

Sport Line

By Keith Spencer

We hear so much noise about revolutions of the type current in far away places such as Cuba and China that we tend to forget that North American Society is caught up in a revolution of its own—one of a rather more subtle sort.

This is, of course, the Leisure Time Revolution and it is marked by the transition of society from an economy of scarcity organized around a sacred world of work to an economy of abundance centered on non-work, leisure activity.

Work has for so long been a sacred thing valued in its own right that the shift of society from one of production to a consumption oriented one has led to a Western need to justify and dignify play.

The result is the emergence of what has been dubbed a "fun morality" which sees play measured by the same standards previously applied to work. Play becomes grim resolve driven by the work ethic and measured performance designed to dignify consumption.

Examples are legion in number: sex manuals prepare us for sex as though it was a first job. We must work to master the technique—strive hard for the perfect orgasm. We must succeed!

We must learn how to play—and play well. We pay persons to teach us to play. The skating teacher, golf professional, and dance instructress tell us how to conduct ourselves when at play.

We practice forehands, fairway shots and the foxtrot religiously during the week and then rush out early Saturday with our clubs, hoping to do as well as we should. We sweat, strain, moan and groan through nine holes of nice, relaxing golf, and return home in the evening to collapse in front of the television set in a half dead condition, quite pleased at having exercised our duty and "played".

T.G.I.M. Thank God It's Monday. We have a whole week in which to recover from our week-end's leisure and to mull over and over Saturday's fairway faux pas.

Winnipeg teams join WCIAA on partial basis

The WCIAA has a new member, the University of Winnipeg.

Formerly known as United College, the new member is starting out small. The only "interscholastic teams" are the judo, badminton, and wrestling teams.

But the big sport seems to be basketball. The U of W is recruiting some American players, two All-State boys from Utah and Illinois. The Wesmen saw some action in the 1966-1967 season and are now fully integrated into the WCIAA schedules, but only on an exhibition basis.

The Wesmen will meet all of the WCIAA teams, except UBC on a home and home basis. They will play a total of 16 games. They will enter the league as full fledged contenders in the 1968-69 season.

The hockey team is also looking toward the future. Athletic Director Dave Anderson is trying to find a home rink for the pucksters.

This small but growing university has a few feathers in its cap already. They own the small

college soccer championship, and are favored to retain the crown.

Mr. Anderson foresees the inclusion of football on the campus. "But the matter rests with the students, it will be their decision," he said.

The U of W now offers a complete university program in athletics, except for football. And this is its first year as a full-fledged university.

Golf team holds tryouts

Last week it was the women's turn, this week it's the men's.

Men's golf coach, Steve Mendryk has scheduled two 18 hole qualifying rounds for the Derrick and the Windermere courses this Saturday and Sunday. Both rounds get underway at 10 a.m.

The four low qualifiers will make up the team—three playing members plus an alternate.

All interested golfers are asked to register at the phys ed. office before the rounds to pick up tee-off times and schedules.

Al Scott, Don Haldane, and Craig Kennedy head the list as possible team members.

The WCIAA tournament will be held next weekend in Edmonton at the Windermere Club. The U of A finished a close second to the University of Manitoba last year and Coach Mendryk is looking forward to changing that this year.

Basketball meeting

Just a reminder that the Basketball Bears are having an organizational meeting tonight at 5 p.m. in room 124 of the phys ed building. Coach Barry Mitchelson will be outlining the training schedule and plans for the coming season.



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PLAYING BOUNCE-THE-BEAR—Dinosaurs Brian Kittleson (right) and Bob Bruins (left) prepare to thump down ball carrier Les Sorenson in last Saturday's ball game. The Bears and Dinos have a rematch Saturday, and will likely try to once again kill each other in the friendliest possible way. Tune in for the next thrilling chapter, 2 p.m., varsity stadium.

Pucksters face rebuilding job

The U of A Golden Bears Hockey team is facing a major rebuilding job. Only five returnees showed up at the first hockey meeting of the year along with 90 hopefuls. All spots on the Junior and Senior squads are open.

The hockey tryouts get under way next Wednesday at 5 p.m. with a mile run around the Varsity Track. Practices will start Thursday at 5 p.m. in the rink.

Anyone who has yet to register should do so at the main office in the phys ed bldg.

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