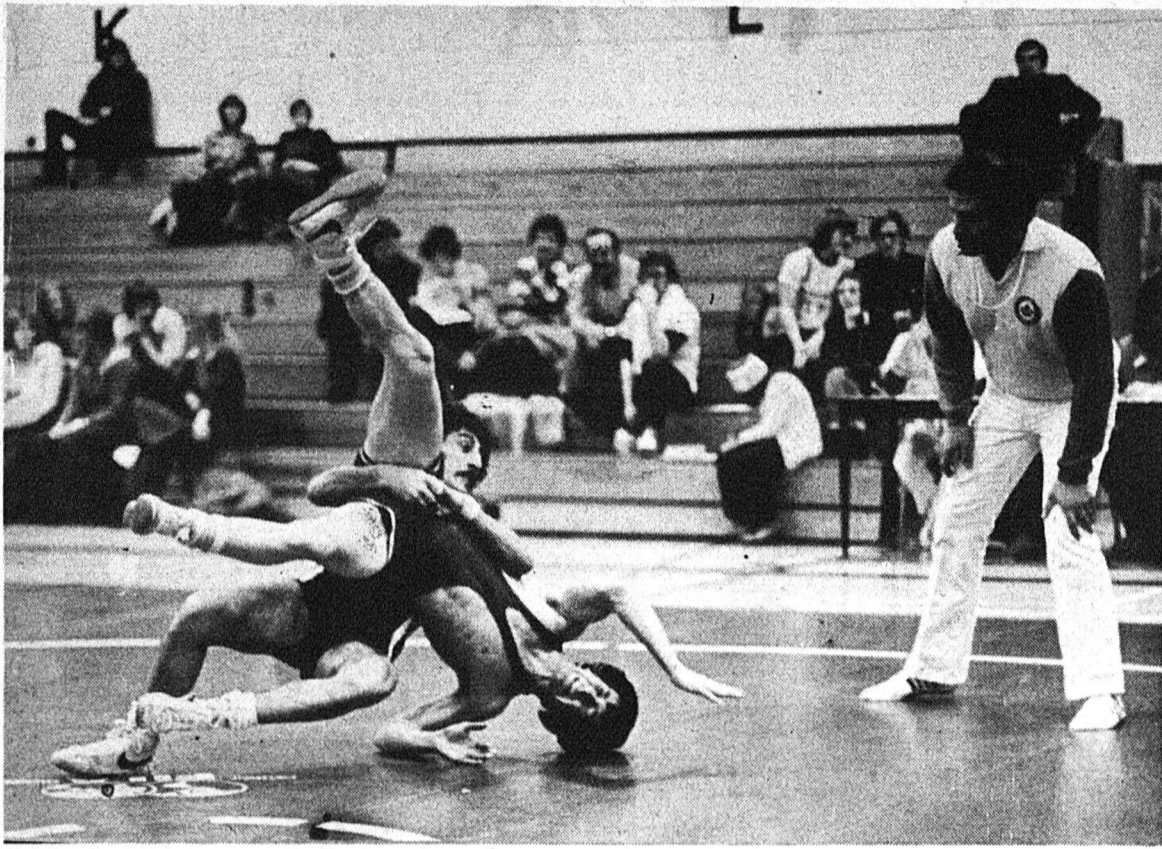


Wrestlers more than just pretty faces



by Mike Hunt

Seldom when an individual or a group of individuals reach a stage of excellence in their chosen field is there very much publicity about their other interests. For instance, not many know of the fact that Evel Knievel studies ballet, that Nureyev drives stock cars in demolition derbies, or that over 80% of the Wetaskiwin Ladies Broomball Team are mothers. In view of the fact that performers who reach excellence in their endeavors are not usually pictured in any role except their area of specialization, it will not be too surprising to find that hardly anyone is aware of the extensive cultural interests of the Golden Bear wrestling team.

It is now common knowledge that the Bears won the Saskatoon Invitational Wrestling Tournament two weekends ago; but what is not well known is that a number of the team members when not actively wrestling, attended professional symposiums that coincidentally occurred the same weekend.

For example, the Friday evening before Glen Purych won his respective weight class, he was in attendance at the

14th Annual Unisex Garment Designers Convention. Purych, a charter member of the organization, revealed his latest creation: a silk and phosphorous body shirt which will retail for \$1.98 (black light and battery pack included). The third year student in Household Economics has been designing clothes since his sister, who is an only child, first introduced him to the art some years ago.

While Purych was mingling with the garment industry, Tom Mayson, Bill Isbister, Andy Macri, and Niel Berg were taking in the Saskatoon Livestock Show, which was being held downtown in the Neil Downanewitt Memorial Coliseum. All four of the agriculture students spent most of their non-wrestling hours observing the animal displays that were available. At the Saturday evening symposium, the quartet presented a paper on their personal research entitled "Artificial Insemination and the Snowshoe Hare" which was quite well received.

Unknown to most of the team, assistant coach Denny Hrycaiko and 134 lb champion Russ Pawlyk were honored at the First Annual Meeting of the

Ukrainian Fast Food Commission held at the spacious Notell Motel.

Dr. Hugh G. Rexion, chairman of the Commission presented the "creativity" award to Hrycaiko and Pawlyk for a new kobasa recipe that the two had submitted earlier in a nation-wide contest. Coincidentally, the winning recipe includes many of the same ingredients mentioned in the paper by Mayson, Isbister, Macri, and Berg.

Coach John Barry and Steve Tisberger, both interested in health education, attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Western Canadian Association of Communicable Diseases. The two were lucky enough to be exposed to several different strains of infectious virus at the Friday and Saturday evening meetings. After the lectures, both felt more capable of spreading the word about healthful living.

