

Campbell

... looks at sports

When an editor comes to the end of the trail (sob) he has to write a column saying how much he is going to miss the grand old life and sports pages.

It's traditional.

Well I tried hard to do something different tonight. I worked like hell at hating everyone and everything in sports. But tonight I just couldn't work up the cynicism. Some typewriter repair man must have wiped the acid off my trusty Underwood when he fixed it last week.

(Damn it, another wrong letter—hold your temper, don't wrap the typewriter around some annoying reporter's head, you've lost four that way already this year.)

Well here goes with the famous rose-spectacled year-end wrap-up. (Dig those hyphens.)

First on the list has to be Ed Zemrau, a man who kept me in shape. The tone on my lecture muscles (that's sitting muscles to you) has never been better. If you are lucky enough to catch him in you get a good work-out in the twenty-minute up to one hour or more, line-up at his door.

Ed works hard, without him athletics would die on this campus. It's just all the work it takes to see him that gets me.

Then there is Art Hooks, team manager for the Bear hockey team and second greatest stewardess hustler in the world.

No round-up is complete without intramural director Fraser Smith, a real behind-the-scenes man in campus athletics. I went behind the scenes in Toronto with Fras.

Without Fras along the Save the Children Bowl wouldn't have been half the blast it was.

Another all-star member of the Save the Children Bowl cheering section was students' union business manager Bryan Clark. Clark went down on the charter flight at his own expense—there was one seat empty and it had to be filled to balance the budget. Bryan balanced it out of his own pocket.

Then there is Marion Conybeare, The Gateway's ace women's sports writer. She put up with a lot of abuse—but at least she learned something about English . . . Gateway style. It's not everyone who gets a free course in swearing—from an expert too.

Marion deserves a lot of credit, for a lot of hard work. She deserves more ink than the few by-lines she gets for the hours she puts into her stories.

Clarke Drake, Gino Fracas and Jim Munro, as heads of the hockey, football and basketball operations respectively have made it an easy enjoyable year for the reporters on their beats. They are great guys and I wish them better luck next year.

Ray Kelly as judo coach and linotype jockey has been one of the most colorful figures in campus sports for many years. This year he was promoted to the official U of A coaching staff—a jump long overdue.

Neil Driscoll was our trusty photog who turned in assignment after assignment. They were all first-class.

Last, but not least, is next year's sports editor, Richard Vivone, and he'll introduce himself next year.

It was a great year, I enjoyed every minute of it. Hope the salt water doesn't rust the typewriter—Vivone and his staff are going to need it.

