

# Bear pucksters after top spot

## Wesmen, Bisons host Albertans

By Bob Anderson

It's getting dangerously close to the end of yet another hockey season.

And what makes it even more tense is that the Golden Bears are not occupying their usual rung atop the standings of the Western Canada Intercollegiate Hockey League.

Rather, that spot currently belongs to the Calgary Dinosaurs with a record of 8-1. Bears are 7-2.

Brian McDonald's charges get a chance and a big one at that to make their big move for first place this weekend as they journey to Winnipeg to do battle with the University of Winnipeg Wesmen and the Manitoba Bisons Friday and Saturday respectively.

The clubs have not met each other yet this season and by the time that this and next weekend's series between the clubs are over with, the WCIHL standings could be considerably changed.

The Wesmen are a vastly different club from the one which last year failed to win a game in 20 starts. In this their second year of WCIHL competition, the Winniepegers appear to be stronger as evidenced by their 3-6 record to date.

The Bisons, on the other hand,



DENNIS ZUKIWSKY

... shows promise



MEL BAIRD

... stays at home

are literally loaded with talent. Herb Pinder, who played with the Canadian Nationals for two years, is with the Herd this season and has led the league in scoring since the schedule began back in November.

As well, Bison coach Billy Robinson has Andy Miles and Rod Lindquist both of whom know what to do with the puck near the net.

Larry Holton appears to be the answer to the goaltending problems which have plagued the Bisons for

the past couple of seasons. Holton currently leads the league with an average of 2.4 goals a game.

Two lineup changes are in store for the Bruins. Mel Baird, the tiny defenceman from Waterloo, will sit out both encounters, and Mike Lemieux, out for four games with sore ribs, will be back at his regular blueline position. Dennis Zukiwsky, the rookie who has been playing fine hockey in the past two weeks, will be Baird's replacement.

## Dekes capture swim meet

The second half of the men's intramural swim meet is over and a strong contingent from DKE captured the overall honors.

The Dekes, who finished fourth in the initial November meet, got good performances from the likes of Chris Ouellette, Ron Bridges, Bob Wallace, Don McNeil, and Bob Chanten, to defeat Medicine who had finished on top in the first meet.

Ouellette won firsts in the back-crawl and butterfly and placed second in the diving competition.

Bridges churned to a second place finish in the breaststroke and ended up fifth in the back crawl, while Wallace took fifth and sixth respectively in the backcrawl and fly events.

Al Thompson of LDS swam the 50-yard freestyle in 25.7 seconds, and won that event. Mike Lamoureux, Lambda Chi unit manager, was a close second with a 26.7 finish.

The all around strength of the Deke outfit showed up in the 100-yard medley relay.

The winning time was 53.0 seconds, a full three seconds ahead of Medicine. Dentistry and Phys Ed were third and fourth respectively.

The best dive in the meet was turned in by the lone Pharmacy entrant Willy Wangert. He upset pre-meet favorite Ouellette.

Participation was good as 135 swimmers showed up for the two events.

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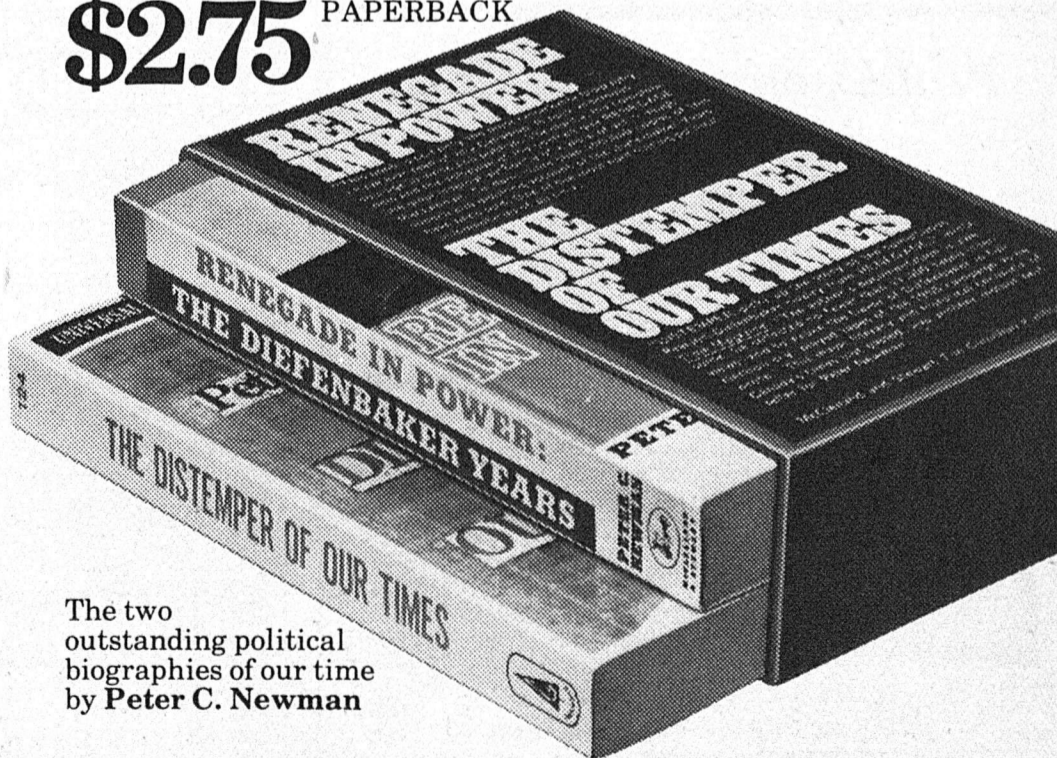
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