

Alberta newest swimming power

University swimming has come of age and this has established itself as national swimming power. Nationally, CIAU championships have been of a lower level than CASA nationals and Olympic Trials. Times have improved this year in the famed Olympics in Etobicoke, all but two Canadian university records broken, all save three Ontario open marks were bettered, and the Canadian records were broken.

At the head of the pack swam a small group of Alberta men led by a noted Toronto swimmer as, "the surprise package from out West." The Bears came home with a place finish and handled eight Alberta titles in the process.

In 1973, World Games champion Mike Morrow, from the University of Alberta, broke the inter-collegiate record in the 500 yd. freestyle with a time of 5:14. This year Tom De Groot cut 16 seconds off his personal best to a time of 4:57, while team

mate Ron New took 19 seconds off his best time to finish with a 4:50.64. Tom also took 33 seconds off his 1650 yd. freestyle to finish a very respectable seventh and cut 12 seconds in the 400 IM. In the latter race, Ron New, whose previous best was 4:34.90, swam an amazing 4:22.84. Ron out-touched team mate Kevin Feehan in the 200 IM as both men improved their time by nine seconds.

Team captain Mark Polet personally broke two standing Alberta records in the 100 and 200 yd. backstroke events and helped fellow All-Canadians Derek Cathro, Kevin Feehan, and Doug Ross swim 2 seconds under the old national mark in the 400 medley relay.

Cathro, who came home with a gold, silver and two bronze medals in his swim bag has been asked to swim as a Canadian representative in April in the American open nationals. Derek swam his 100 yds butterfly in an Alberta record shattering time of 50.51, and set a new CIAU mark of 1:54.31 in the 200 yd. fly.

Butch Skulsky, Alberta's

powerful threat in the breaststroke events, surprised his competition from the traditional bastions of swimming power, Toronto and Waterloo, by taking the bronze medal in the 100 yd fly, in a time that last year would have guaranteed gold. In the breaststroke events, Skulsky predictably outpaced the field. He edged Kevin Feehan by 1/100 of a second in the 100 breast with a time of 1:01.56, and completed his 200 in a record pace of 2:10.59. Feehan knocked off an unprecedented six seconds in the latter race to post a 2:14.18.

Sprint freestylers Doug Ross and Doug McNeill added to the list of outstanding performances with personal bests in the 50, 100 and 200 yd. freestyle. McNeill set an Alberta record in the 50, and combined with fellow All-Canadians Ross, Skulsky, and New in the 400 free relay, and Cathro, Skulsky and New in the 800 free to shatter two more Alberta marks. Mike Allin, Alberta's only male diver, provided two much improved performances on the one and three metre boards.

After surveying the result

sheet, Canadian Olympic and Golden Bear coach John Hogg said, "In Britain I was known as a merciless and demanding coach. These boys have just completed the most grueling training session of their lives and the first really competitive season this university has seen. They more than deserve to be heralded as the new great Western threat. When they come back next year

we'll have a team to rival any of the states' Pac Ten."

This is not idle boasting. This year's all-Canadian team is nearly one-third University of Alberta swimmers. Five year veteran and present assistant coach Stewart Nelson can only say, "I'm glad my swimming career is over, it would be just too much work to keep up with the calibre of swimmer this university is turning out."



Spring training... The U of A rugby club will be holding a film night, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the party room at Edmonton House, spring training begins March 15.

Men's Intramurals

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Racquetball and Squash were run successfully on Monday 23rd and 24th. The events included basic skills, court awareness, and strategy. Thanks go to the four directors and 50 participants who made it all possible.

Hockey Playoffs
Division III hockey finals will

be played this Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 pm. The game will place the winner of 8th and 6th Henda against either 3rd Kelsey or Phys. Ed. Grads. Be sure to come out, it's guaranteed to be a thriller!

Snooker 155 men played in this year's snooker tournament. After all the games were completed L. Murray of Arts and Science emerged the winner. Congratulations to Mr. Murray.

Table Tennis continues tonight in the Ed. Gym. Players in check time and table number for your match. Spectators are welcome.

Participant of the Week. Parrish Zung of Education receives this week's award. As well as being Education's Unit Manager, Parrish has participated in many of the events. Parrish has also helped the Men's Intramural Office with his referring experiences. Good work, Parrish.

Unit Manager of the Week Daryl Landiuk of LCA receives the award this week. Since becoming Unit Manager in January he has organized and led his teams to 2 championships. Congrats to Daryl.

