

Gateway

Sports



HEY, WAIT FOR US—The U of A cheerleaders would sure like to make that trip to Vancouver for Saturday's game between the Bears and Birds. But as of press time, the finances for the jaunt were still in doubt. 'Tis a pity—are there no gentlemen on campus who would take one of these girls to Vancouver for the weekend?—for the football game?

Bears tangle with fast-improving UBC squad in weekend grid action

It's a new look at UBC this fall.

They have a new football stadium and what's more important, the UBC Thunderbirds aren't sitting ducks any more. The Golden Bear football squad may find themselves with their hands full tomorrow afternoon, when they tangle with the T-Birds in Vancouver.

After spending the first half of the season on the short end of some very long scores (a 61-0 loss to a small American College) the T-Birds have suddenly come to life.

Head coach Frank Gnup has

made some changes and now he has a football team. Two weeks ago the T-Birds bowed 14-6 to the U of S Huskies and then beat the U of C Dinosaurs 16-11 last weekend.

The biggest change in the T-Birds has been in their offence. Gnup has reverted to the old fashioned T formation and the T-Birds have started to respond, especially along the ground.

Fullback Dave Corcoran and halfback Bernie Fandrick supply most of the power and scoring punch. Kent Yaniv has finally nailed down the quarterbacking job and can move the T-Birds through the air when necessary.

Last year the Bears blew a 17-0 decision to the T-Birds and with

that game went the conference championship. This time it's a little different; the Bears are the WCIAA champions but this is their last game before the College Bowl in Toronto on Nov. 25.

This will be the last opportunity for the Bears to do any real hitting before the Bowl game. Their practice field is grozen and Clare Drake has found it very hard to go through any live workouts.

"The two week lay-off that we've had will certainly hurt us a bit," he said, "but there is nothing we can do about it. The ground is too hard to do any serious hitting."

Drake and quarterback Terry Lampert figure the Bears can move the ball against the T-Birds. UBC sports a big defensive line anchored around middle guard Sam Kravinchuk.

Although this line is big it has been pushed around by lighter quicker ones all year long. Lampert is confident that centre Pete Gilbert can handle Kravinchuk.

Offensively the Bears are going to fill the air with footballs to sharpen their passing game.

OPEN TO PASS

"UBC is open to the short pass, especially the sideline patterns", said Lampert.

Injuries have hit the Bears' defensive corps hard in the last week. Defensive half Bob Wanzel has a pulled hamstring muscle and may not make the trip if it does not respond to treatment.

Corner linebacker Larry Dufresne sprained his angle quite severely on a teaching assignment but it is expected that he will start.

Ludwig Daubner, who cracked a vertebrae in the season opener against McMaster, has been out to the last few practices. He's wearing equipment but is not yet hitting.

The Bears leave on a Saturday morning flight to the coast. The football train should be leaving from the CN station about 3:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Football champs decided in all four conferences

Ottawa (CUP)—It's all over now. Only the post season games remain as do or die contests. The four college football conference titles were wrapped-up last weekend.

McMaster took the CCIFC crown; St. Francis Xavier the MIAA; Toronto the SIFL; and the Bears the WCIAA.

The Central Canada Intercollegiate Conference title became McMaster's when second place Waterloo Lutheran Golden Hawks dropped a 22-0 decision to the fast rising Ottawa Gee-Gees. McMaster meanwhile romped to a 57-0 win over Royal Military College.

McMaster can finish the season with a clean slate if they defeat the Golden Hawks tomorrow afternoon, but if they loose and Ottawa defeats Waterloo a time for first place would result. But the nod would go to McMaster on the virtue of a 32-0 win over the Gee-Gees.

It was billed as a showdown in

the Maritime contest, but it looked like the UNB Red Bombers almost failed to show up as they were blasted 70-4 by the X-men from St. Francis Xavier. The victory gave the X-men their fourth consecutive championship.

