

Underwater attack in Quebec

by Karl Wilberg

The U of A swim team's U-boat noisily sank many people's expectations for the Alberta team at the national finals. The U of A team, numbering five athletes, finished third, in defiance of an assigned seventh ranking.

Needless to say coach John Hogg mentioned the meet was a success story "beyond belief" and the team did "extraordinarily well" in a tough fight for top spots. The U of A, York, Western, and Dalhousie were fighting for the leftovers at the meet won by the University of Toronto.

The finals, held last weekend in Quebec City, started well for the Bears. On the meet's first day Alberta's Brent DeBrisay won the 400 m freestyle in 4:01.95. DeBrisay's time, one of Canada's fastest, set a new CIAU record. Thrid in the 400 m was Dwight Manning and fourth was Dave Long.

The Bear's extraordinary performances involved several personal best times. Both Manning and Long turned in what Hogg terms "classy performances" and chopped seconds off their previous best times. Manning continued to surprise

observers by shaving 47 seconds off his previous best time for the 1500 m. Manning's 2:11.99 performance in the 200, breaststroke final was eight seconds faster than his previous best.

In addition to the 400 m freestyle DeBrisay won the 200 m with a new CIAU record of 1:52.01. In the 200 m the first five swimmers were separated by .2 of a second.

Other improved performances were turned in by Long, third in the consolation final 100 m backstroke event. Doug Cathro placed six in the 100 m and 200 m butterfly finals. Bruce Lecky turned in a 4:48.02 time to place fourth in the 400 m IM consolation finals.

Still, the most surprising result came with the Bear's team work in the 800 m freestyle relay. Coach Hogg claims his team "took great delight in blowing the U of T out of the pool" when they set a CIAU record to win the final. The Bears turned in a 7:44.68 time that was five seconds better than second place Toronto's.

The U of A's amazing success, particularly in the relay, is something of a mystery to Hogg. Hogg states the team was doing well in training, but how

