

Campbell

... looks at sports

Saturday's game was a tough one to lose. The team played the best game of the year on Saturday. The defence and offence gave everything they had to bring it off.

A wet, muddy field and a light line combined to beat the Bears. The mud and rain made for fumbles—there were twelve of them—and cut down traction through the line. A wet ball ruled out a passing offence and made the Bears stick to bone-crushing line

play. At the end of three quarters the Bears just ran out of steam.

The Blue's line is 25 pounds heavier than the Bears and the difference made it an uphill fight all the way.

The 600 enthusiastic fans who sat through the rain to watch the collegiate championship saw the best defensive play in years. The tackles, the blocks, the pass defence, were all superlative. It takes

guts to play like that, and that's how the Bears played.

The defence was responsible for six of the Bears' seven points.

At the end of the game the Bears were on the wrong end of a 14-7 score, but there is always next year. Thousands of writers have said the same thing, but next year the Bears will be a wiser club and given a dry field and half the breaks they can beat the Blues.

The star of the game was Gerry Sternberg when the sports editors' votes were counted, but in my book Steve Egbert comes at the top of the list. Sure Sternberg looks pretty flashy, but he only averaged 5.3 yards per carry against the Bears.

A lot of Sternberg's potential is wasted in the backfield warming up to rush the line. Bear halfback Gil Mathers averaged 11.2 per carry and didn't spend as much time

playing to the gallery while he was at it.

Steve Egbert was in on half the stops and was a big factor in Bear control of the explosive Toronto backfield. He worked hard on every play and his spectacular interception in the third quarter saved a major for the Bears. Steve is only 190 pounds, but the Blues wish he was 30 pounds lighter and playing bridge.

Bill Woywitka turned in the best game of his life at defensive half-back and deserves a lot more credit than he got.

I agree with Gino Fracas when he said: "The Bears played a fantastic game and I'm proud of them." They played well and fought hard in a losing cause.

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It was a great game; but a lousy weekend. Organization behind the Save the Children's College Bowl just wasn't there.

A total of 40 people, all of them members of the U of A contingent,

queen candidates and their escorts were present for the crowning of Miss College Bowl 1965. The band played on oblivious of the empty cavern in the Royal York. It was all very sad, both for the campus queens and the U of A contingent who came so far for so little.

And to top it all off Bobby Curtola, teenage idol and image of the bubblegum mystique—a figure who means nothing to the Canadian university student, was called in to crown Miss Wendy Bowman queen of the collegiate championship.

But the non-college spirit of the bowl doesn't end there. According to the game program, Bobby Curtola was selected after the committee polled youth groups, high schools, and colleges. The program states: "The After Four star was strongly favored." In case you don't know, After Four is a bubble gum show designed to please 13-year-olds of all ages.

But that's not all, the program goes on to say that after raising money for the Save the Children's Fund the bowl is an incentive to "High school football players." There is nodding recognition for helping college ball.

But all the emphasis on the toddlers didn't do much good. No more than a dozen had the cash to pay their way into the game. Which brings us to ticket prices.

Decent tickets to Saturday's fiasco cost four dollars if you wanted to sit outside of the end-zones. Toronto students were so shocked they boycotted the game—and I don't blame them. Jim Metras, coach of the University of Western Ontario Mustangs, didn't like it either, but the committee seemed upwind of any criticism.

David Hunter, vice-president of the University of Toronto students' administrative council said: "Four dollars is just too much for students to pay. At that price we just can't afford to support our team."

"Any suggestion (by the bowl committee) Toronto students are cheap is just so much B.S. We collected \$25,000 from our treasure van and share campaign."

Hunter points to lack of communication between the bowl committee and the students as one of the causes of the fiasco. He says poor attendance at the dance is one result.

"I went to the dance and met one of our cheerleaders. I asked her what she was doing there. She said: 'I'm representing U of T in the queen contest.' Well, I was shocked—this is the first I'd heard of it."

What started as a simple football game has been blown out of all proportion, according to Hunter.