Co-Rec

Square Dancing Clinic
Come out and learn to square dance or brush up on your dancing steps. The U of A Culture Club will be our supporting callers. Meet in the Ed. Gym, Phys. Ed. Bldg on March 16 and 22nd at 7 p.m. for final stomp and windup. No experience necessary, beginners to experienced square dancers are welcome. You all come now, ya hear! For further information, check the Co-Rec Office located in the Men's Intramural office.

Competitive Volleyball All teams who signed up for competitive volleyball before Christmas will be playing this weekend March 12 and 13th. Check tournament times on Thursday March 10 at 1:00 p.m. or Friday March 11 at 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday March 12, 9:00-11:00 p.m. Sunday in the Dance

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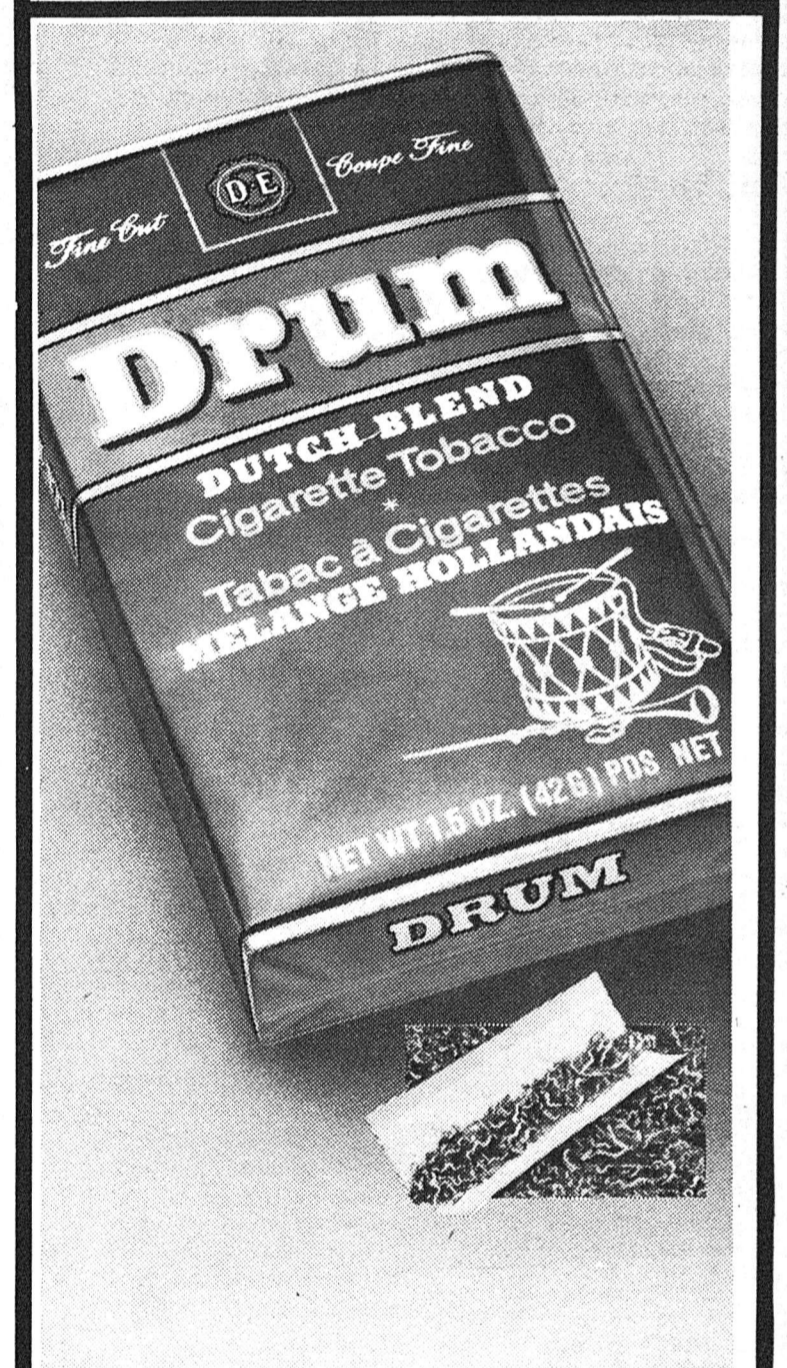
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