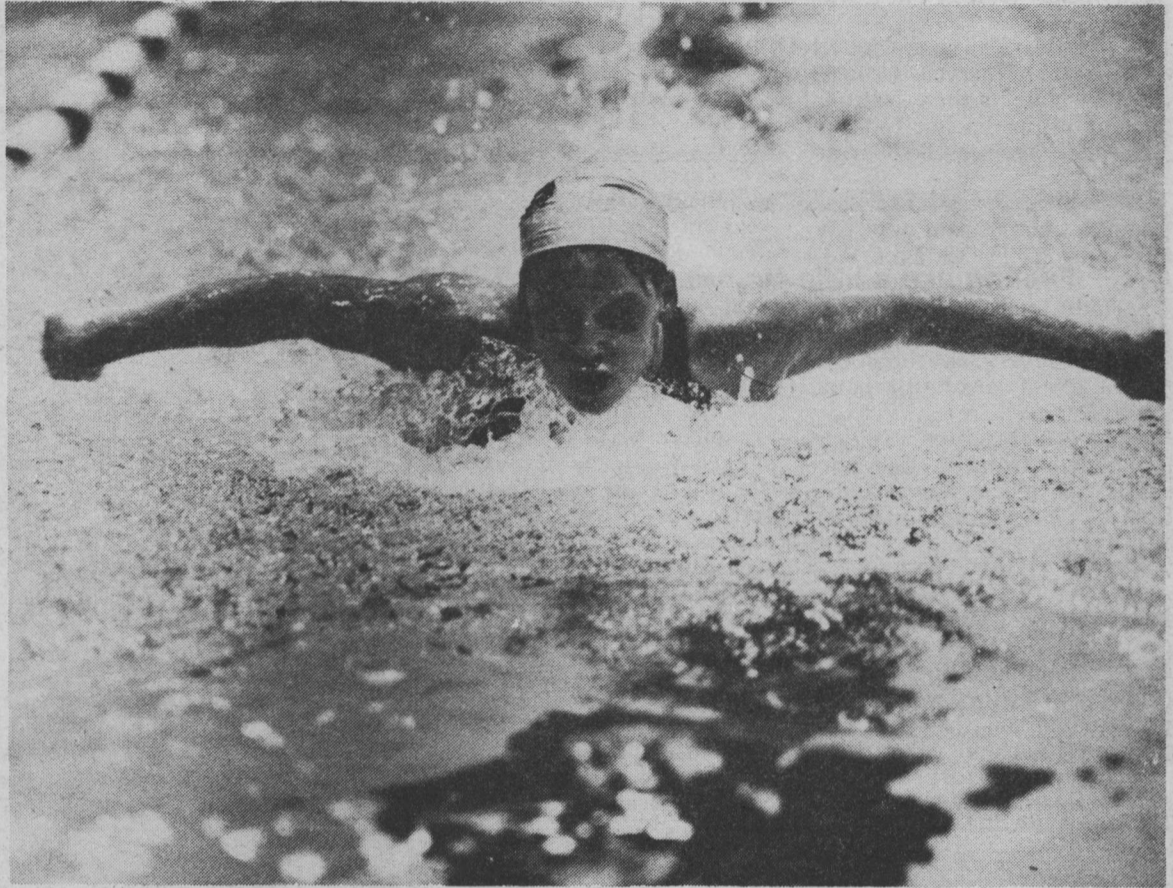


photo Russ Sampson

U of A set three CIAU records at championships last weekend.

well they would swim in Quebec was uncertain. In all Hogg believes "much of the credit went to the team." Hogg thinks "it was their determination to succeed"

and prove a point that made the squad successful.

In spite of the team's small size their performances certainly made an impression. Hogg

believes next year will be a rebuilding season. Still, it seems the U of A's ranking in the CIAU will probably be higher next year.

Going for no. two

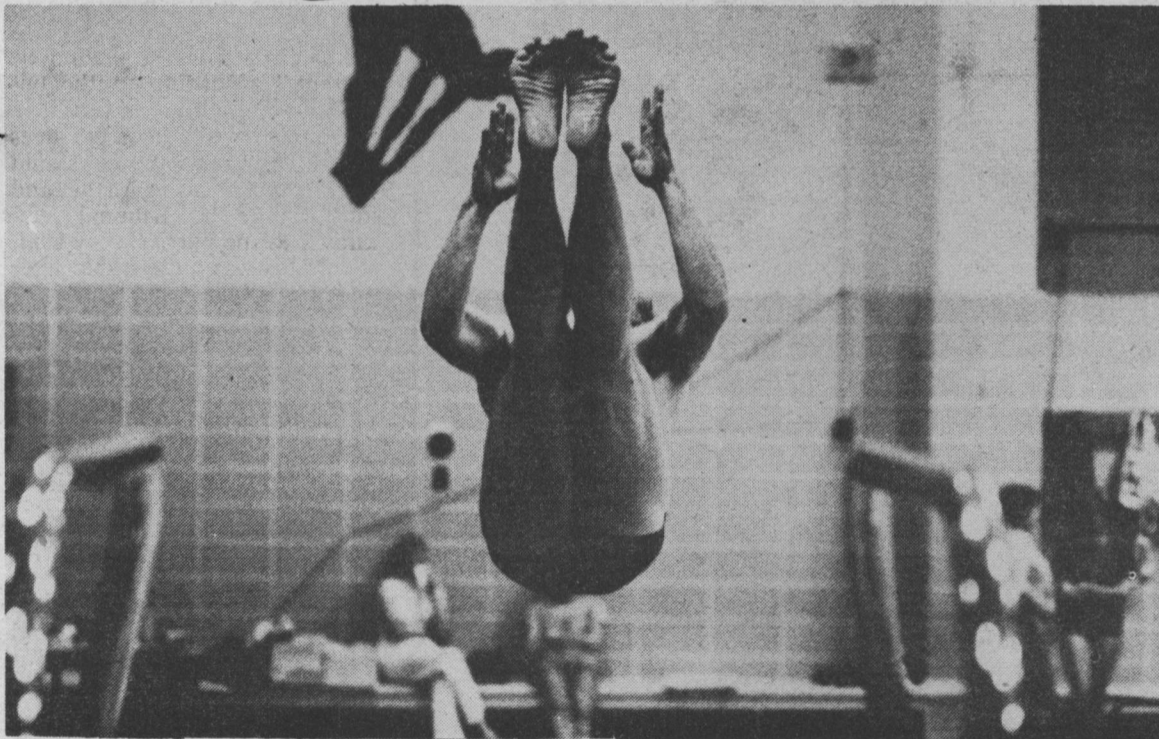


photo Russ Sampson

Coach McGavern hopes more divers will take the leap next year.

by Riff de Meed

From zero to third in one year. At least that is how fast the U of A diving program has travelled.

