

Green team tarnishes Gold

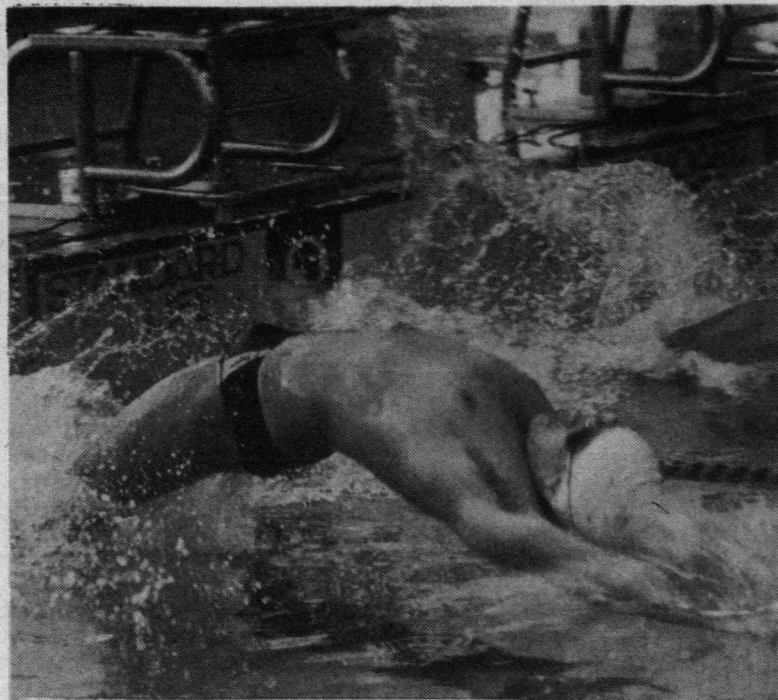


photo Tom Freeland

Some people will bend over backwards to swim

by Andrew Watts

It's hard to think of people diving into water and not skating on top of it frozen at this time of year but that is exactly what 28 swimmers did on Friday of this past weekend. It was all part of the Green vs Gold Intrasquad Bear, Panda swim meet held every year in the west pool on campus. The idea of the meet is not to create a competition but to create a competitive atmosphere for the swimmers.

"What we want to do here is to get the team together and create some spirit and unity," said Coach John Hogg.

That 'feeling' of team spirit was certainly evident before the start and during the meet with both sides yelling loudly and vociferously for their respective teams. Although the meet was not of real importance the swimmers were concerned about their times

and showed a great deal of interest in the scores.

The rules of the meet stipulated that each swimmer must enter at least two races and some even entered three, but true to most competitors, whether the meet was for fun or sport they showed a great deal of that "competitive edge." All swimmers were keen to race and some more than others with numerous false starts delaying the event. The coach commented that he was very pleased with the meet and that some good times were shown. Obviously the team members were pleased judging by the cheering and hollering urging their teammates on to victory.

And victory was just where Allison Thomson led her Green team to, in a come from behind exciting finish. After falling behind early to the Gold team the Green team fought their way back

and overtook the Golds in the second to last race. From the response of the Green team anyone would have thought that the Olympics had just been won. Certainly a good time was had by all the team members, who take part in a community wide meet next weekend. But if the enthusiasm in their voices goes up with the importance of the meet then the pool building may need special braces attached to the rafters. This reporter definitely hopes so.

X-country

The U of A track and field team participated in the Prairie Senior Cross-Country Championships which were held in Saskatoon last weekend. As this was a championship meet for the entire Prairie provinces the competition was fierce and none of our runners placed first, although a few placed very well.

In the ladies competition U of A's best finisher was Donna Dixon who placed a strong fourth. Janice Turner was the next for the Pandas at sixteenth. In the men's section Adrian Shorter placed tenth and was the top placing for the Bears.

Next Saturday the 31 of October the University Athletic Associations Canada Western Conference Championships are being held here at the U of A. The course starts at Lansdowne elementary school and runs past the university farm and through the Whitemud Creek area.

The men's 10000m race starts at 2:00 p.m. and the ladies 5000 goes at 2:45.

This is a very large cross-country meet with seven Univer-

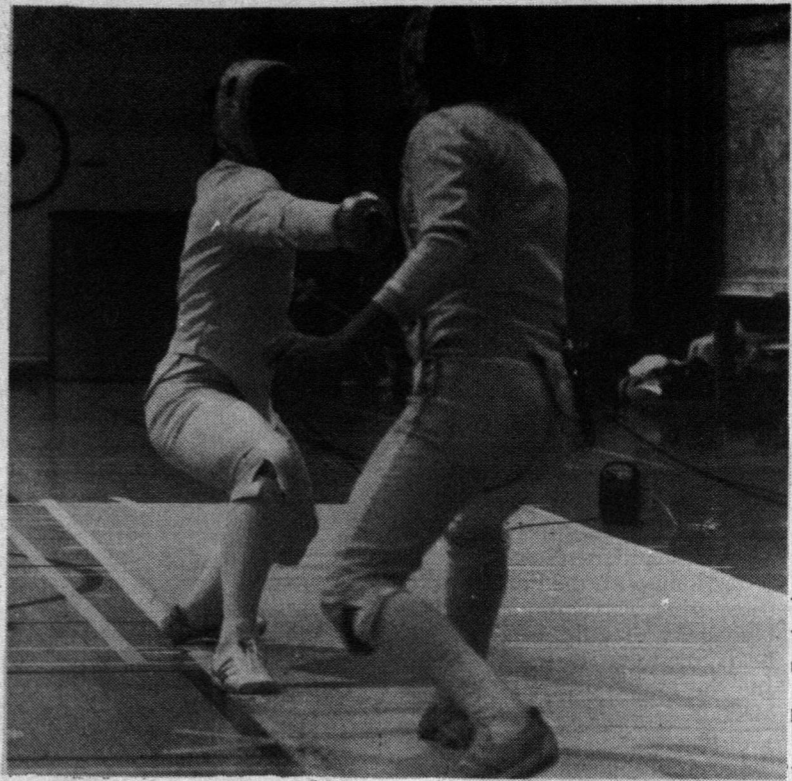


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Shades of the three Musketeers this past weekend.

En garde? Touche.

the Wetterberg Fencing Tournament was held here over the weekend. It was a small tourney for the number of competitors but was very well run. The organizers were Tim Gray and Dawna Sanderson. The results were as follows: in the men's foil first place went to Bob Eglington from Winnipeg. First place in the women's foil went to Sue Goruk of Edmonton. First place in the Sabre was taken by

Helmut Mach of Edmonton, in the women's Epee competition first place was captured by Mary Jane Henning.



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sities being represented. These include: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Calgary, Lethbridge, Victoria and of course, the host U of A. The Golden Bears mens team are defending the title which they won last year. This year they lost five of seven runners who ran last year, however, so their chances of

repeating that feat look pretty dim.

The ladies squad finished second to Saskatchewan last year and according to coaches James Haddow and Gabor Simonyi, have a good chance on capturing the championship this year.

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