

Heaney hopes large

by Robin Wortman

"What he did was awaken regional and civic pride and open peoples eyes to the fact that for all our disparities, we could be best at something... how to play the game, to win and lose with dignity. Sadly, he didn't loose us from the shackles of a Martime syndrome that dictates when you're good at what you do, you have to go someplace else to do it - like Alberta."

With that, Pat Connolly of the "Barometer", expressed the sentiments of thousands of Martimers whose faces mirrored the realization they were witnessing the final curtain on an era of pride, excitement and notoriety which championship basketball won for them.

The curtain was drawn on an eight year run which launched St. Mary's University from a fairly decent inter-collegiate competitor to two national championships in eight years.

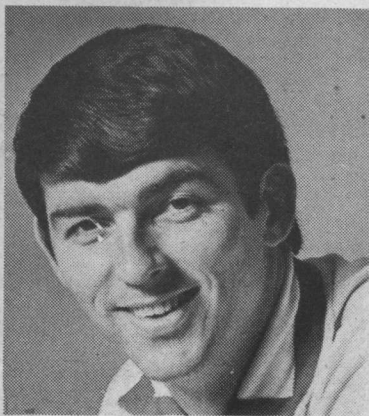
Brian Heaney impresses people. He lives for basketball. It is difficult not to become excited about his plans for our team

when he discusses them. He has a clear idea of where he wants out team to be five years from now winning a national championship for the University of Alberta.

Heaney wants to create a squad that will provide exciting action on the court, as well as winning basketball. By combining a winning team with high profile promotional ideas, he hopes to generate the kind of enthusiasm that will result in capacity crowds at home games.

After reviewing his record, a person realizes that if anyone can provide the catalyst, the knowledge and the experience to achieve this, it is Heaney. His CIAU career record consists of 143 wins and 37 losses, the average crowd at last year's game was 4,500; the team entered three national championships, winning two.

He started coaching when he was 24 following a record-breaking college career which culminated when he played pro ball with the NBA Baltimore Bullets in 1969. His coaching career also includes taking the Women's National Team to the



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Pan Am games, the World Championships in Bogotas, Colombia and the Olympic games in Montreal in 1976.

He has the single-minded determination required to succeed. Certainly, this is what will be needed. Basketball has not been perceived as a major sport on campus but the U of A has not had a coach like Brian Heaney before.

Try outs for the Men's Basketball team are Sept. 24, 26, and 27, at 5:00 p.m. in the main gym.

Bears tame Tigers



photo Bill Ruzycski

Bears were eventually able to cage Tigers.

by Bill Ruzycski

Normally a rugby match consists of two forty minute halves with a five minute rest period. However, last week, 190 minutes of play, involving two full time and three overtime periods, was required to decide the outcome in a match between the Golden Bears Rugby Club and the Tigers Rugby Club. Eventually, the Bears came out ahead by only one point in the closest contest of the knockout playoffs.

Brian Thorne, imported international coach of the Bears for the past two months, said that it was one of the hardest and

cleanest matches that he had seen. He also stated that both teams deserved praise for the physical conditioning they displayed.

The first game on September 12 saw only the Bear's Howie Rassmunson able to score a try for four points. However, on Saturday, Blake Davidson kicked a penalty goal for three points and Bill Ruzycski scored a try to allow a 7-6 Bear's win.

More knockout play is scheduled for this week and the Bears intend to take the second division championship for the third year in a row.

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You probably know about the Bear's 2:00 p.m. football game against UBC. However, you may not know that UBC has a two wins, and one loss record and have a two week rest on coach Donlevy's boys.

Also, the Soccer Bears are playing at the main field this Friday and Saturday. However, the game time for Saturday's match against UBC is moved back to 11:00 a.m. from 12:00 noon.

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