



University sports are strictly "bush league". At least this appears to be the impression one would get from listening to the people of Edmonton talk. In general the people of this campus city know practically nothing of the campus athletic circles and care to know no more.

Mention the Golden Bear football team to a group of citizens and some will remember them only as some vague group who play games on some obscure field on the south-side. This was very well pointed out to me by a letter written by a cross-town fan. This apparent alumnus mentioned, that, at a Touchdown Luncheon the other day, no one seemed to know there even was a University football team.

This is a sad situation for any sport to be in. A situation where they are even unknown to people in their own city. If our Varsity sports are to grow and attract fans by the thousands, not hundreds, then something has got to be done. Somehow the people of this fair city must be aroused and notified of the fine quality of sports which is going by unnoticed.

Our teams are definitely not bush

as is the general opinion. Our football team can bow to non in the west, except the pros. Our hockey team plays as well as the best amateurs in Alberta. Our basketball team compares favourably with any to be found in the province. They are definitely not at the level the fans appear to think they are.

How about this trip to Saskatchewan next weekend? It appears to be a good thing. Fare is only ten bucks and judging by the ball Saskatchewan had coming here, Albertans should be able to make it three ring circus. Grab your scarves, coon-skin coats, and bubbly, fellows. This is the last big whirl before the first quizzes.

And wouldn't this be an excellent time to kidnap Yip Shii, the husky mascot dog the Green and White have for a mascot. Don't worry fellows, he's a friendly mutt, but watch out for his guardian.

If this fails one could always swipe another cheerleader. Heh. Heh.

University of Alberta Golden Bears basketball workouts will begin next Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the PEB gym.

Ski Team Meets

The first meeting of the Inter-Varsity Ski Team will be held in room 127 of PEB on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 4:30 p.m.

This is not the Ski Club, but the Ski Team, which competes with top American University teams. The University of British Columbia is the only other Canadian University that is entered in Intersvarsity competition.

Ten members will form this year's team of which eight will be competitors and two will be spares. Irvin Servold, who competed in the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley, California, will be returning to the team this year.

A full schedule of fall and winter training will commence shortly. All interested personnel are requested to come.

Mr. Gino Fracas will be faculty representative this year.

Climb With Me

Three men, Mike Paris, Robert Mermelstein, and John Tewion, interested in forming a mountain-climbing society at the U of A will hold an exploratory meeting in the West Lounge, SUB, 4:30 p.m., Nov. 3.

The purpose of the meeting is to contact students interested in climbing whether they are experienced or not.

The University of Alberta is apparently unique in the fact that it has no group whose sole purpose is to climb mountains, and the three anxious to form this club feel that a mountaineering club could be a successful venture, given a few comparatively experienced climbers.

It was suggested by Hal Veale, law rep, that a recommendation be made by Council to the Russian committee, that no debates between the Russian visitors and campus debaters be held. His feeling was that any debates would, in all likelihood, develop into partisan political arguments. As an alternate, Veale also suggested that if any debates were to be held, they be between the visitors and McGoun cup debaters, not with the leaders of campus political clubs.

Poor Practice Turnout Of Aquatic Damsels

There was a lack of depth apparent at the varsity pool last week, but it had nothing to do with a leaky tile. The number of girls turning out for the women's inter-varsity swim teams was alarmingly small in comparison with the number of co-eds on campus. Nine regulars for the speed team and fifteen for the synchronized swimming team have been coming to the 5:30 p.m. weekday practices.

Commenting on the poor turnout, team coach and director of women's athletics Pat Austin said, "I have seen at least three girls in the pool who are just as good as the best we have on the team, but who have not

come out to practices." Miss Austin attributed the poor turnout to the time of the practices which cuts through the supper hour, and a lack of confidence in their own ability on the part of girls possessing talent but little training. While the speed team requires girls with some training, synchronized swimmers can be made of the most inexperienced beginners. Miss Austin also intimated that if 40 or more girls were regular attenders at the Tuesday and Thursday practices of the synchronized swim team there would be a distinct possibility of putting on a University of Alberta water show.

So now the cry goes out for all the budding Ester Williams's on campus to don swim bonnets and head for the PEB pool any weekday afternoon at 5:30.

