

Down Memory Lane

with Dick Beddoes

Shadows stalk the campus on this Homecoming Eve...shadows of days long since recorded in yellowed pages...nostalgic ghosts of academic greats...literary stars...athletic heroes...and thousands of ordinary guys named Joe. Time Out thumbs back historic campus pages tonight to the days of way back when in dedication to the scattered Alberta Alumnae.

1924 - The population on Broadway and on Jasper singing "Roll 'Em, Girlie, Roll 'Em," as flapper girls flaunted their painted knees....The other war was over and heroes of Verdun and Vimy were athletic kings on the green swards of the U. of A....George Hayworth, Angus McDonald and Aubrey McMillan starred on the Green and Gold

soccer team...a young Scots plowman in Agriculture, McGregor Smith, was booting the football high, wide and handsome for the Aggies...Aubrey Bright had a field day in the first annual interfaculty track meet, winning the shot-put and discus events...a bellow lunged gent named Cormack won the half-mile race in the same meet...A terrific Varsity football team upset "Bullet-eyed" Joe Simpson's Edmonton Eskimo rugby team....It was a blood and guts battle as the students handed the blubber-eaters their first setback in a brace of seasons...Jimmy Bill coached that immortal Varsity squad....1924 was quite a basketball year for the students, considering their conquests over every team in Northern Alberta on their trail to a provincial hoop crown...Long Elie Butchart and his mates were finally trounced

in provincial final by the Raymond Union Jacks.

1928-1930 - Remember how the baritones were warbling "Springtime in the Rockies"...Wall Street hit some "rockies" of its own on one crisp football day in 1929...The Varsity Rink opened in historic 1929...and the Golden Bears won the City Rugby Championship from the Edmonton Eskimos in a sudden-death game, 19-3...Bill Shandro was the basketball wizard of the day...

Personable Bill Broadfoot coaching the Senior hockey team...A depression closing in on a world, but athletes still fighting for the Alma Mater.

1932 - International chaos...the Golden Era of Sport gone down the hill...and Amos and Andy ranking with Kate Smith as top radio stars...Alberta

walloping Sask. in the Intersarsity Tennis Final...Dot Brown and Priscilla Hammond winning the women's singles and doubles, while Mert and Gord Keel secured an even break with their net opponents from the Hub City... Guy Kinnear burning the ice lanes for the Green and Gold pucksters.

Time marches on to 1936 and Social Credit...Gay Ross captained Alberta to a victory in women's Intercollegiate basketball against Saskatchewan...Bill Stark (later Dr. Stark) was the outstanding Varsity athlete, playing an airtight brand of defensive hockey and holding the Alberta tennis crown...Bob Zender, fast aggressive, and tough, looked mighty good in the Golden Bear backfield...Laval Fortier, the "Flying Frenchman" of his day, centering Varsity's first string hockey line.

1938 - The Big Four at Munich playing football with a world....Alberta having a banner athletic year, a throwback to the Golden Era of Aubrey Bright and Jimmy Bill in the early twenties...Ian Cook leaping 6 ft. 1½ in. to establish a new Intercollegiate high jump record...Denny Hogan of the Jasper Morgans more than slightly sensational with the Golden Bear football team...Dave MacKay and Verne Drake help retain The Halpenny Hockey Trophy for Alberta...as did Don Stanley, Chesney, and Bill Stark...Stark, in addition, had no match in Western Intercollegiate circles as a tennis player...Marty Dewis scampered home in 29 minutes and 10 seconds in the annual cross country run, to establish a new record for the event and win the Kerr Trophy, emblematic of cross country supremacy...Marty's brother Jack finished second in the same race...Dusty Jackson placed third in the standing ski jump event half in Banff.

1940 - Dunkirk, the epic of the day...and statesmen coined new words..."rationing," "panzers," "convoy" ...Hitler twenty miles across the channel from Churchill's England...COTC in universities across the country...Bob Freeze winning the Wilson Trophy for outstanding athletic contributions to the campus...The Aggies copping the Bulletin Trophy for outstanding interfaculty teamwork...The Hardy Cup not being contested for due to a blinding blizzard on the Alberta grid... The Bears triumphed in first game of the series a week earlier in Saskatoon by a 27-5 margin.

1942 - A world at war...Kate Smith singing "White Cliffs of Dover"...and Winston Churchill coining glowing phrases for the ages...Travelling curtailed for Intersarsity athletics...The Engineers winning the Interfac rugby crown... Bob Dumont the head of Interfaculty basketball, and Sammy Shecter starring for the Senior basketball squad...Bruce MacKay leading the Med-Pharm-Dents to the Interfaculty hockey championship.

1943-44 - D-Day was history...and it looked like there always would be an England...Bruce MacKay again leads Med-Pharm-Dents to a hockey win in Interfac competition...Mel Ottem and Ken Bradshaw were stars in the Golden Bear backfield... Mickey Hajash was displaying great versatility on the cinder paths and the gridiron...The Golden Bears were snowed under 23-2 by the Calgary Blizzards in an intercity football game...the Blizzards had a backfielder named Harry Hobbs on the team and a lineman who answered to the name of Ted Sawchuk...Ernie McCullough won the individual track championship by a country mile, with a total of 23 points.

1946 - United Nations...Triest...Dardanelles...the return of heroes of the Battle of Britain...Corona... Sicily... Caen... and of men who kept that North Atlantic lung open to Great Britain in the dark days...Varsity sporting fields gilded with ex-service athletics helping to inaugurate a new Golden Era of Sports...For we are in another Golden Era of campus athletics...We are merely on the threshold, yes, but the same basic elements that combined to give us our last great era of sports and sportsmen are already with us...they are working, spreading, and wait only for the springtime of peace to bring them into flower...

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