

U of A fields team for intervarsity track meet

By JOHN BOYD

The U of A, for the first time in ten years, will enter an intervarsity track and field meet. This rather surprising event will take place under the benevolent auspices of the Royal Canadian Legion at the new Kinsmen fieldhouse Friday evening.

As track meets go, this one promises to be a real "doozy".

Track teams from across Canada have entered, from Sir George Williams (Montreal) to UBC and Simon Fraser. Other entries come from the universities of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Calgary, a single entry is coming from Boise, Idaho.

The U of A will field a team of twenty-four, which will only be outdone by the thirty-seven athletes Saskatchewan is sending.

There are only a few bright rays of sunlight in an otherwise gloomy meet for the Alberta team.

Larry Dufresne seems to be the only plausible competition for the U of A team in the short distances. All those distances over 880 yd. and they are few in this meet,

should also be sewed up by Alberta. Ray Haswell, Mike Bullard, Ray Mackenzie and Ed Frost will form this part of the U of A team.

The only other competition that Alberta will offer, with any hope at all of winning, will be in the men's high jump—Ken Kereliuk being Alberta's sole hope in this event.

The main reasons for what might seem to be rampant pessimism are twofold; a lack of experience and training for the Alberta track and field team, and the amazing strength of the UBC and Simon Fraser. Both have three Pan-Am competitors on their squads.

Hopefully this tournament will spark some enthusiasm on the U of A campus for a track and field team and save it from the unfortunate demise of a previous U of A club which did little and died unknown and unheralded.

Tomorrow a similar meet will take place, the Canadian Senior Indoor Track and Field Championships. This is an invitational meet with the top athletes from Canada and the Northern United States competing.

University athletics suffer from usual money shortage

Money, or the lack of it is making its presence felt in university athletic circles again.

The Golden Bear hockey squad was forced to turn down an invitation to a hockey tournament at Brown University in Boston. Traveling expenses could not be met as they had not been included in the team's budget.

The annual trip to Denver for the two game series with the Denver Pioneers is only made

possible because of a guarantee of \$4,000 in gate receipts.

The Men's Canadian Intercollegiate Gymnastics championship had been suddenly switch from Guelph to Halifax. To raise the difference in travel costs and expenses the team has been reduced to selling raffle tickets.

The first raffle saw nearly 90 per cent of the tickets sold to university students. A second raffle is planned in the near future.



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A SCORE OR A SCRATCH?

As Warren Champion goes, so do the Bears. Champion had a bad game in the finals of the city basketball tournament over the holidays and the Bears dropped an easy decision to the Edmonton Chieftains. The Bears had previously defeated the Chieftains in the round-robin competition. The Bears see action Friday and Saturday against the Wesmen from the University of Winnipeg. Game Time is 8:30 p.m. in varsity gym.

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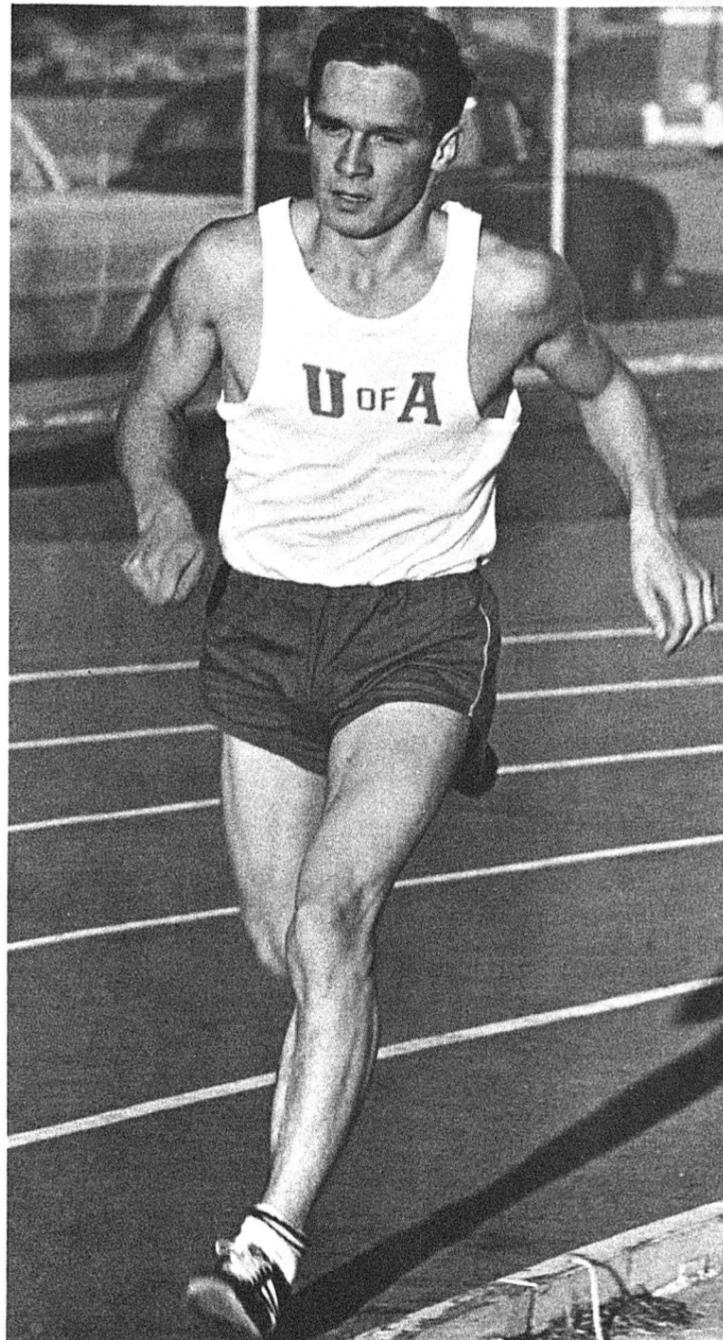
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