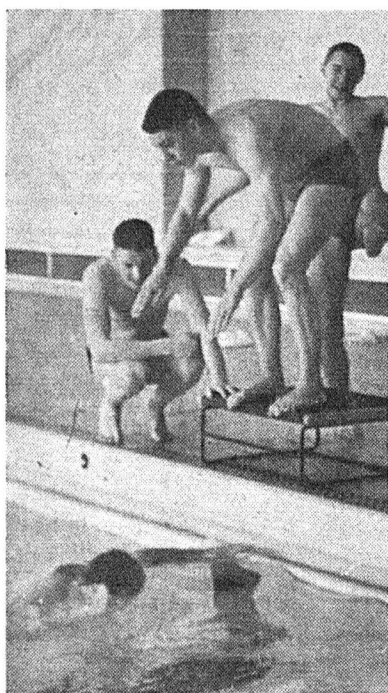


Bears Host WCIAA Swim Finals

by Mike Horrocks

The climax of the Golden Bear swimming season comes on Friday and Saturday at the PEB pool. The WCIAU championship Meet will renew the season battle between Murray Smith's Bear squad and the UBC team.



IT'S NOT LEGAL but a good kick in the hind end should be all the help Golden Bear swimmers need to take the relay championship. Shown in this farcical relay start are Jim Whitfield, Art Hnatiuk, Rob Wilson, and Brian Heffel.

photo by Erik Abell

U of A swimmers are out to avenge their one point loss to their WCIAU rivals in the championships last year.

UBC STRONG

The UBC squad is headed by Bill Campbell, specializing in freestyle and backstroke; Brian Griffiths, breaststroke, butterfly, and individual medley; Dave Smith, freestyle, breaststroke and individual medley.

The Saskatchewan team features strong divers and Ken Halliday, a butterfly and individual medley swimmer of great experience and talent.

U of A swimmers will be relying more on their all-round strength to regain the championship. The different point scoring used in the championship meet favours the all-round team as there is less spread between winners and those who place.

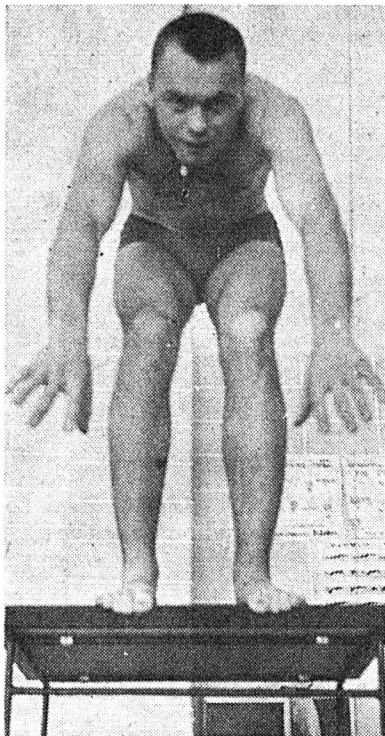
In addition, points are awarded down to sixth place and four entries are permitted each team for the individual events. Swimmers may enter four events of which no more than three may be individual races.

Swimming for the Bears are:

John Byrne, a provincial breaststroke record holder in his third year with the Bears. He is entered in the individual medley, butterfly and breaststroke events as well as the breaststroke leg of the medley relay.

Dave Cragg in his fourth year with the team has come on very strongly this season. He is entered in the 100 yard and 1650 yard freestyle and will swim on the freestyle relay team.

Al Graham is in his second year on the squad. Last year he won the 50 yard and 100 yard freestyle in the Championship meet as well as being a member of the winning free-



BOB HOLZER demonstrates racing start position essential to a winning performance—something he hopes to accomplish in the WCIAA finals Friday and Saturday.

photo by Erik Abell

style relay. Al will attempt to duplicate this effort.

Erik Haites, a freshman on the team, is one of the top breaststrokers in Canada. Holder of many Provincial records, he has represented Alberta at the Pan American Games trials in Vancouver. Erik is entered in individual medley, butterfly and breaststroke events and will swim butterfly on the medley relay team.

Brian Heffel, another freshman, will swim the individual medley and the breaststroke events.

Art Hnatiuk also in his first year will swim butterfly and backstroke.

Bob Holzer in his fourth year with the squad will swim the butterfly and breaststroke events. Bob has recently been making some experiments in increased openings while breathing but has abandoned these in favour of dental work.