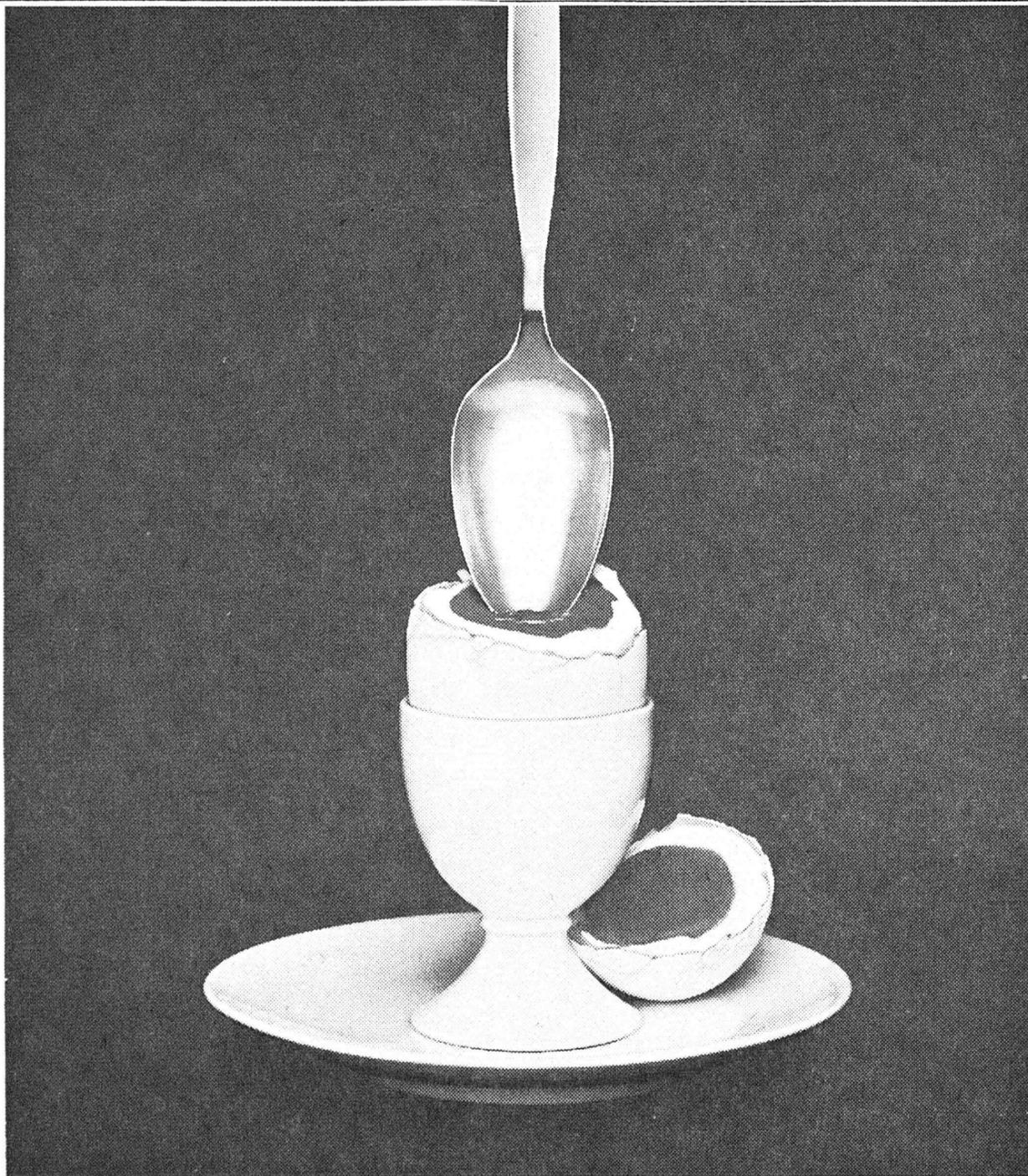
The first the 66 U of A students heard about the dance was when they checked into the hotel at 6 p.m. and they were the only ones there.

As I remember it, there were more people in my room 3 a.m. Saturday morning.

But the inefficiency and lack of hospitality didn't end there. The University of Alberta's participation in the pre-game parade was not acknowledged in the list of 30 names in the program. The band was not supplied passes to the game. No one in the U of A contingent was invited to the civic reception Friday night. The Gateway reporter and photographer didn't get press passes and nearly had to fight their way into the press box. The marching band was left out of the half time program for four sour-sounding eastern groups. And finally no one from the committee took the time to thank the Alberta contingent for coming so far after it was all over.

"We were treated like - - -," one member said. That is an understatement. If we are ever going to have a college final worthy of the name someone better do some solid planning.

The Canadian Save the Children Fund doesn't seem to be up to the job.



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