SIX TOUCHDOWNS

Halfback Paul Brule led the X-men attack with six touchdowns. The X-men scored at will despite being assessed 227 yards in penalties. They had five touchdowns called back.

In Senior Intercollegiate Football League play, the Toronto Varsity Blues only needed a tie to cinch the conference title. And that's all they got against the Western Mustangs.

Paul MacKay salvaged another game for the Blues, kicking a single from the Mustang 26 yard-line with time fast running out. The Blues passed up the chance for a field goal and a win to settle for a tie and first place.

By Steve Rybak

Speaking on Sports

A few misunderstandings have arisen from my column last Tuesday regarding increasing the athletic fee. I am advocating increasing the present fee of \$8 by four dollars to \$12.

I have not come across any disagreement to my proposal thus I can assume that the student body just doesn't give a damn or they agree with me. In any case here are a few more reasons why the athletic fee should be increased.

The university has not yet had to go to outside sources and solicit for additional funds. And yet there are two official student organizations doing this right now to finance a trip to Toronto for the College Bowl, Nov. 25.

The Golden Bear Marching Band needs \$8,000 to get to Toronto to represent the university at the football game. UAB was able to give them a budget of only \$675. That was spent or earmarked for additional uniforms and equipment necessary for going on public display. Thirteen of the band members went to Saskatoon on their own funds to give the Bears some support.

Now they are out going from business to business and brewery to brewery begging for the cash to get to Toronto.

And with them are the cheerleaders.

The girls are going to Toronto, that expense has been looked after. But they are trying, and have almost succeeded in raising enough cash to go to UBC this weekend.

I wonder what excuse they've come up with to raise the money. It must be that "our university is too poor to send us to Toronto and UBC. Won't you help us keep up the university's prestige, and maybe you'll get some free publicity out of it too."

With additional funds the UAB could turn more attention to the field of publicity. In the past it has been a student or a small group of students who have taken it upon themselves to sell university sports in Edmonton. They've been able to do an admirable job considering the time they are able to devote to the cause and their experience in the field.

The Booster Club on campus has been given \$1,709 to publicize university sports. Out of this meager budget comes the expenses of the Marching Band, \$200 for Radio Society, and the rest goes towards travel expenses and supplies and equipment.

No one can be expected to give all of the university sports the publicity

and coverage they deserve. No one has the time and certainly not the money. An assistant athletic director has been hired, but he is up to his ears in trying to keep track of travel expenses and arrangements. He has got a bit of time to devote to publicity but not much.

With more money, the UAB could hire a professional P-R man—something this campus has needed for a long time.

Junior sports are beginning to make a return on the campus sports scene. The two most prominent being the junior hockey and the junior varsity wrestling squad. They will be needing money very shortly, but can they get it?

Last year junior sports received a severe setback when it was decided to cut them out to save money. They are a necessary part of campus sports, providing a stepping-stone to the varsity teams. Any other major university in Canada and the States have such teams and have found them indispensable. The coaches realize this, but they also recognize the hard fact that there isn't any money to support junior teams.

The major sports are feeling an

economy pinch this year. The basketball team usually makes a foray south of the boarder every year during the Christmas break picking up valuable experience as well as making the U of A known throughout the States. They usually make the trip, but not this year.

The football team had its training meals dispensed with this season. They can't grab a bite to eat before coming to the practice session and by the time they get back home it's usually after 7:30 p.m. But corners had to be cut somewhere.

And finally, if there was more money available, UAB might be able to help with the financing and organizing of sports excursions. The one to Saskatoon a few weeks ago could have used a little help. And then there is the one to UBC this weekend.

Along with the trips that even the most artsy type student can enjoy there could be a resurrection of pep rallies and the like.

Athletics have been scraping along on a minimal budget for the last few years. And its going to be even harder next year if there is no fee increase. A lack of money can lead to cut backs in teams and that can lead to the death of athletics at the U of A.