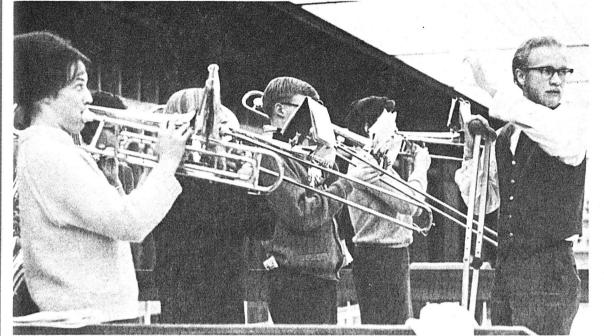
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## Stranded fans hold all-night session



WINNIPEG (Staff)-For 66 faithful Bear football fans this will surely be a weekend to remember-and not because of the football game.

This was undoubtedly the wackiest night the football galle. This was undoubtedly the wackiest night the football galle. The University of Alberta Marching Band and some 26 other hardy souls were returning from the Canadian Save the Children Bowl in Toronto when the plane made a routine refuling stop in Winnipeg. Then the announcement came: Edmonton was fogged in.

The flight was delayed 45 minutes pending further notice. The time was 9:45 p.m. Before 10:30 p.m. fog closed in on Winnipeg and the flight was held another hour.

First passengers took advantage of the stop to have a quick snack. Then it happened. Innocently at first two or three guitars appeared and a quiet sing-song began.

There were two tables of bridge—no gambling of course—and time passed slowly with still no break in the weather. The group began to tire and some went back for a second and third cup of coffee.

By midnight the singers had exhausted a long list of sing-along ma-terial and three guitarists. But energy and imagination prevailed. The nine cheerleaders in the group started a kick-line and shout session.

Suddenly someone made a dash for the plane sitting on the tarmac. In came clarinets, trumpets, drums and horns of every shape and size. By 12:45 a.m. the band was ready. Injured Bear defensive end Nestor Korchinsky substituted his crutch for Cec Pretty's mace and things began

to swing. The band rolled through the Saints, Away Down South In Dixie and He's Got the Whole World In His Hands before band leader Pretty de-cided a march around the terminal was in order. With the cheerleaders dancing a creative Hernando's Hideaway, the band swung through an amazed group of late-night employees. After half an hour of high-stepping music the band sat down for what seemed to be an all-night play-in to be an all-night play-in.

The fans adjourned to the Royal Alexandra hotel and an all-night dance was organized in the main ballroom at three in the morning. Festivities ended when everyone was too tired to see the clock.



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