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WITH TEN OF FIFTEEN University of Alberta intercollegiate teams officially looking for summer jobs now, a sports writer's thoughts turn to scribing columns . . . According to ancient Biblical texts, the column was invented so that Cain (from whom every sports editor derived) could take a weekend off and still have some copy for Monday morning . . .

AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL at the Canada West Indoor Track and Field Championships over the weekend in the Butterdome . . . It's a good thing that track is an individualist's sport by and large, as by the sounds of things some of the athletes that showed up to compete wouldn't exactly last too long on a team coached by John Brophy .

. . . UBC's Dave Wilkinson's shaved head cut down his wind resistance just enough for him to capture the gold in the 60m Hurdles . . . One wonders if the blue UBC that adorned his skull was for the sake of a better time though . . . fellow Thunderbird Boyd Mason wasn't a sleeper in the mens pole vault, even though he wore a pair of pajamas instead of a track suit between jumps . . .

RECOLLECTING WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY at a press conference held by the Canadian Athletic Club on the occasion of their 50th anniversary this June . . . Held in their arena (old Sturgeon Arena behind Leon's on 142 St.), the gathering attracted many of the Club's founders. And those that weren't there could be seen on the ceiling, as team pictures stretching back over decades hang there . . . Anyone who has ever played or watched a hockey game in Jasper Place Arena knows the voice of long time P.A. announcer Bill Van Shaik. His trademark call of "two minutes for-r-r 'ooking," has echoed off the walls of J.P. for 18 years now, while at 69, Bob Wood has toiled for the CAC for 44 years . . . "I coached for the CAC back when (Norm) Ullman and (Johnny) Bucyk were there," says Wood, who talks of '48 and

'47 as if they were last November . . .

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY for football Bears coach Jim Donlevy, who presently is in the busiest of recruiting times . . . He's got his ear to the phone regarding Harry Ainley blue chip quarterback Peter Rowe. The 17 year old hasn't signed the letter of intent with any American school, and since the deadline for such letters passed last week, Alberta's chances of landing Rowe are still alive . . . The Golden Bears have corralled Allan Blieken, a running back just out of Salisbury High. "There is always a plethora of running backs and defensive backs," said the ever eloquent Donlevy. "But our coaching staff's main concern is linemen and linebackers." Kelvin Ostapovich, a stocky center who played with the Regina Rams last season, is a hopeful this spring who would bring much needed experience at center with the departure of veteran Blair Wood . . . With both Russ Brown and Mark Gibbon bench-pressing over 400 lbs, and 10 other Bears pressing one-and-a-half times their body weight, size should be less of a factor with the gridiron Bears this year . . .

FEAR AND LOATHING IN JASPER was the

best way to describe the Edmonton OV's Media Hockey team's sojourn to the mountains on the weekend. A pair of losses low-lited the trip, first a 9-7 setback Saturday afternoon, then a lots-to-few debacle the following morning. . . the Carling O'Keefe-sponsored trip was centered at the rustic Athabasca Hotel, in which a good part of Saturday night was spent in the bar known locally as The Dead Animal Room.

WE DON'T GET NO RESPECT is what Athletics must be saying to themselves after the people from the Brier scheduled their Tuesday morning press conference head to head with theirs. . . It only hurts when you consider that the Brier is a once in a decade sort of thing, while the U of A newser is to promote the CIAU trips for the track, gymnastics, swimming, and basketball teams. . .

And if the basketball Bears find themselves in need of any further promoting this year it will be truly a miracle. Before UBC walloped the Victoria Vikings in two straight games, Alberta assistant coach Steve Roth put his club's chances at about "one in ten." That was providing that UVic won in two.

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Gillis, Lee Pong lead Pandas to second at CW's

by Jeff Cartwright

While the Pandas relied on a couple of veterans in Noella Lee Pong and Nancy Gillis at the Canada West Indoor Track and Field Championships over the weekend, the Golden Bears were led by freshman Mark Johnston, who captured two gold medals.

Calgary won the women's side, while Alberta tied for second with Saskatchewan. In the men's standings, the Bears finished third behind the U of S Huskies who took the team award for first place overall.

