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Swimmers, divers go to Vancouver

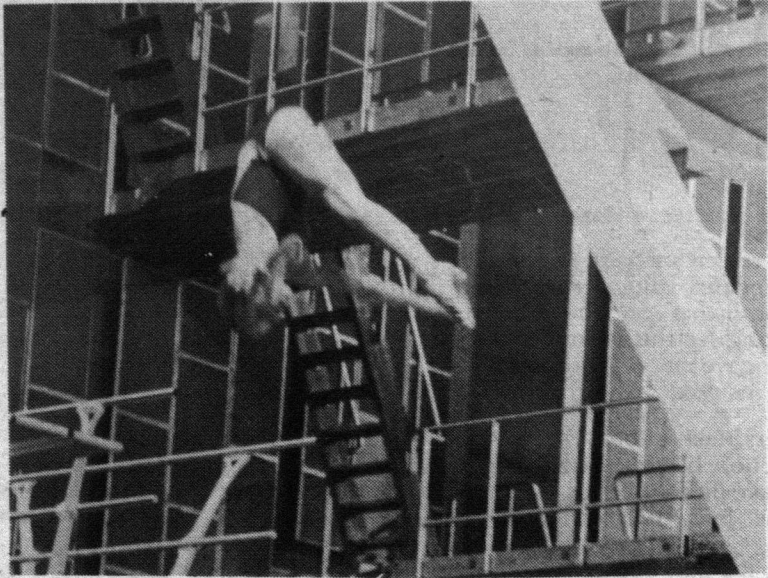


photo Martin Beales

U of A divers hope to do well this weekend in B.C.

The U of A swimming and diving teams left yesterday for Vancouver to take part in the C.I.A.U. Championships.

As reported in Tuesday's paper, the men swimmers will consist of 10 of Alberta's best. This contingent is the largest the Bears

have ever sent to the Nationals.

The Women will be sending five of their own and are hoping to move into the top ten.

The Nationals consist of 23 teams of men and the same number of women's teams.

Last year the men finished sixth over-all

and this year the coach wants them to finish third.

The diving team has been literally destroying its opponents in recent outings and hopefully the Championships won't put a halt to that trend.

Good luck to everyone competing.

Tae Kwon Do tourney this Saturday

Gateway news services

The Tae Kwon Do club of the university is holding a large tournament on Saturday, March 6th starting at 11:00 a.m. in the Main Gym here on campus.

The tourney is open to the club members only but there will be some black belt coming in from the city to compete in the black belt class.

The club is hoping for about half its 160 members to try the competition and for many more students to come out and see some excellent tae kwon do.

The eliminations for the colour belts will start at 11 and go all afternoon. At 6:30 that same evening the finals will begin.

To start off the evening though, there will probably be some demonstrations by the black belts of the club. After this, the colour belts will commence their final matches and later after that there will be competition in the black belt division.

All competition in the colour belts will be no contact and they will also be competing through patterns. The black belt competition will be full contact with no punching to the head although competitors will be allowed to deliver kicks to an opponent's head. Olympic Rules will be applied.

As a special attraction for the tourney, there is a team coming up from the University of Calgary consisting of five people. The tae kwon do club of this university will field their own team of five to

take on the club from down south. Club president John Chapman hopes the team competition is the first step to more inter-university club competition next year.

Because the competition is of such a high calibre, students are

urged to go out and take a look.

If you wish to purchase a ticket you can do so for three dollars at the SUB box office or at the door Saturday or from club members here at the U of A.

Bears skiing peaks

by Eric Hacker

Earlier this year the Bears ski team expected on snow-performance to peak in late February and March. However, recent results have exceeded early predictions. In particular, the Canadian Championships slalom race, held in Jasper Feb. 13, was a success for the U of A contingent. Bears Flatfish Stein, and Ted Redmond finished 23rd and 25th respectively.

Stein and Redmond, the best Alberta finishers, were undaunted by the large field drawn from Canada's best racers. Redmond states "Aside from myself and Flatfish most of the other guys are full time racers. At first I didn't think we had a chance, but after the first run I could see we were above par."

Stein adds: "Having the Championships in Alberta gave us an advantage, especially over the BC skiers who usually edge us." Needless to say the Bears' late start positions, and consequently a more difficult course to negotiate, enlarges their achievement.

In addition, the Bears' recent success has not been confined to slalom events. February 17, in a Sunshine B downhill race, Bear Enrico Cappelletto took second place. This weekend other Bears speedsters, Steve Loveniuk and

downhill specialist Bum Mekechuk will compete in a downhill event at Panorama. Mekechuk jokes "I hope I don't come home in a pine box" in reference to the notoriously fast Panorama course.

Last weekend, the ski Bears burst upon the Alberta Cup series scene with a third place Saturday by Stein in the Series' opening race, a slalom, at Paskapoo. Bear Bud Johnstone finished 11th Saturday and Stein managed eighth in Sunday's event. Saturday's event was won by Jasper's Grub Klette and Sunday's race was won by National ski team member Gord Perry. Stein states "Sunday I made two small mistakes and I dropped out of contention for a medal. However, with one second separating third and 15th place any mistake is serious."