Nestor Korchinsky is another freshman with a long and successful competitive history in sprint freestyle events. He will swim the 50 yard and 100 yard freestyle and take part in the freestyle relay.

Tom McCready also new to the Bears will swim the 500 yard and 1650 yard freestyle events.

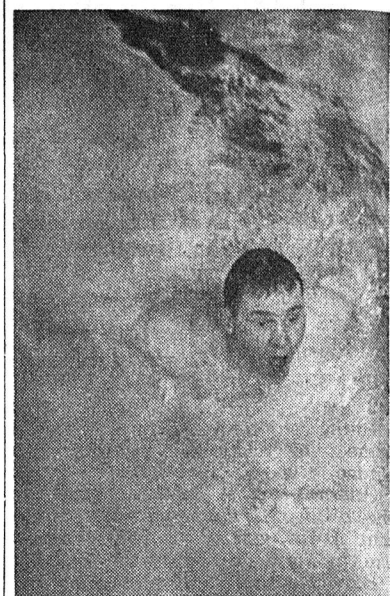
Terry Nimmon is in his second year. Terry is a backstroker who out-touched UBC star Bill Campbell in the UBC-U of A dual meet earlier in the season. In addition to attempting to repeat this triumph he will swim the 1650 yard and 200 yard freestyle events.

Ross Norminton, also new to the Bear ranks, has had great success in freestyle events this year. Ross swam for the Calgary "Y" Sharks for many years and will enter the 50 yard, 100 yard, 200 yard freestyle races and will anchor the freestyle relay team.

Jack Rogers is diving for the Bears for the third year. Jack also swims backstroke and will lead off the medley relay team.

Bob Ruff, in his first year, is entered in the diving.

Jim Whitfield, yet another freshman, will swim the 200 yard and 500 yard freestyle and anchor the medley relay team.



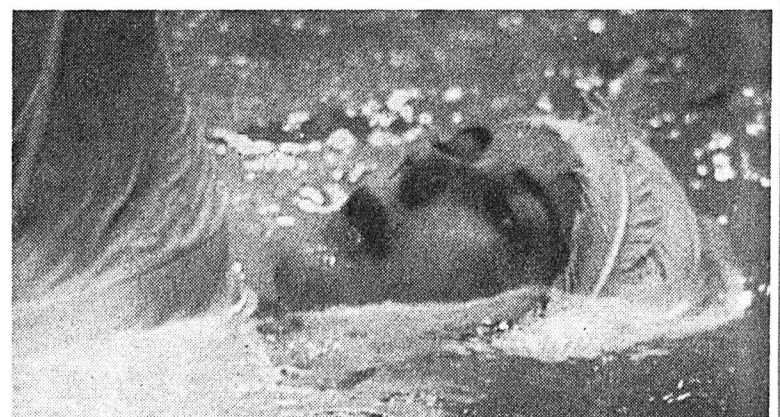
JOHN BYRNE practices the breaststroke in preparation for WCIAA finals which begin Friday at 2:00 p.m. Action continues at 8:00 p.m. Friday and 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

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This is a very strong swim team, remarkable for the number and talent of the freshman members. Although UBC must be favorites, the Bears stand a good chance fo upsetting the champions.

The meet is scheduled in four parts. Friday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.; 1650 freestyle and one metre diving, 8 p.m.; heats and diving, Saturday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m.; medley relay final, 3 metre diving and individual medley final, and at 2 p.m., finals of the other eight swimming events and more 3 metre diving.

The Saturday afternoon session will present the most exciting swimming as the six finalists vie for individual team honors.



WOMEN'S SENIOR AGGREGATE SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING CHAMPION shows good form in last weekend's provincial finals.

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Whatever became of:

Nero C. Caesar,

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Whenever conversation on the campus turns to music, someone is sure to mention the name of Nero Claudius — the man with the golden lyre. No other virtuoso on this difficult instrument has ever come close to the renown achieved by this boy from Antium. In his formative college years, Nero was something of a traditionalist, but at his apex he came very close to what moderns call "Le Jazz Hot". Those of his contemporaries and relations who survived the era he dominated — and they are regrettably few — recall that in his final phase he was strangely preoccupied with torch songs. His career reached its peak in Rome in a blazing performance of his famous lyre solo against a trumpet obligato by a group of cats known as the Praetorian Guardsmen. Rome was never the same thereafter.

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