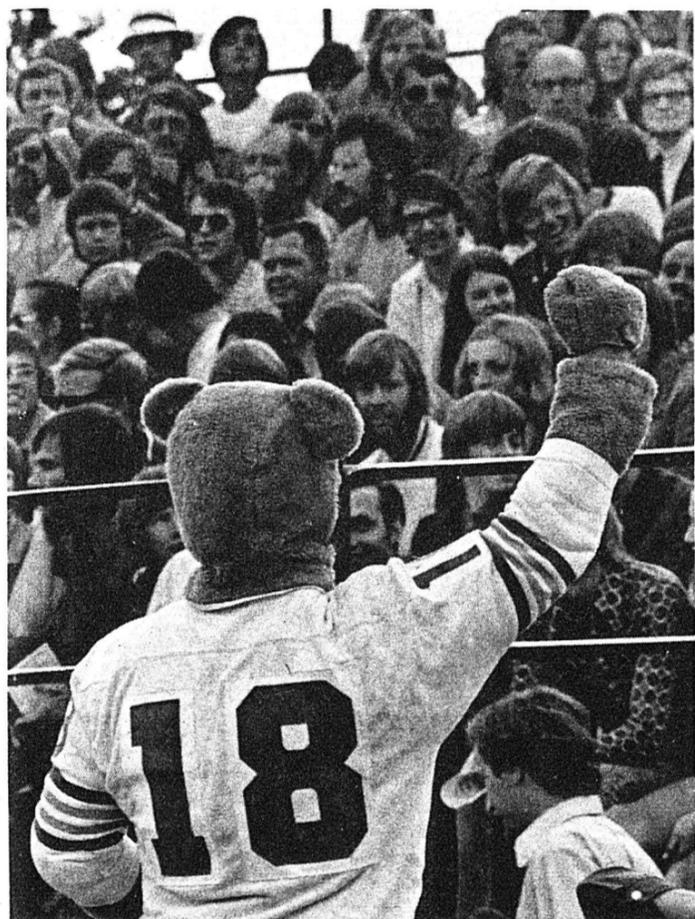


SPORTS

GUBA rallies the fans



by Terry Valeriote

In past years the gymnasium and athletic fields of the U of A echoed with the vibrant sounds of cheerleaders and bands.

But one day, something happened, and behold, where once were exstastic cheerleaders, only silence prevailed. The poor fan was caught amiss, for in his eagerness to cheer, there was now no one to prod him on.

Then, three years ago, there appeared on the scene, in an attempt to salvage the grim situation, the Great University Bear of Alberta.

"GUBA", clad in the green and gold of his alma mater, single-handedly set out to help cheer and entertain the fans.

Many people wonder what type of person the Bear is. They ask "is he a nut of just a

fun-loving guy? To his friends he is both.

He likes to do crazy things; in fact, he'll try anything once, but then he loves to make people smile too. On the football field, he mingles with the crowd, kisses a girl here and there or plays catch with an eager fan.

During hockey games, he often demonstrates a fantastic ability to skate on his ankles.

He displays his greatest talent on the basketball court though, where he sinks shots from centre court, doing his famous double twist lip-lock hook shot.

Guba is by no means a boisterous bear. On the contrary, he portrays the friendly bear as he prances around.

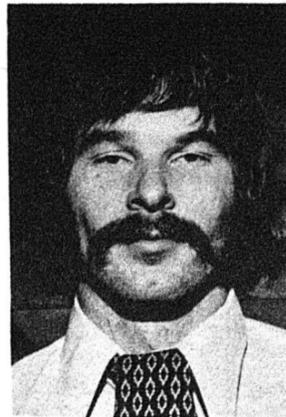
He appreciates good fans, the ones who enjoy the game but don't express their feelings by being rowdy and loud-mouthed. How well we know that type of fan does exist.

Guba loves kids: "The most enjoyable experience I had happened last year during half time of a basketball game. There was a little boy about two years old along the side line and we just rolled the ball back and forth. I loved it and I'm sure the fans did too because they really applauded.

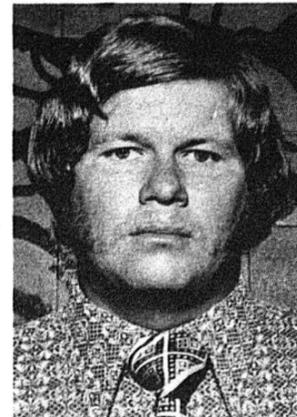
"I like to make people smile. It gives me tremendous satisfaction during a game to see people laugh, especially those who are less fortunate and are brought to the games in wheelchairs."

Without a doubt, the Bear performs a tremendous service for the athletic department and fans. His only wish is that he could perform the same job, but in front of the vibrant sounds of cheerleaders and bands.

Golden Bear Players of the Week



Offence
Brian Adam



Defence
Mike Ewachiuk

In last Saturday's home open against U of A, Brian excited fans with his powerful running. He was the leading rusher in the game with 78 yards on eight carries. What really impressed fans was the second efforts he gave after being initially tackled. Brian, 23, was born in Edmonton and played his high school ball at Strathcona. Last year, he played at Arizona Western College, but decided to come back to Canada, an important gain for the Bears.

Standing 6 feet 1 inch and weighing 240 lbs. one would have to say that Mike dominates the defensive line of the Bears. In last Saturday's game, he made many important tackles in stopping the elusive U of S offense. Mike also has played in the U.S. at Montana State College. He later played a year at University of Calgary before joining the Bears. In his second year with the Bears, many look to Mike as the leader on the Bear defensive unit.

New Challenge for rugby club

This year the University Rugby Club faces a new challenge. For the first time an intercollegiate rugby tournament will be held in Vancouver, Oct. 28, to determine a western collegiate champion. Until now the Rugby Club has participated just in the Edmonton Rugby Union, but the Vancouver tournament has added a new dimension to college rugby.

Bears plan to field three full teams this fall. The first fifteen will eventually go to Vancouver while second and third division squads will compete in the local Rugby Union.

This will give less experienced players an opportunity to learn and enjoy the game at their own skill level.

The squads are coached by Frank Henry and Peter Wesson.

Training sessions are held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. on the Lister Hall Field.

Preparation for the intercollegiate tournament will consist of exhibition matches against the Universities of Calgary, Saskatchewan and Washington state University. Besides this Bears are still active in the local rugby union.

The first and second teams kick off the season this Saturday, hosting their arch-rivals, the U of C Stags. The first match will be played on Varsity Field at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.

All persons interested in playing rugby should report to Coaches Henry and Wesson on the practice field or check the Rugby notice board located in the men's locker room in the P.E. Building.

Soccer

Stu Robbins' Golden Bears Soccer squad host Royal Military College from Kingston, Ontario, Saturday in Varsity Stadium. Game time is 2 p.m.

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introduction

An "Introductory Night" will be held by the Women's Athletic Association on September 19, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. in room E 120, Physical Education Building. Discover how to become involved in intramurals, inter-varsity teams, organized activities, and sports clubs. Remember girls "Mens sana in corpore sano". Just ask any male and he'll tell you what it means.

Men's

intramurals

by Jim MacLaughlin
The Men's Intramural Department has launched into another season of athletic activities.

Schedules are currently being drawn up for flag football and lacrosse and this year promises to be bigger than ever. In flag football we have 111 teams which exceeds last year's record of 93.

Although the team deadlines for both sports were on Sept. 12 it is not too late for individuals to sign up. Drop by the intramural office and we will do our best to get you settled on a team.

Tuesday, Sept. 18 is the deadline for golf and archery. This year we have changed the format of both activities allowing everybody an equal chance of winning.

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