 50 per cent of the junior high schools, and 30 per cent of the elementary schools.

Data obtained from the local schools will be integrated into the provincial study, which will examine from 15 to 20 per cent of the entire school population of Alberta, from kindergartens to Grade 12.

In addition to Dr. Newton's cost analysis of physical education, the provincial government grant also covers research into the nature of compulsory physical education and the instance and reporting of injuries occurring in physical education programs.

Dr. Steven Mendryk of the University of Alberta is the principal investigator for the injury aspect of the study while Dr. Gerry Glassfor of the U of A and Dr. Harry Hohol of the Edmonton public school system are examining the compulsory aspects of physical education in the province.

V-ball Pandas win bronze

The Panda volleyball team travels to Calgary this weekend to play in the Alberta Open volleyball tournament. The tournament is the second of two being held to determine an Alberta representative for the Canadian Senior Women's Tournament, to be held in Quebec in two weeks.

Calgary Cals are presently in first place in the standings, followed by Pandas and U of C Dinnies. If Pandas beat the Cals in the games this weekend they will win the right to go to Quebec.

Last weekend in Saskatoon the Pandas put on a good show to take the bronze medal in the Saskatoon International Invitational tournament. They beat the San Fernando Cougars in the playoff, by scores of 9-15, 15-2, 16-14, and 15-9. Calgary Cals won the gold medal in the tourney, however, so Pandas will have to be sharp on Saturday in their games against the Calgary squad.



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New format for championship?

The eight or ten college coaches that made it to Edmonton last week for the coaches conference tentatively decided on a proposal to determine the national champ on the basis of a six-team tournament, to be held next year in London, the home of the University of Western Ontario.

The original league proposal called for a 4-team format, including a Quebec-Maritimes winner, a Canada West-Great Plains winner, and two teams from Ontario.

The Ontario clubs would be the conference champion, and a wild-card team. If the University of Western Ontario wins the conference, the wild card would be the second best team in the area. If not, UWO would be automatically the wild-card team, simply by virtue of being the host.

The coaches association proposed that all five conference champions and a wild card be allowed to compete in the tournament, but Alberta coach Clare Drake, chairman-elect of the association, feels the 30 or so coaches who didn't attend the conference should be consulted before any solid proposal can be made by the group.

The biggest problem with the present system is the possible travel headaches which could be involved in an extreme case.

If, for example, all the playoffs were to be held at the home of the eastern-most winner, it is conceivable that UBC could travel to Saskatchewan for the conference title, if Saskatchewan finished first (how hypothetical can you get?). The following weekend, they could travel to Winnipeg to meet the Great Plains winner for the Western championship. After that, they might have to meet St. Mary's in Halifax, and possibly play the Canadian final in Toronto a week later - which could mean a lot of time off classes for the players.

In addition to travel, exposure is a problem. The CIAU presently has a ten-year contract with the CBC, with four years left to run, for televising of University sports. A three-game series, at a site determined only a week before the event is to take place, is unacceptable to the CBC. They do it all the time with the pros, but college sports simply don't rate, I guess.

"Actually, I personally kind of like the old system," says Drake. "It builds up interest in different parts of the country, by having the semi-finals (and quarter-finals) spread around a bit, rather than all in one place. But the tournament format has its good points too, I suppose. If it is staged in a good location, where there's a lot of interest, it could be quite a good arrangement ... although maybe not as decisive as the old system."

Drake is certainly right about that. It's easy to say when your team wins the crown, but the three-game series is undoubtedly more indicative of a team's quality than a one-shot event that doesn't even provide the chance to come back in the consolation event, if you lose the first game. The tournament isn't a round-robin type event, either - just simple elimination.

The only possible justification for the kind of format proposed is national television coverage. Travel costs come right out of gate receipts, in any case, and attendance at a Canadian championship semi-final or final series is never a problem, especially when the fans are assured of seeing their home team playing in every game, something that won't happen if the tournament style is adopted.

Anyone who has ever had to endure playing or watching a hockey game in Saskatoon's ancient cow-barn (Rutherford Rink) will appreciate the following:

Dave Smith, coach of Saskatchewan Huskies hockey club, was in town for the CIAU coaches' gathering last week, and commented on his team's showing over the season - "Say what you want about how bad our record was this year, and how many games we lost, but let me tell you - the worst thing that happened to us all year was when the torch (acetylene flame used to warp sticks) one of our guys was using blew up outside the visitors dressing room here."

"Why?" asked your gullible reporter, "Was he hurt?"

"Nah," deadpanned Smith, "but in this arena, it couldn't burn shit. If it had only blown up in OUR rink ... there would have been five of our players pouring gas on the goddam thing."

Cam Cole

POST-SEASON SCORING HOCKEY

NAME	GP	G	A	Pts	PiM
Ross Barros	10	4	11	15	12
Oliver Steward	10	6	8	14	14
Jim Ofrim	9	6	7	13	4
Clark Jantzie	10	6	4	10	18
John Horcoff	10	3	7	10	0
John Simkin	10	1	9	10	20
Bryan Sosnowski	10	5	2	7	10
Steve McKnight	10	3	4	7	6
Brian Middleton	10	2	5	7	14
Howard Crosley	10	2	5	7	2
Rick Peterson	10	2	4	6	2
Craig Styles	10	1	5	6	0
Kevin Primeau	8	2	3	5	4
Bruce Crawford	6	1	3	4	0
Randy Lemay	10	2	0	2	6
Abby Hebert	10	0	2	2	10
Dale Henwood	9	0	1	1	0

GOALTENDERS' AVERAGES ... POST SEASON GAMES

NAME	GP	GA	AVG.
Dale Henwood	9	15	1.67
Craig Gunther	1	4	4.00

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