

SPORTS

U of A's top athletes for year named

by Brad Clark

Friday night at the Westin Hotel, University of Alberta athletes and coaches celebrated an extremely successful year for Panda and Golden Bear athletics, at the 55th annual Color Night Banquet.

There were numerous causes for celebration. The Pandas picked up national titles in gymnastics and track and field. Golden Bear teams earned Canada West titles in wrestling, hockey, cross country and basketball. Three Golden Bear coaches received coach-of-the-year honors in Canada West; wrestling's John Barry, hockey's Clare Drake, and football's Jim Donlevy.

Sandy O'Brien of the women's gymnastics team was named the CIAU gymnastics coach-of-the-year.

The highlight of Color Night, as always, was the presentation of the Bakewell and Wilson Challenge trophies to the female and male athletes of the year.

Mary Burzminski, who led the Pandas' track and field team to its first national title was named the outstanding female athlete. Burzminski, an economics student, picked up medals in each of the three events she competed in at the CIAU track and field championship.

For the first time since 1963-64 there were two winners of the Wilson Challenge Trophy. Hockey star Tim Krug and wrestling champion Mike Payette were named co-winners of the 51 year old award.

Payette has won his weight class four consecutive years for the Bears.

During that time he has won two national titles, in 1983 and in 1985. Payette has been captain of the wrestling team for the past two seasons.

Krug, captain for the Bears hockey team, led his squad to the CWUAA title and a berth in the CIAU Championship. He has been a Canada West first team all-star for the last three years and was an all-Canadian in 1983-84. Krug played on the Spengler Cup national team which won a gold medal last December.

Two long time Golden Bear assistant coaches were honored as co-winners of the new Dr. R.G. Glassford Coaching Trophy, awarded for coaching excellence. Bill Moores, Drake's respected right hand man, and Clarence Kachman,

who's been involved as a player or a coach with the Bear's football team for twenty plus years, were both selected for the award.

Although the awards segment dragged on (and on... and on) there were some particularly humorous incidents.

The Bears hockey team had a "special" song for U of A President Myer Horowitz. You've probably heard it: "Here's to brother Myer, brother Myer... etc.... so drink chug-a-lug, a-drink-chug-a-lug...." Horowitz responded by standing up and sucking back his ice water with the macho style of a weekend cowboy in an Alta 3.9 commercial.

Wrestling coach John Barry and Basketball Coach Don Horwood provided great accompaniment to

Phil Collins' "Easy Lover," complete with choreography, during the dance that followed the presentation ceremony.

Towards the end of the evening, Bears' defensive end Leo Cuciz took the mike and did his now famous rendition of Ray Parker Jr.'s "I'm in love, with the other woman."

The fifty-fifth annual Color Night was a lot of fun and a definite success. My only hope for the fifty-sixth affair would be that the organizers pare the awards segment down somewhat. After a four course meal, with wine, water and coffee, a person's bladder can only last so long.

Jock Talk: Eva's round up of quotes

by Eva Pendzich

My reign as sports editor is quickly coming to an end. I did not run for sports editor for the 1985-86 term because of other priorities. I'm leaving the sports desk in the hands of Mark Spector. Spector was a sports writer for the Gateway and also worked for CJSR's sports department.

The second term has proved to be quite an experience. I had the opportunity to travel with the Golden Bear hockey team. Our journeys took us to Saskatoon, Winnipeg, and Toronto. As well as viewing excellent hockey, I met a number of interesting people, and had a chance to spend a large sum

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share some of the more memorable quotes with you.

"I'm here to party."

—Alan Panzeri, Edmonton Journal sports writer, when asked if he was attending Color Night (U of A's athletic awards banquet) in an official capacity.

"They may want it, but we have to have it."

—Tim Krug, Golden Bear hockey star, prior to the CWUAA hockey finals against the Saskatchewan Huskies. The Bears beat the Huskies in two games straight, sending them on the road to the nationals. They lost their bid for the CIAU championship to the York Yoemen 3-2 in Toronto.

"My best moves are the high crotch, the head lock throw, and pardon me are you edible?"

—Andy Macri, Golden Bear wrestler, when asked by me what his best moves are.

"Tom looked as if he could almost jump tonight."

—Don Horwood, Golden Bears' basketball coach, commenting on portly Tom Demeo who played a particularly good game against the UBC T-Birds. The Bears beat the T-Birds; it was their first win after a five game losing slump.

"It looks like Cinderella has lost her slipper."

—Horwood after the basketball Bears lost their first game in the

western regionals to the York Yoemen. The Bears had upset the Victoria Vikings in the CWUAA basketball finals to earn their spot in the regionals. The Bears finished their regular season with a 2-8 record and were in the CWUAA final because they were the host team.

"When I look at some of the players that the CFCL picks, not ours, of course, I think that that guy can't carry this guy's jock strap."

—Dan Syrotuik, defensive coordinator for the Golden Bear football team, on the 1984-85 CFL draft selections. Syrotuik was particularly displeased with the omission of Bears' wide receiver Dan Rousseau.

"I'm wearing my tuxedo because I've been asked to judge a mud wrestling competition at Chez Pierres."

—Jamie Herbison, 630 CHED sports personality whose normal attire to any function is his 630 CHED t-shirt, after Myer Horowitz, president of the U of A, explained why he was decked out in his tuxedo at the semi-formal Color Night. Horowitz was to attend the Bach festival immediately following the athletic awards banquet. Herbison was the master of ceremonies.

"The highlight of your life? Naw, just think, you got to work with Brad Clark!"

—Brad Clark, Golden Bear football player and Gateway sports writer, after hearing about my tale of adventures in Toronto. In particular, my meeting, but not recognizing Hall and Oates in the Four Seasons swimming pool. Clark, by the way, was voted by me as having the best bum on the Bears football team. Until rookie Jeff Funtasz that is.

"I was extremely interested in finding out who the freshman of the year would be for the women's junior varsity lawn bowling team."

—Clark when discussing the lengthy awards presentation segment of Color Night.

"Hey Mike, lets get out of here quick. I feel like I've stolen this gold medal."

—Phil Spate, Golden Bear wrestler, after his miraculous win at the CIAU wrestling championships in Hamilton. Spate captured his 54kg weight class after having lost 2.25 kg. in one evening, after having lost his first match because of the rapid weight loss, and after pinning two of his opponents on the reroll. A reroll resulting in a pin rarely occurs in wrestling.

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