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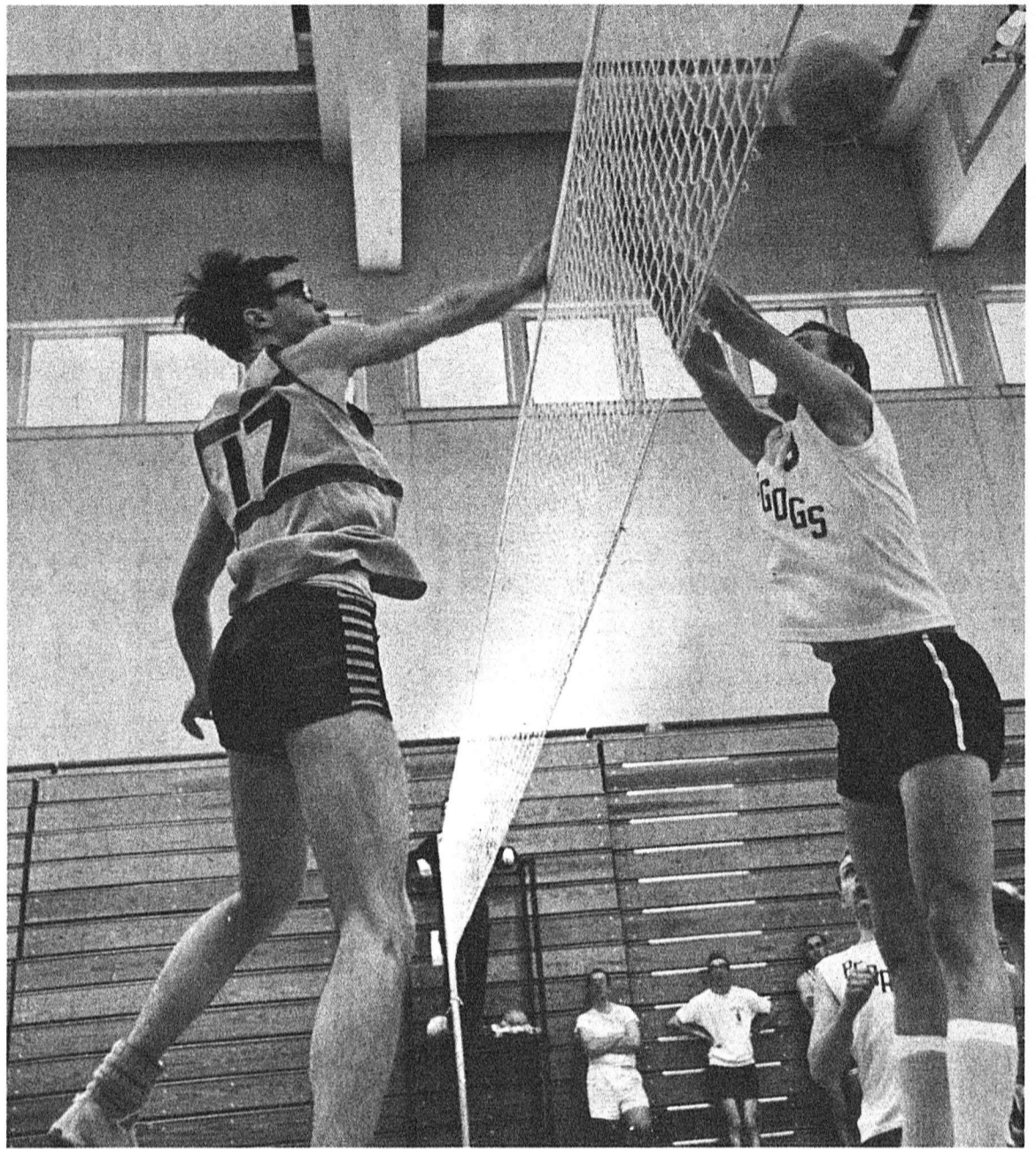
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THE SECOND BEST IN WESTERN CANADA

... U of A spiker lets go with vigor

Winnipeg Y's show superiority in v'ball over inconsitent Golden Bears squad

By **DON HOLMES**

A mixture of consistency, hustle and outstanding defensive play led the Winnipeg "Y" Kids to the Western Canadian Open Volleyball Championship here at the weekend.

They ended the single round-robin event with a perfect 4-0 record—the Bears placed second with a 3-1 tally. Edmonton Safeway, UAC Dinosaurs and Calgary finished in that order with 2-2, 1-3, 0-4 records respectively.

In the semi-finals the Bears beat Safeway 15-7 in the first game of the three game set. Then they lost the second by an identical margin. Inconsistency has plagued the Bears all year.

They came back in the deciding game with a 15-9 whitewash which left no doubt. The Bears were at their peak—and when they are good they are the best team in Western Canada.

In the finals they reversed their field and lost two straight to a relaxed and confident Winnipeg team. Some of the Winnipeg boys played for the Manitoba Bisons—a team the Bears beat 15-1 to win the Western Intercollegiates last month.

The first game of the finals started out like Custer's last stand with the Bears doing the standing. The Bears dallied around for a while and, lo and behold, when they settled down to play the scoreboard

read Winnipeg 7, Bears 0.

But the game was far from over and the Bears fought back to deadlock the score at 7-7. From this point on the game saw-sawed back and forth, but Winnipeg took advantage of missed passes to win 15-10.

With their backs to the wall, the Bears fought back desperately in the second game and it turned out to be the best match of the day.

But Winnipeg came on with a burst of speed to take a 14-9 lead. It looked like the end but time and again the rookie Bears pulled off seemingly fantastic plays to bring the score to 14-13.

Then they ran out of steam and the more experienced Winnipeg team racked-up the final point to win the game 15-13 and the trophy.

Although the Bears lost the tournament they are still ranked number one in Alberta and number two in Western Canada. Even so, the Bears will be unable to play in the Canadian Championships in Calgary on March 25-26. University Athletic Board rulings barring competition after color night will keep the Bears out of the meet.

The junior Bearcats added another trophy to their impressive collection when they took the Men's 'B' event in the same tournament.

In the last two years they have taken the 'B' division of the Alberta Open twice, the Edmonton Open twice, and the Western Canadians twice.

The Bearcats ended the day with an impressive 20-3 record which left them in first place.

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