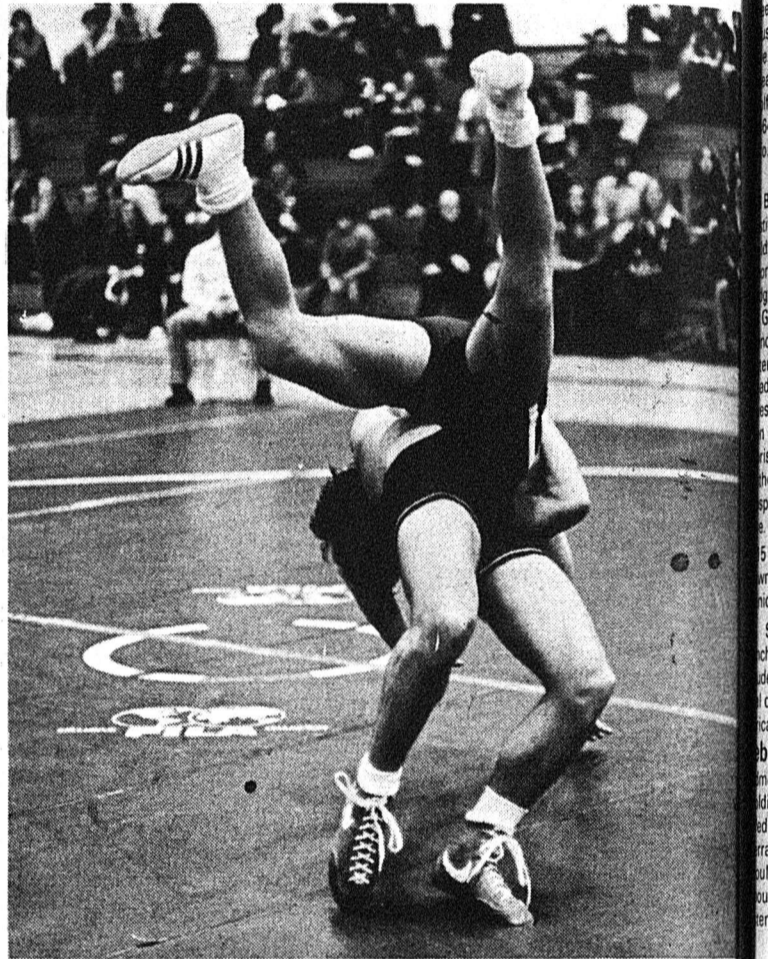
Pre-dentistry students, Pierre Pomerleau and Paul Gibeault, were lucky enough to find that the 6th Annual Symposium of the National Congress of Dental Technicians was being held in their hotel. Both wrestlers were invited to attend

seminars dealing with oral maintenance, cavity filling, and drilling techniques. One of the most important conclusions drawn from the lectures was that halitosis is better than no breath at all.

Fred Mertz, Rob Howell, and Jay Heatherington, all interested in yoga, attended the 87th Annual Congress of Canadian Yoga Instructors, held at the Ivan Strokenov Motor Hotel. Ninth degree black belt yoga professionals, Connie Lingus and Phil Latio were in attendance and the three U of A wrestlers couldn't praise the

two enough. They were especially respectful of Ms. Lingus who was a former amateur boxing champion. As Mertz put it: "Connie can't wrestle but you should see her box!"

Obviously, the Golden Bear wrestlers are more than just superior athletes who are very good at grappling on a mat. They are athlete-scholars with a concern for life in general. Come out and root for them this Saturday morning at 10:00 AM in the main gym. If you do, they'll root for you, Saturday night.



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markers in the third period to make the final score 8-3.

The shots on goal were in favor of the Alberta crew 38-37. Handling all the shots for UBC was Ron Lafevbre, who caused a few tense moments with his shaky glovehand. Craig Gunther started for Alberta but was replaced by Dale Henwood for the third frame. "Gunther was fighting the puck," explained Abbott.

Frustration was shown by the Bears in the third period. The taunting of the UBC players and some rather sleepy officiating didn't help matters as the Bears took half of the period's fourteen penalties. Two of these penalties were misconducts for nasty words to the ref. All in all there were 25 penalties, 11 of them Alberta's.

Goals for the Bears were collected by Jim Ofrim (his only point of the weekend), Rick Peterson, and Brian Sosnowski. Leading the assault was Bob Sperling with two goals and two assists and Steve Davis with four helpers. Bill Ennos came in statistically correct with two scores. He has been responsible for 25% of BC's goals this year. Obviously stopping Ennos and linemates Sperling and Matthews means stopping the T-Birds.

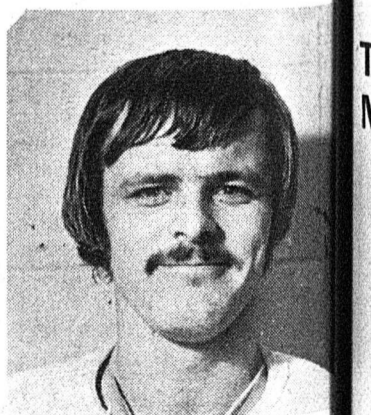
This brings the season down to this weekend's series in Calgary. While the Bears and the Dinos are tied for first, Alberta still has a game in hand against UBC. This game will be played at home this weekend

immediately after the Calgary showdown.

The Bears will hopefully have both Oliver Steward and Bruce Crawford back for the final weekend of regular season play. Their return would give the Bears' forwards more of a rest and the whole team a lift.

The Bears must come away with at least a split in Calgary and a win at home. The home game is definitely an advantage as they have 10 win-1 loss record in Varsity arena.

Coach Abbott of course would like to start beating the Dino's right now as the Bears will have to face them in the playoffs. Abbott did point out one good thing about the weekend. "I suppose it's better to have them lose now," he said, "rather than next week or the week after."



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