Financial difficulties may prevent marching band from going to bowl

The College Bowl game is to be played on Nov. 25 in Toronto. Our own Golden Bears are playing, but what about the Golden Bear Marching Band?

The band is in financial trouble. They need at least \$6,500 before they can go. To date the band has only \$100.

Why the problem of raising the money? Band members have been canvassing the breweries, auto dealers and other companies to seek support. Why aren't these companies, who normally donate to such causes, not donating this

Cec Pretty, band director, feels it is the present economic situation of the country which is responsible for the behaviour of the companies.

But perhaps the biggest single reason for the lack of support is that this is the end of our centennial year. Many companies had put aside large funds for centennial activities, but now, near the end of the year all these funds have been depleted.

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Since the CBC has the contract to broadcast the bowl game, the local radio stations are shy to donate to something they could not benefit from. And the CBC itself? Nobody gets money from the CBC.

The only alternatives left are the student's union and the university athletic board. The student's union is currently facing a ten thousand dollar deficit so help is unlikely. The only place it could come from would be the grant fund, but this would be at the expense of other clubs on campus. However, the question went before the board meeting Monday night.

The UAB is also a bit of a dead end. The only help from them would come from their reserve fund. Dipping into the reserve fund could quite possibly put the UAB in a bad spot. Besides the UAB has already financed the

cheerleaders who definitely will be in Toronto.

The Alumni Association is expected to come through with a donation. There has been no reply from the city and Pretty has an appointment with Provincial Treasurer, A. O. Aalborg to see what help, if any, the province can

The band members themselves can not be asked to finance this venture. They donate at least eight hours a week to the band, have financed a trip to Saskatoon and are responsible for food and lodging in Toronto.

The whole problem is that an opportunity to further the well respected image of our university through our own Golden Bear Marching Band has come at a bad

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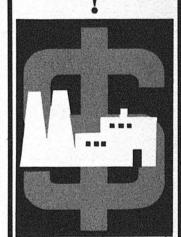
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