Web-footed Golden Bears To Make Home In PEB Pool

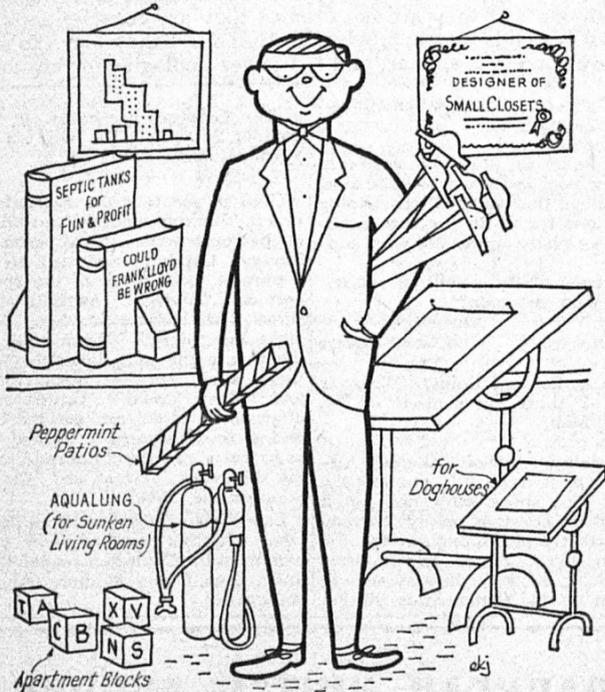
Tryouts begin today for the 1960-61 edition of the Golden Bear Swimming team, in the new PEB swimming pool.

Sessions for any web-footed prospectives will continue Monday through Thursday of next week from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A heavy schedule of meets are planned for the survivors of the try-out sessions, with six home meets and three out of the city, including Bellingham, Washington; Vancouver, and Saskatoon.

The final home meet of the year will be the Western Canada Inter-collegiate Athletic Union championships early in March.

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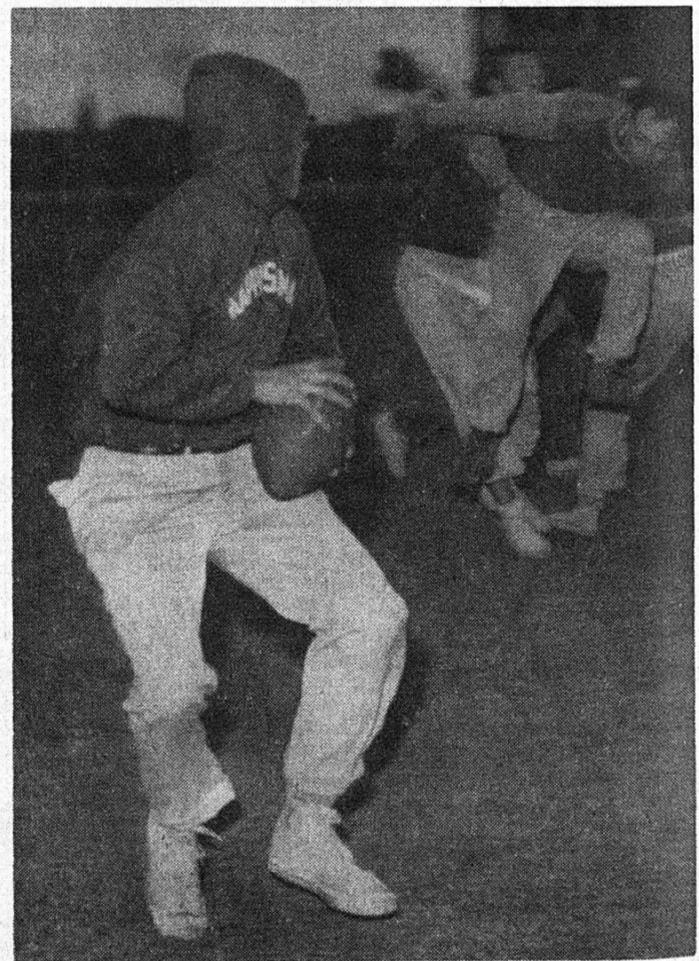
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