A NOTE FROM COACH CONNELLAN

Over the past three years, the 5Q and the University have made significant strides to finalize a new on-campus Dino Community Stadium facility. This has been a vision for over six decades! I am excited to hear about the progress and the potential this will have for Dino athletics and the community.

Dennis Kadatz, as the Athletic Director and Head coach, envisioned a football facility on our campus. When he left the university in 1985 to move to Canada Olympic Park, his one big disappointment was to never have seen the Dinos play on their own campus field. As an assistant and head coach for over 16 years, I could only dream the difference a football facility with our own workout areas, meeting and locker rooms would have made to our football program.

The U of C program lacks in only one area - On-campus facilities!

The Dinos stand alone as the only Elite program in Canada without a facility of their own on campus. Why do we give the advantage to our competition when we could be providing a complete football experience second to none for our players and potential players? Every year we start the recruiting season behind in one very important area, the lack of our own facility on campus. Let's keep our Southern Alberta players at home.

It is paramount to know these facilities will be available for other campus and community groups. I hope you can see the value a new on-campus stadium will have for our program, University life, Community amateur sports and our players. We will have a new year-round training facility that everyone can brag about and call "HOME", the one thing we haven't been able to provide until now.

The Fifth Quarter was started by a group of Dino players from the 1975 College Bowl participants and the 1977 Canada West Champions who wanted to make a difference by giving back to the Program. They stepped up and formed The Fifth Quarter in 1980, and in 1984 organized the first Fifth Quarter Dinner to honor the 1983 Vanier Cup Champions.

Forty-five years later, our current 5Q board has carried on with our strong tradition and are moving the ball down the field to make a new on-campus stadium facility a reality for our program. I would like to ask you to strongly consider donating to this generational project and fulfill Dennis' dream!

Our success has been built on the TEAM approach.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!

Peter Connellan,

Head coach 1977, 1983 - 1995