The two person team's best result at the CIAU finals was a fourth by Steve Stutt in the 3 m event. Needless to say, the fourth, a fifth by Stutt in the 1m, a 7th in the women's 3m and a 5th in the women's 1m by Allison Godfrey are improvements over last year.

In fact, the U of A program began this year with the hiring of coach Don McGavern. McGavern has also organized an amateur diving program for the city that is sure to provide good divers for CIAU competition. Consequently, although McGavern is pleased with the season's results he is more enthusiastic about the future.

The diving squad started with four divers and carried three

into Canada West competition. The U of A placed third in Canada West but last weekend in Quebec City they performed better than other Western schools. In all, Alberta scored 38 points, and tied for third with Western. However, the University of Toronto swept the field with an incredible 143 points.

Still, the Alberta divers did well with Stutt beating defending champion Don Liebermann, and until the final dives, was going for a silver medal. In addition, Godfrey palced well considering a badly strained back had limited practise for the finals. In all, McGavern believes the divers met their goals.

Clearly, the Albertans had tough competition. For example, Godfrey competed against national team member Stephanie Jaromko. Also, most of the Toronto divers are nationally ranked amateurs and

train year round.

Still, McGavern states "we're going for number two next year." McGavern claims the team "made an impression ... people have the idea that next year we will have more depth and quality." McGavern hopes to enlarge the team using divers from the Edmonton program and others from various regions.

For example McGavern mentions Cindy Swartzack, a top local diver, will attend the U of A next year. Also, national team alternate John Nash is planning to move here. McGavern adds "we have kids coming up in the program" that can supply intercollegiate divers for future years.

In any case McGavern believes a critical period is over and he is looking forward to a "good challenge" with Toronto next year. If the team can go from zero to third in one year, how long will it be before Toronto has to walk the plank?

Tennis is over but: Party begins

by Garnet DuGray

As the night of the second Annual Intramural Awards Night and Banquet rapidly approaches, so does the number of tickets available decrease. Remember that all unit managers have tickets until this Friday (March 14) noon to sell tickets and then one can only obtain them from the Men's Office until the middle of next week.

Last year's event was a huge success and the intramural people expect a similar success, so hurry out now and don't disappoint yourself by missing this gala event. The festivities begin with cocktails at 5:30 pm at the Holland House (12940 - 127 St.) with the buffet banquet and awards for all three phases of the intramural program to follow. Tickets go for \$7.00 per person.

In the Men's Indoor Tennis one event has already been completed as the 'B' class tourney ended on Monday past. The Grand Champion duo was the team of Kindley/Fong (Dentistry) while the consolation winners were the team of Allairie/Lemay (AAA). In other Indoor Tennis, the 'A' event winners will be announced next week as the schedule wraps up later this week.

And on the subject of tennis, the Men's Table Tennis wrapped up last Thursday evening with the four event winners playing off to determine the champion. The overall winner was S. Merali (GSA) who defeated fellow unitmate J. Nagendraw (GSA). Third and fourth places went to J. Wardlow (Law) and J. Ho (Third Heday). The top units of the Table Tennis tourney were Law (58 points), GSA (38 points) and third, CSA (31 points).

The finals of the Men's

Snooker Grand Championship are over as Kelvin Hui (independent) took top honors followed by Roy Vermillion (Education). Vermillion was also first in terms of top individual performers for their units and he was followed by John Dobrota (Engineering) and Doug Shell (Law). Top units for the snooker were Shooters (62 points), Lonestars (43 points) and Dentistry (38 points).

The Men's division II hockey playoffs are now on with the final on Sunday, March 16 at 5:00 pm in the ice arena. Hockey coordinator Dean Hengel figures the finalists to be, "10th Heday and either Faculte St. Jean or a strong Chieftains team." Hengel also stated that hockey default deposits, "... will be returned to unit managers at the Men's office at noon only from Monday, March 17 to Friday, March 21."

A reminder that the Men's Volleyball winds up next Tuesday evening with the playoffs to follow on Thursday, so get and participate for one last time this year.

In the Co-Rec department they too have one last chance to participate as the Co-Rec Volleyball league wraps next Thursday, March 20 so check out those schedules on the Co-Rec board and end the year off with a bang.

The Women's 5-on-5 Basketball and Triples Volleyball wraps up this week, so once again ladies this is your last chance to participate by "goin' for it".

