

Matmen Subdued By Strong Opposition

The University of Alberta Golden Bears, wrestling variety, travelled to Saskatoon to compete in a triangular meet with the University of Saskatchewan and the Winnipeg YMCA on Saturday, Feb. 9.

The Bears, competing against the best opponents they have met this year, came up with third place.

The team standings were 36 points for the Winnipeg "Y", 33 points for U of S, and 27 points for U of A.

Three men, Dave Piper, Wilf Wurr, and Alf Wurr, from the Winnipeg "Y", had competed in the Dominion finals last year, two of them becoming Canadian champions.

Seven competitors in the meet turned in perfect scores. Bear Bob Sharp was the only Albertan to win both his matches.

Other perfect scores were turned in by Bob Hamilton, Alf Wurr, Wilf Wurr and Dave Piper for the winning Winnipeg "Y", and by George Peary and Bud Curtis for the University of Saskatchewan.

Matman Vic Messier of Alberta also turned in a good performance, pinning his Winnipeg "Y" opponent, but losing a decision to Bud Curtis.

The Wrestling Bears are taking a quick trip to Calgary this Saturday, to face the Calgary YMCA.

The Western Canada Intercollegiate Wrestling Finals will be held in Vancouver this year. The Bears travel there next weekend, Feb. 21-23, to compete for the championship.

At present the championship is without an owner, since UBC, winners of last year's finals, forfeited the crown because of an ineligible competitor.



"A SEVEN, YOU LOSE!" Wrestling coach Gino Fracas offers encouragement to Eric Shelton during a rest period.

Radsoc Brass Represents U of A At WAUB Conference

On Feb. 14, 15, 16, and 17, at the Calgary campus of the University of Alberta, the Western Association of University Broadcasters will hold their annual conference. Delegates will attend from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and the two campuses of the U of A. Ron Tanguay, president, and Andy

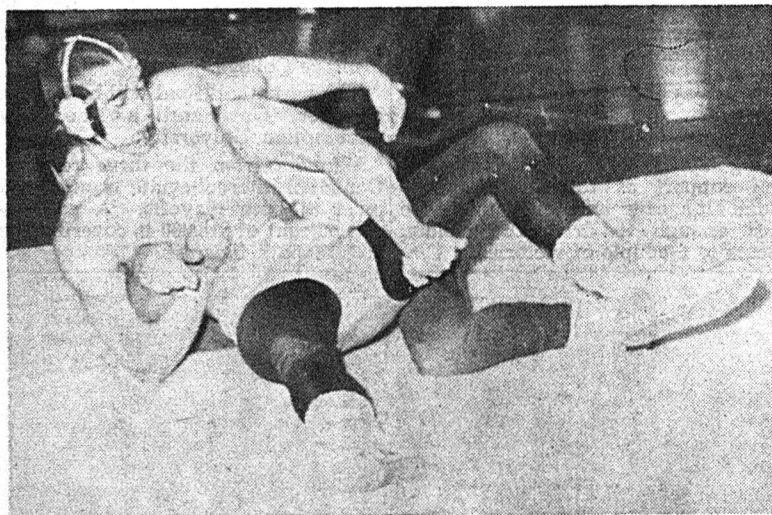
Brook, production manager, will represent U of A Radio at this conference, arranged for the purposes of furthering university radio and television, and of exchanging ideas among the WAUB members.

Two delegates from each university will attend meetings and discussions to this end. A tour of Calgary radio and television stations and guest speakers will fill out the conference program.

The WAUB network has been operating under this name for about five years. Previously WURTF, or the Western University Radio and Television Federation organized the inter-university activities of varsity radio groups.

WAUB numbers among its functions at present a tape network, and cooperation among member stations on common projects, such as summer jobs and equipment acquisitions.

WAUB also works with the Western Association of Broadcasters, the senior radio association in western Canada. In the near future, it is hoped that a short-wave news network may be set up among the WAUB stations.



HIGH HOPES seem predominant as Huskie wrestler Alldred finds Bob Sharp opposing his aggressive overtures and seeking a reversal. photo by Ed Deval

FORUM

Informal discussions of the semester system among students and faculty have been proceeding for some time. Recently, some of the results have broken into print, mainly reflecting opposition to the use of a semester system. Perhaps a better balance might be achieved if a few comments in favor of the semester system were added, realizing that often persons are more emotionally than rationally tied to one system or another.

The great advantage of a semester system is flexibility, not only in programming, but use of staff and facilities. Such flexibility is not the result merely of making all year courses into half-year courses. Those courses requiring a year may be divided into two parts, say Sociology 202A and 202B, or 201 and 202.

The cumulative effect in those areas requiring the year course would be lost: we now take out nearly two weeks at January examination time; we previously took out several weeks in the combined Christmas holiday and examination period. A semester break would be no different.

