



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, SPLASH!

... Alberta swimmers at start of race

—Hutchinson photo

## Swim Bears expected to outclass all western competition this year

Barring the unexpected, perhaps a challenge from the UBC Thunderbirds, the Golden Bears should take team honors in the WCIAA this year. Phys ed grad student Tom Brunt does not expect the Murray Smith coached Bears to be seriously challenged

before the Canadian Championships in March.

Returns from last year's squad include three-quarters of the Canadian University Champion 400 yard medley team, and Canadian finalists Jim Barton, Murray McFadden, and John Thomson.

With the help of returnees Barton and McFadden, freshman Mike Morrow, and former U of S swimmer Pat Pierce, the Bears are forming a championship calibre 400 yard free-style relay team.

The medley team can be a contender if a capable backstroker can be found. This position could be filled by either Tim Barton, or Bill Cameron.

The Bears also have some capable divers trying to earn positions on the team. At present freshman Jeff Thomas appears to have earned a spot. Mr. Brunt indicated that there is a possibility that several other young divers might be included on the team.

The first goal for the Bears is the Golden Bear Relays in mid-December, at which time they will host other Alberta swim teams.

Any prospective swimmers can attend the workouts held Monday thru Friday at 5 p.m. at the pool.

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## Speaking on Sports

By STEVE RYBAK

Financially, athletics at the U of A are in a deplorable state—there is no longer enough money available to support the present number of teams and programs found on campus.

It's time that athletic fees were increased; increased enough to take care of the present program and expansion. Right now each full-time and graduate student is paying eight dollars into the university athletics as part of his total students' union fee of \$37.50. That is the lowest athletic fee in Canada.

Even tiny Mount Allison charges its students \$18.00 and St. Francis Xavier \$20.00. The University of Calgary has an athletic fee of \$12.00 and Toronto's is \$21.00.

Some one is bound to point to UBC and the fee of \$7.50 without realizing that this only the men's intramural fee—the students' union comes across with a \$50,000 grant.

But I'm not advocating an increase of four dollars to raise the fee of \$12.00 just on the basis that our fee is the lowest in Canada. There are many immediate causes to this decision.

The University Athletic Board's budget stands at \$104,350, \$101,600 from 12,700 students and \$3,000 from miscellaneous revenues. That goes to some twenty different teams and organizations. Travelling expenses take up most of the individual budgets. Next year the WCIAA is due for a major expansion.

The University of Winnipeg will be entering basketball and hockey teams. That means two extra trips to Winnipeg, a total increase of \$3,625. This figure may increase if more teams are entered from the U of W that require a home and home series.

Brandon College and the University of Saskatchewan, Regina, will also be entering teams in the major sports in the near future.

### Better play means more trips and tourneys

As the calibre of sports increases, more U of A teams are making it to more championship meets or are being invited to top level invitational tournaments. Next weekend the cross-country team is going to Guelph for the Canadian College championships; these expenses were not included in this year's budget and have to come out of a contingency fund that is very low. The hockey team has been invited to a tournament in Boston.

To keep this up, the UAB needs more money. If one is forced to turn down a tournament because of financial difficulties, the university's prestige doesn't go up very much.

A number of teams are getting it in the ear because of the lack of money. The Women's Athletic Association have the biggest gripe. They have only \$17,454 to support 13 inter-varsity teams and 10 different intramural activities.

This year the women's gymnastics team has been able to get enough money to participate in only two, yes two meets—one before Christmas and one after. Last year the women's volleyball team had to use their own transportation to attend a tourney in Calgary. This year the women's basketball team has a four game season.

The U of A was the prime mover in getting women's field hockey accepted as an WCIAA sport. The only western university or college not represented at the recent championships in Saskatoon was the U of A.

### 'Beg, borrow or steal' is order of the day

The rugger team had its budget slashed from \$1,040 to \$100. A proposed rugger league encompassing the U of A, U of C, UBC, SFU, and three American universities vanished in a puff of smoke. Again the U of A was the prime mover behind this league.

Some of you might be wondering why the football game from Winnipeg last weekend was not broadcast. The members of the crew have to depend on the generosity of a local car dealer for their transportation. In other words they have to beg, borrow or steal a car every weekend. They couldn't get one for the Winnipeg trip.

These are very concrete reasons why the athletic fee should be raised. But why so much in one year. Why not hold the increase down to a dollar or two.

Last year the athletic fee was to have been increased to ten dollars. Instead it went up to eight from seven. Also UAB lost \$6,000 of revenue when free admission was introduced.

Athletics play a big part in university life, even if the student body ignores them. Its about time we recognized that they are a big business and gave the UAB the means to run the business.