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## Bird, Dr. J, and Conway play B-ball

by Homer Wayward

Larry Bird and Julius Erving will be taking time off their busy schedules to compete in the prestigious Klondike Basketball Classic.

"We always thought this could be an outstanding tournament. But I didn't expect Larry and Dr. J. to accept my offer!" exclaimed Bears coach Brian Heaney.

Heaney sent a telegram to the two NBA all-stars as a longshot to bolster fan interest: "Actually, I got the idea from Tom (Berekoff)."

Berekoff, Universiade '83 basketball co-ordinator, spent several months organizing the tourney and says Wayne Gretzky was also

suggested as a crowd attractor.

However, Heaney decided against it: "I don't have anything against Wayne personally, but his lay-up in basketball is about as good as his back-checking in hockey."

Bird, the Boston Celtics star, said in a telephone interview that he's excited about playing with Jim Pratt in the guard position. Erving, better known as "Dr. J.," says the highlight of his visit will be playing alongside Leon Bynoe.

Universiade '83 publicist Con Griwkowsky refused to disclose the "exact" amount that Bird and Erving will be receiving for their appearances: "Let's just say it's more

than \$30,000 and less than \$32,000."

As souvenirs of their trip to Edmonton, Bird and Dr. J. will get to keep their Bears' uniforms and will each receive an autographed basketball from Gretzky.

"It's the least I could let Wayne do after turning him down," sighed Heaney.

In place of Gretzky, Heaney managed to lure SU vp Internal Ray Conway to play in the Classic.

"Ray's got a fantastic shot from behind the basket. As for his performance in front of the hoop, well, I've told him to be a team player. You know, lots of passes," hinted Heaney.



Bears coach Brian Heaney (above) points his evil finger at a lacklustre lay-up by Oilers Wayne Gretzky (left, out of picture). Heaney's squad will be bolstered at the Klondike Classic by three of the top players in basketball today: Larry Bird of Boston Celtics, Julius Erving of Philadelphia 76ers, and Ray Conway of Edmonton No-Minds.

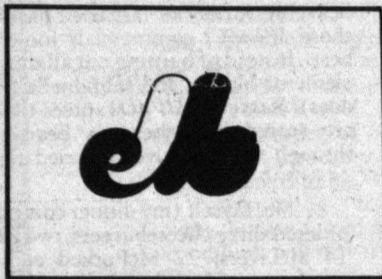
## Born-again Raines sorry

by Ron Jellgard

Montreal Expos outfielder Tim Raines will give a lecture tomorrow in T-1-95 on the "Effects of Cocaine on Athletic Performance."

"Sure, the stuff's been an economic disaster for me. I can't buy a Porsche any longer. And besides, the doc says my nasal tissue has bit the dust," said a reformed Raines in a recent conversation.

Cocaine is used medically to treat extreme pain. When Raines heard that the Bears football team was



painfully sick of losing, he thought the drug would solve the problem.

"I always try to be helpful. I saw that your football team wasn't doing too hot, so I figured I'd give them a few pointers," explained Raines, who stole 71 bases in his rookie year.

"Obviously, my advice worked. Your Bears won a game," said Raines.

"But now I realize I made a mistake. Tell those guys I'm really sorry if I messed up their lives," related Raines.

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## All the bleachers

by Carton Moots

Two members of the Golden Bears hockey squad will be quitting in January to accept an "attractive" offer in Bermuda.

Ron Parent and Garnet "Ace" Brimacombe announced their intentions to a shocked coach Clare Drake yesterday.

Parent and Brimacombe have accepted lucrative contracts from Triangle Petroleum of Bermuda. The agreement allows them to play hockey and pursue careers in business.

Parent, an accounting major, says he's looking forward to the change: "First I get picked to go to Czechoslovakia, then this comes along!"

Brimacombe, the Bears captain, is looking forward to the sunny (and tax-free) climate of Bermuda:

"There's a couple places where I really need a tan."

Roger Smith, Dean of Business, says that in light of the extraordinary offers, the two fourth-year students will be granted their B.Comm. degrees on the condition that both "donate" furniture to the new Business building.

"Hell, I'll give Roger all the bleachers in the Varsity Arena to keep Ron and Ace," replied a dejected Drake.

*I'd like to be...  
...under the sea*

by Marlaina Schmidke

Campus Recreation is anxious to announce the addition of underwater hockey to next semester's roster of intramural activities.

Drew Doyles, Coordinator of Campus Recreation, is quite excited about the new addition as this will make the U of A Intramurals program unique in Canada.

"The thing that really makes it unique is that we are trying it out as a Co-Rec activity," he commented.

A series of workshops will be conducted prior to the start of the underwater hockey league by a specialist in endurance diving.

"We have been working for some time now on bringing in a coin diver from a small tourist island in the Caribbean to instruct the workshops," said Laverna Sunstrum, Assistant Coordinator. "The main problem being one of transportation costs."

Sunstrum suggested that failing this, long-winded members of the U of A Swim Team would be recruited as instructors.

Drew Doyles, feeling that underwater hockey will be a success, has already started to look into the possibilities of offering underwater volleyball through Women's Intramurals, as well as a Non-Credit Instruction course in underwater basketweaving.

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