

SPORTS

Quality sport

College sport has travelled a somewhat circuitous route since the rah-rah days of the forties and fifties. The athlete on campus no longer commands the blind respect and adulation from the student population that was his back then.

In the past decade, it has become some kind of an in thing to view the athlete with disdain. The thought pattern seems to manifest itself by relegating the athlete to the dumb-jock stereotype, too limited in his view to see past the end of his nose.

Something that these detractors seem to miss while they are busy condemning these people is that a football or hockey player, gymnast, swimmer or anyone participating in an event must approach their discipline with the same drive and dedication of an artist painting his masterpiece in order to be successful.

In college sport, the emphasis is on participation. There are some four thousand people involved in athletic activities on campus. Anyone who is so inclined can participate in his or her favorite sport on a level that is consistent with his or her abilities.

The intersarsity teams provide the superior athletes on campus an opportunity to participate in a league that offers them a high level of competition. It also provides them with an arena to exhibit their skills before an audience, that, in the case of football and hockey, will include scouts from professional teams.

The coaches of all college teams try to help these people hone their skills to the peak of the individuals' potentials. Hockey coach Clare Drake feels that his sport can offer a great deal to interested and skilled players. There has been some criticism in the past from those who feel that it is wrong to try and attract competent athletes. He thinks that we should be concerned with attracting highly skilled players because we do have a good program, not for monetary reasons. Athletic scholarships that pay the players to attend this university to play for a team while they bumble their way through a micky mouse course load is not strictly according to Hoyle and no-one really wants to see this happen here.

It should be the quality of the program that attracts the players. Hockey has received a good deal of adverse publicity lately partly because most junior players are forced to put their eggs in one basket. The long junior schedule puts the player in a position where he has to quit school or fail. When the player does reach the end of his junior career, he is faced with a situation that leaves them suited for nothing but hockey. If they are not drafted, they are stuck.

The university does not set hockey or any athletic program as a be all and end all.

The university is an ideal place to develop various sports to new levels. Professional sport tends to place a considerable amount of emphasis on entertainment and the profit that can be realized by pandering to the public taste. University is not really corralled by these bonds so the door is open for a bit of experimenting.

There are many good athletes on campus here. There have been several Olympians from the U of A as well as the football and hockey players who have graduated to the pro ranks. These people are worthy of our respect. Get on out to the next Golden Bear or Panda sport and see what we mean.

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U of A teams go to US

U of A's soccer and rugby teams travel to Pullman, Washington, for a series of exhibition games this weekend.

Peter Wesson's rugby club will play Washington State University and a squad from Ridley, Washington, while the soccer eleven takes on WSU.

Soccer coaches Stu Robbins and Clive Padfield anticipate that the WSU games will be key steps in their preparations for the Western Canadian championships scheduled for late October.

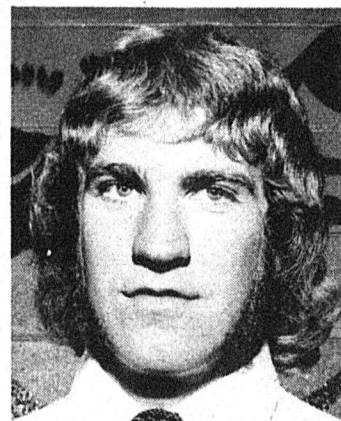
Padfield was happy with Bears' recent victories over Saskatchewan and expressed satisfaction with the team's progress. "We're starting to come together now."

Blush!

Billie Jean King move over. The Blonde Bomber (an unnamed female student) advanced the cause of women's lib on campus yesterday by thoroughly trouncing a football Golden Bear 21-14 at centre court of the Phys Ed Racquetball complex. The second-year quarterback (who shall remain nameless) was heard to say "She knocked me out with her perfume." after the humiliating defeat.

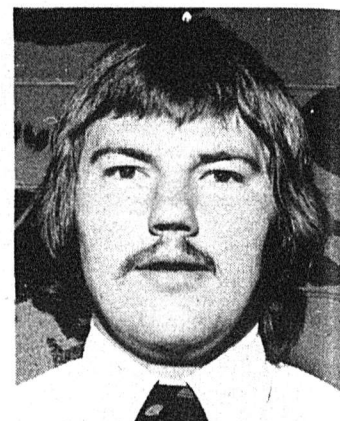
Golden Bear

Players of the Week



Offence
Brian Fryer

To no one's surprise Brian Fryer was voted this week's offensive star by his teammates. The six-foot, 175-pound halfback scored five touchdowns against UBC on runs of 6, 7, 21, 48, and 65 yards, the last on a punt return. Fryer led all rushers in the game with 147 yards on 16 carries for a 9.2 yard average gain. According to Jim Donlevy much of Fryer's success is due to the hard work he has done with backfield coach Clarence Kachman on his faking and control.