A lot of courses presently given over the year, which include materials quite peripheral, could be reduced in size to one-half year, with the title reflecting the content. (And why should we be limited to "course blocks" of hours—2 hours a week might be sufficient for some of the present year courses, but this involves thinking about another alternative to the present system.)

The January "break" or change would be beneficial in another way. I suspect that by then, many students are pretty disenchanted with instructors, and certainly it is as true in the other direction. Since an important part of the learning process relates to student-instructor rapport, a change might be beneficial all around.

Change in its own right might be a welcome antidote to the usual mid-winter slump. New faces, new courses (or the second half of the year course), new timing—all have a stimulating effect, even when we realize that somewhat superficial nature of the changes occurring.

Why should a student making a misguided choice in selection of a class (and having an instructor over which he has little choice) be required to endure

the situation over an entire session? Morale would rise if he knew it would be for only four months. And again, the same might apply to an instructor faced with an unresponsive group of students.

While extra work might be involved administratively, we now have almost a full-fledged examination in January. With the use of IBM and the administrative know-how, I am sure that efficient and time-saving solutions would be forth-coming.

Since a semester system enables a more efficient use of staff and plant, this would be an added incentive to those forced to be budget-conscious. For example, why should a student not be allowed to present more than 5 courses a year toward his degree? If he does not wish to work except in an academic sense, he is penalized.

The plant lies awasting in the months of May to September, while bitter complaints arise as to the high cost of higher education, and the overcrowded conditions in our University.

A trimester system provides the student with the means of accelerating his progress if he wishes. Summer Session for teachers could be run within this system, as in a number of Universities elsewhere.

Let us hope the University year is not lengthened, thus furthering the subordination of the student to given instructors, without hope of early release for good behavior. Let us provide the student with a greater variety of contacts and opinions than his present 15 chunks presented by 15 instructors.

While thirty different instructors might not always make for higher quality, it would be a better sampling of what constitutes the University. Let us provide for greater flexibility of programming, the need for which is presently recognized by the addition of half-year courses in many departments.

And above all, if we decide not to introduce a semester system, let it be for a better reason than the fact that it is not now in use anywhere in Canada or that it is in use in the United States.

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featurette PEACHES, POETRY AND PICK YOUR NOSE--IN ENGLAND by c. d. evans

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If someone asked me to sum up the way of life in the United States and Canada in twenty-five words or less, I should simply say, by way of description, "Royal American Shows." Or that's what I would have said before I came over here. You see, those who breathe a sigh of relief on escape from the Sea of Babbitt that is Main Street, USA, . . . those people are going to be just as disappointed to find out that England, especially London, is exactly the same. Death still calls to you from the steps of the First National Bank, his teeth engrained with rubber chicken.

Only instead of the worried expression and the snap-brim hat, one finds the worried expression and the bowler. The worried expression is the same, and the same grave concern and deep alarm is expressed over the same insignificant topics.

Shame, really. London has a Hell of a lot to offer in the way of the Arts and the Belles Lettres and the Arty Crafty and the Well Lov'd Phoney and the just plain Hellery, and the dearth of Jest Plane Folks make it a little

more palatable to the taste of one seeking to escape brutal suburbia and Young Marrieds and O, how dull we all are. But no matter where you go, you can't get away from that revolting specimen that is the Regular Fellow. He may spell his name with a hyphen and an extra 'e', but Humphrey Regular-Fellow is the same boring and socially acceptable fink as John Regular Feller, USA.

In North America, if you do something different (i.e. pick your nose or read poetry or wear the bottoms of your trousers rolled or dare to eat a peach) you are immediately branded as a beatnik and . . . pardon the cliché . . . a non-conformist. In England, they have the same thing, only it's far more rigid and is expressed in one simple phrase, to wit, "It isn't done." Something which "isn't done" is only done by those who are "Non-U", whatever that means.

Sometimes it is U to be Non-U, i.e. same as "Look at us. We're all individuals, aren't we Gang!"; Reply (in unison): "Yeh, man." But most of the time, it is U to be U. O, to be in England, now that we are U, and cetera.

It is fantastic the silence that falls over a crowd of stout young Englishmen who none does inadvertently OR ON PURPOSE (as was my wont) that which "isn't done". They all get very embarrassed . . . for themselves. The fault was not in themselves but in me, that I was an underling. I laughed (as is my wont), but they did not join in.

What these poor saps do not realize is that the days of the Establishment (so-called) are numbered, and one of these days those who are U are going to be Nil. No, I'm not a socialist. I care not to plot their overthrow, for they will destroy themselves without any help from me. And the vultures in the form of the still-vulgar working classes are waiting none-too-patiently on the sidelines, waiting for the bar sinister on the Old School Tie to get its death grip. Then shall the U come tumbling down, and the Freak shall inherit the Earth.

Bye, bye, Olde Schoole Tye, More fool Public School; Down with Establishment, Socialist merriment, Blaah.

And I shall not weep for my brother Man that day. He gets what he asked for.

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