The Golden Bars 4x200 squad (Terry Gill, Andre Francois, Dave Findlay, and Johnston) took the gold in a time of 1:28.84. Their 4x400 squad, thanks to a great effort from anchor Johnston, picked up the silver in a time of 3:20.86.

Johnston, who impressed his coach and many others, cruised to victory in the men's 600 meters at 1:19.97, capturing the gold in that event also.

Coach Al Weicker was impressed: "Every year you seem to either add a lot or lose a lot of athletes, and we lost a lot. We lost Brian Monaghan this year, but we were fortunate to get Mark Johnston."

Noella Lee Pong of the Pandas won the 60 meters and got the silver in the 300. The CIAU gold medallist (60m) recorded new personal bests in both distances (7.58 for 60 and 38.87 for 300).

Nancy Gillis recorded a new personal best in the long jump, winning the gold with a jump of 5.92 meters, only four centimeters shy of the Canada West record.

The Pandas relay teams got the silver in the 4x200 and in the 4x800 they picked up the bronze.

Rob Cameron of the Bears got the silver in the 5000 meters, in at 14:53.34, just behind Calgary's Ed Rendall (14:30.82).

The men's high jump was won by John Nuefeld of Saskatchewan at 2.04 meters, while his teammate

Dave Ostertag got the long jump at 7.18 meters. Kevin Godden of UBC picked up the gold in the triple jump at 14.01 meters. Jeannie Cockcroft of UBC was tops in the women's high jump at 1.80 meters.

The only throwing event was the shot put, and Brad Marshall of Manitoba won the men's (14.73), while Kim Zdunich of Saskatchewan got the women's (14.29).

Sue Kallal of the Pandas picked a pair of silvers. In the 1500m she was in at 4:36.39, and in the 1000m she was in at 2:54.14, while teammate Kirsten Madsen was right behind to get the bronze at 2:56.53.

Rob Cameron of the Bears got the silver in the 5000m in a time of 14:53.34. Terry Gill, his teammate, took the bronze in the men's 300 in a time of 34.96.

There was some off the track excitement on Saturday which occurred as everyone was waiting for the pole vault to conclude. The UBC team decided to steal the head off the Huskie (U of S mascot), as one of the T-Birds snuck up behind the Huskie and ripped off the head. This attracted a large number of Huskies who found no humour in the act.

Unfortunately, the pole vault was still not over, as only Boyd Mason of UBC was left. After more than four hours, he stayed away from the concession long enough to win at a height of 4.90 meters. It's tough not to like a guy who chooses to wear a set of pajamas instead of a tracksuit, even if you have to time him with a calendar.

Dave Wilkinson of UBC, with a blue UBC emblazoned on his shaven skull, won the 60m hurdles in 8.22 and teammate Joanne Gaspard won the women's in 8.80 seconds.

"The entire team really got up for the championships," said Weicker. "I had expected the women to be third and the men to finish third. The women were able to finish tied



photo Paul Menzies

High flying action from the Canada West Indoor Track and Field Championships last weekend in the Butterdome. The Pandas earned second place while the Golden Bears took third place. Alberta will send 24 athletes to the CIAU's in Saskatoon.

for second and the men third. I was really pleased with the total team effort."

There will be a total of 24 athletes from the University of Alberta competing in the CIAU Nationals March 14th and 15th in Saskatoon.

Ten swimmers to CIAU's

by Carolyn Aney

Coming from a third place finish at C.W.U.A.A. Conference Championships in Vancouver February 13 to 16, the U of A will be sending ten swimmers to Dalhousie University in Halifax March 6 - 8.

Competing for the women's team will be Colleen Delaney, Judy Cowan, Stephanie Lake and Debbie Sigaty. On the men's team will be Howie Ewashko, Scott Flowers, Scott LeBuke, Tim Salpeter, Sam Sim, and Regan Williams.

Executive manager John Hogg expects a tough meet but is looking for good placings from several of

the swimmers.

The swimmers will have added incentive to do well from the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association (C.A.S.A.). Again this year, the top six men's and women's teams will receive grants for their swimming programs from C.A.S.A. Individual performances will provide additional monies for the school's swim team.

The Alberta men's team is currently ranked 6th and the women's team 10th. Hogg is hoping that both placings will improve, as the women went into C.I.A.U.'s last year in 10th place and finished 4th.