Defense
Ken Luchkow

Defensive end Ken Luchkow led the charge that sacked UBC quarterbacks five times and limited the T-Birds to 142 yards in total offense. Defensive line coach Bob Bennett felt that Luchkow had one of his best games as a Golden Bear Saturday. "Ken gave us the big plays when we needed them." The six-foot-four, 230 pound 20-year old came to U of A from the 1970 high school city champion Ross Sheppard Thunderbirds. "Looch" is in his second year with Bears after playing his freshman year with the junior Bearcats.

INTRAMURALS

Men's

by Jim McLaughlin

September has been an active month for Intramurals. The annual Turkey Trot was recently completed with Don Crammer (Law) skidding in with a time of 12:23 minutes, not a record but a great effort. Close behind came two gentlemen from the Faculty unit, Doug Keller and Ian Bailery. Arnie Gaudin (Kappa Sigma) sauntered across the finish line to place 161st and was the eventual winner of the "duffer" turkey.

The MacKenzie Hall unit received two turkeys for the most participants with a turnout of 36. They generously donated the two birds to St. Andrew's Anglican Church on 87 Ave and 117 St. Due to this charitable act, we recognize the strutters of Mac Hall as our participants of the week: to them, a tip of the hat.

It was a sunny Saturday for the big race but it rained all day Sunday so there was no tennis. Play will resume on Oct. 14 weather permitting.

There are still openings left on the squash, handball and racquetball ladders. Interested persons are asked to sign up in person at the intramural office.

Next week is the cycle drag deadline. There is one team allowed per unit with eight peddle-pushers and two lap counters per team. This is regarded as the most strenuous event in our program and the most enjoyable. It is a different type of activity and a lot of fun.

Now that we have completed some of our activities we will be making use of our unit standings board. Following the completion of each activity, the board will be updated and the participation and achievement points for each unit will be posted pertaining to a particular sport.

The co-recreational program starts off with volleyball next Wednesday. We have over 60 teams this year and there may be some trouble scheduling but we will do our best to give everybody as many games as possible. Oct. 17 is the deadline date for both the Co-Rec Car Rally and Co-Rec Contract Bridge. We have changed the season of the car rally this season in hopes that more

Women's

by Belinda Bickford

Women's Intramurals have hit campus students in full flight offering a variety of fun sports, both recreational and competitive. Intramurals are open to every woman student on campus regardless of her skill level. The main purpose is to provide enjoyment, meet old friends or make new ones, and break the monotony of school studies.

Under the direction of Miss Sandy Drever and with the assistance of four sports coordinators, some 17 sports are being offered this year including such oddities as Snow Soccer, Flag Football, Archery, Field Hockey and a Novelty Swim Meet.

For the first time, a Keep-Fit Program is being offered providing information on calisthenics, diet and most physical activities. As yet, the program has not been initiated but hopefully it will be in the near future.

Each Intramural participant must be a member of a Unit such as Apathy, Education, Lower Kelsey and so on. A list of the Units and their Managers may be secured at the Women's Intramural Office which is on the lower level of the West Physical Education and Recreation Complex Center.

Each Unit Manager is responsible for publicizing upcoming sports, deadlines for sign-ups, making sure that her unit members participate in their assigned sports, and providing general information.

Individual and Unit participation points total at year's end to culminate in the awarding of the T.M. Johnson and Rosebowl Trophies, respectively.

Presently, Innertube Water Polo goes Tuesday and Thursday nights until October 9th.

The deadline for Volleyball (Thursdays, Oct. 11 thru to November 1) sign ups is this Friday, and for Curling (Saturdays, Oct. 13, 20, 17 and Nov. 3) next Wednesday.

Any information concerning Women's or Co-Recreational Intramurals may be obtained from the Women's Intramural Office, 12 noon-1 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 12-1 on Friday.

people will turn out for it.

For all you bridge enthusiasts, we will once again run a bridge tournament. This year we will be sticking to regular contract bridge. In the past it has proven to be the most enjoyable for everyone.

We hope that this year will be our best C-Rec year yet. Both the men's and women's intramural offices are doing their best to make it so. We encourage you to come out and share in the fun.

Runners

win meet

The Golden Bear runners squeaked by a strong host team last Saturday to win the open men's trophy at the University of Saskatchewan Invitational Cross Country Races in Saskatoon.

The five-mile race was over one of the tougher courses in western Canada. Several steep climbs including one sandy uphill grind, and two hurdles provided challenging terrain over the 2½-mile loop which was covered twice.

Winning the race with a time of 27:45 was U of A's Bob Baxendale while Alan Groat of U of S placed second.

Also running for the Alberta team were:

Jim Young, 8th—29:04; Bill McBlain, 9th—29:15; Dennis Proctor, 12th—29:40; Rod Constable, 14th—30:00; Rick Kennedy, 21st—31:28; Chris Reinhardt, 22nd—31:34; Dennis Franz, 24th—32:05; Stu Beck, 31st—34:02; Cal Kullman, 33rd—36:09.

Sue Hoffart, the lone Panda runner, placed sixth in the open women's race, covering the two-mile course in 13:04.

The team travels to Calgary this weekend for the Oct. 6 running of the South YMCA six-mile Road Race where they will be aiming for their third victory in as many years.