The ski Bears' next challenge will be this Sunday, again at Paskapoo. There, the ski-men's opposition will not be club competitors like Snow Valley's fierce Tom Podivinsky and their fanatical Daryl Makechuk. Instead, the Bears will be competing against collegiate racers in the newly resurrected college circuit. In any case, the U of A squad will aim to continue their recent successes.

It's not the beer that's winning

by Garnet DuGray

Just say OV's! It may not sound right, but the OV's are the talk of the women's intramurals. This group of eagerly active young women have amassed a 350 point total so far, while their nearest rival, the Shooters, are second with 222 points and LDS comes in at third spot with 141 points, so far.

With the women's intramurals, Tuesday, March 9 at one p.m. in the women's office is the entry deadline for the Racquetball tourney. The one-day affair goes between 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 13 in the PE courts in the east wing of the PE building. Balls will be supplied along with racquets if necessary, but it is recommended that you bring your own racquet. And remember to wear eye guards and save those peepers.

The women's 5-on-5 basketball and Triples volleyball continue in the West gym on Monday/Wednesdays and Tuesday/Thursdays from 7:30

p.m. respectively. Don't forget to watch for details on the Spring Fun Run for girls to be held on Saturday, March 20.

In co-rec sports, the volleyball league continues in all gyms from Mondays-Thursdays until March 18, so be sure to check for your playing dates, times and locations. Turning to the squash department, the co-rec tourney will go Saturday-Sunday, March 20-21 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the east courts of the PE building as well.

The men's slalom ski event went off well despite the cold weather before Reading week. Over 75 participants did brave the cold to see the 'Tooth Fairy' look over the competition as Alan Deane (47.71 sec.) and Ean Cullium (49.83) both of Dentistry captured the top two spots. Third place went to Gary Lyons (Law) with a total time of 50.85 secs. Top unit honors went to Engineering (117 pts.) with Dentistry (107 pts.) in second place and third

went to Delta Upsilon with 85 points overall.

The men's volleyball league got underway this week and continues in the Main gym Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 18. The men's table tennis tourney is scheduled to go in the Education gym on Tuesday and Thursday, March 23 and 25 from 7:30 p.m. each night. Entry deadline for the tourney is by one p.m. in the men's office on Tuesday, March 9. Be sure to sign up now and don't miss that deadline!

Lastly, in men's triples volleyball, Bontus (Engineering) downed Grundmanis (P.E.) in the final after losing earlier to Grundmanis and coming back to the final after defeating Grainger (Medicine) on the 'B' side of the tourney. Engineering took top honors in the unit standings with 60 points while P.E. was second with 43 points and St. Joe's finished third with 35 points overall.

Batsmen 'n bowlers unite

It has come to this papers attention that there once was a cricket club on campus. Whether for bad or good the club faded into obscurity.

But there is a move afoot to revive the club and get the U of A cricketers back on to the field.

The club was very active in the past with a large group of students participating. The revival has begun in response to recent interest expressed by students.

The club will be holding a

meeting on Tues. March 9th in room 370 of the geology building at 5:00 p.m.

The club hopes to get a large turnout and will be organizing teams to play in the active Edmonton and District leagues this summer.

Any player or aspiring player would be very welcome.

If you would like more information you are asked to please contact Martin Dawson, Grad Student, Dept. of Geology, or you can phone 432-4158.

Sport shorts

With the hockey, basketball, wrestling and volleyball teams finishing off their regular seasons, there would appear to be nothing left.

That could not be further from the truth.

This weekend, in the Kinsmen field house the U of A track and field team (both Pandas and Bears) is hosting the C.W.U.A.A. Championships.

The meet goes Friday and Saturday with starting times of 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. respectively.

In the travel department; the gymnastics teams are flying out to Winnipeg to take part in the C.I.A.U. Championships.

The men will be trying to dethrone perennial champs the York Yeoman from Ontario. The men from Alberta take a very strong team and the competition should be first rate.

The womens team have been very strong in all their meets this year so they may be ready to take a run at the crown.

And just a final note to wish all the teams good luck.

Athlete of the Week

REEVE MARTIN
Golden Bears Gymnastics



This week's Athlete of the Week is Reeve Martin of the Golden Bears Gymnastics Team. At the Canada West Championship Meet held a week ago in Edmonton, Martin won the Individual All-Around Championship with a score of 52.95, and lead the Golden Bears to the team championship as well. In the individual event championships, Martin finished first in four events, winning the pommel horse, rings, vault, and horizontal bar events and placing second in the floor exercises. He also finished fifth on the parallel bars.

His C.W.U.A.A. Championship score qualified Reeve for the C.I.A.U. National Championships this week in Winnipeg. Martin had the sixth highest score in the nation. This will be the second consecutive year that Reeve has participated at the Nationals. Last year, he won the pommel horse event.

For his outstanding performance, Boston Pizza is pleased to name Reeve Martin the University of Alberta's Athlete of the Week.

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