

SPORTS

Writers becoming complacent

It seems that a certain columnist in this city, Mr. O., has been talking lately of how athletes have grown soft in the age of over expansion and skyrocketing salaries. The day of the "lean and hungry" athlete is gone, not to return until the law of supply and demand reverses itself in favour of the owners, something that's happening more and more every day (witness the folding of the Ottawa Civics).

When ever an athlete knows that he's got management over a barrel either with a no cut contract or no trade clause, he can sit back and count his money. It's only logical to assume that this situation could exist elsewhere in our society, with other professions, including journalists.

Mr. O., who with his salary at the Journal supplemented by his business interests (the Jean Joint being one of them), earns over \$100,000 annually. How can any writer making that kind of money be totally objective in his writing. Job security becomes meaningless when other business ventures account for more income than his Journal salary.

The deprived sports fan of Edmonton is forced to accept Overland's and other writer's views of the Journal as the Gospel truth, because of the void of another newspaper in this city.

What's to stop Mr. O. of putting out gossipy sensational garbage whenever he doesn't feel like putting out a little work? Granted he is an excellent journalist but at times because of the lack of competition he can get away with indulging in personal attacks on players and coaches with the reading public suffering by never getting two views on the subject.

Journalism standards can only be raised when this city gets another paper and as a result some "lean and hungry" writers.

Swimmers - "gutsy" performance

by Mark Polet

The hockey team can take some consolation in the fact that when the ice melts, the Bears are still the best. The swim team went down to Calgary and produced a determined effort to drive the Dinosaurs to extinction.

Dinosaurs won two events, the 50 yd. and 100 yd. free style, then faded off into oblivion. The medley relay team of Mark Polet, Derek Cathro, Butch Skulsky and John Starratt had no problem taking top honors. Derek went on to do a personal best in the 200 backstroke to win that event, while John won

the 200 fly. Butch swam a perfect pace to win the 200 breast, and came back to help the 400 free style relay team to victory with Rick Moulton, Stu Nelson, and Bruce Gibson.

Ross Nelson was a double winner, taking both the 200 free style and the 200 individual medley. Ron New swam an excellent 500 free style to win that event. His last three one-hundred yard splits were within 1/10 of a second of each other. Captain Stu Nelson aided the cause by winning the 1000 freestyle. His nearest competition was almost a minute behind him.



Intramurals in high gear

MEN'S INTRAMURALS

Upcoming Deadlines

Volleyball 1 p.m. Tues. Jan. 27
Curling 1 p.m. Tues. Feb. 3

Volleyball

Men's volleyball will be the last major sport offered for this term. The League will be structured into three divisions, according to playing ability. The round robin league will begin on February 3, running 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The League will end by March 9, allowing you plenty of time to study for your finals. Come on out, have some fun and beat the hell out of that round little ball.

For further information contact your unit manager or the Men's Intramural Office, Rm. 24 in the Physical Education Building.

Curling

A 2-event curling bonspiel will be run February 7-15 at the SUB Curling Rink. Games will be scheduled from 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. on week nights and from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekends. Anyone can enter a team. Contact your Unit Manager or the Men's Intramural office before 1 p.m., Tuesday, February 3 to enter.

Cross-Country Ski Race

The ski race held last Saturday at Kinsmen Park was indeed successful for the 42 entrants. They were all thanking the weatherman although many were frustrated due to waxing problems. Ray Morrison of P.E. was the winner, running the 3 kilometer course in 14 minutes and 56 seconds. Doug Kelker and Rick Routledge, both from Faculty, held down second and third spots respectively with times of 15 minutes eleven seconds and 15 minutes fourteen seconds. Special mention must undoubtedly go to the Faculty Unit for placing 5 racers in the top ten. Thanks also to that anonymous engineer for suggesting blue wax. Watch your Queen

Basketball Results

The L.D.S. 'A' team came up victorious, defeating D.U.A. 51-23 for the division I championship. The stars of the game were Dan Court with 12 points and Greg Prince with 8 points.

In division II playoff action the L.D.S. 'C' team defeated 10th Henda 38-28 for the championship. The top scorers for L.D.S. were Gane Olsen with 9 points, and T. Erickson and G. Law, each with 6 points.

The closest match in the playoff action was between A.A.A. 'D' and Mechanical Engineering 'E' in division III. A.A.A. 'D' came out at the top end of the 27-25 score. Glenn Daynes with 11 points and Don Symes with 8 points were the top scorers for A.A.A.

WOMEN'S INTRAMURALS

Curling

Curling is over for another year. Top participation points go to Pharmacy. The Novelty Swim Meet was a roaring success! Between the oranges on the foreheads and the Siamese twins act everyone appeared to be having a good time. St. Joe's is to be congratulated here for team enthusiasm.

3 on 3 Basketball

3 on 3 Basketball is on this week and runs until Feb. 9. So far, there have been no defaults. So check the schedules to see when you play and keep up the good work.

Paddleball

Paddleball was run last night and there will be a Squash tournament next Wednesday. If you haven't already entered just come at 8:30 and we'll try to fit you in.

Coming up events: Bowling and Billiards; Snow Soccer, and Snow Shoeing. For more information stop in at the office weekdays from 12 - 1 and Tues and Thurs from 4 - 5 or call 432-3565.

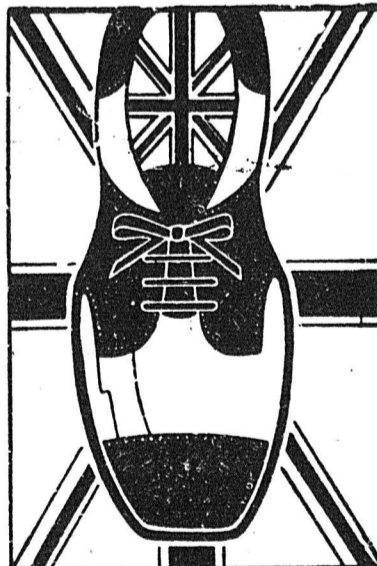
Pandas outclassed by Dinnies

Although the swimming Pandas suffered a crushing defeat in the U of C pool 68-33, individually the girls did an excellent job. Five girls swam fast enough to qualify for the CWIAU championships later this spring in Waterloo.

Veteran Myrna Spilde qualified by winning two events (200 individual medley and 400 free style) swimming well under the qualifying times in both events. The outstanding rookie performer was Mary Hughes, who won the 200 breast and met CWIAU standards in the 200 individual medley.

Mona Lee Brophy and Wendy Kruger each took one event (200 fly and 200 free) and their strong performances qualified them to make the trip to Waterloo. Laurel McKellar also qualified with a strong show in the gruelling 200 fly event.

Other Pandas posting personal best swims were Claudette Dionne (50 free, 200 back), Pam Woodside (50 free, 200 back), Toni Eggink (400 free style, 200 free style), Bernie Campbell (200 breast), Leslie Mann (50 free style) and Rae Lightbody (200 back).



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