

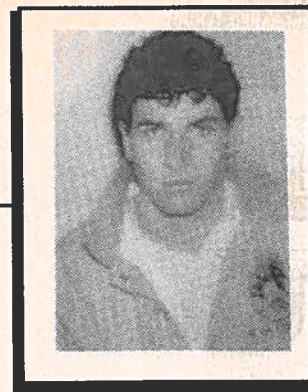
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**Shoot To
Score With
The Nor'Westers!**



Feature Column

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Sports Director
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Lou Pero is pumped. The third year coach of the Nor'Westers feels he may have his best team since he landed the head coaching job at Lakehead in 1989. Despite the loss of high scoring guard Jeff Byerley Pero feels his team will still have a very strong back court.

The Norwesters will again use a three guard offence meaning Pero will have one veteran coming off the bench. "With Leslie Raguette, Peter Brown, David Pineau and Ray Foster I think we have four outstanding offensive players" says Big Lou. "Pineau and Brown have both made significant improvements to their game, Raguettes an OU all-star and Foster is always kind of magical at the end of the game with that three point shot." As the old basketball saying goes,

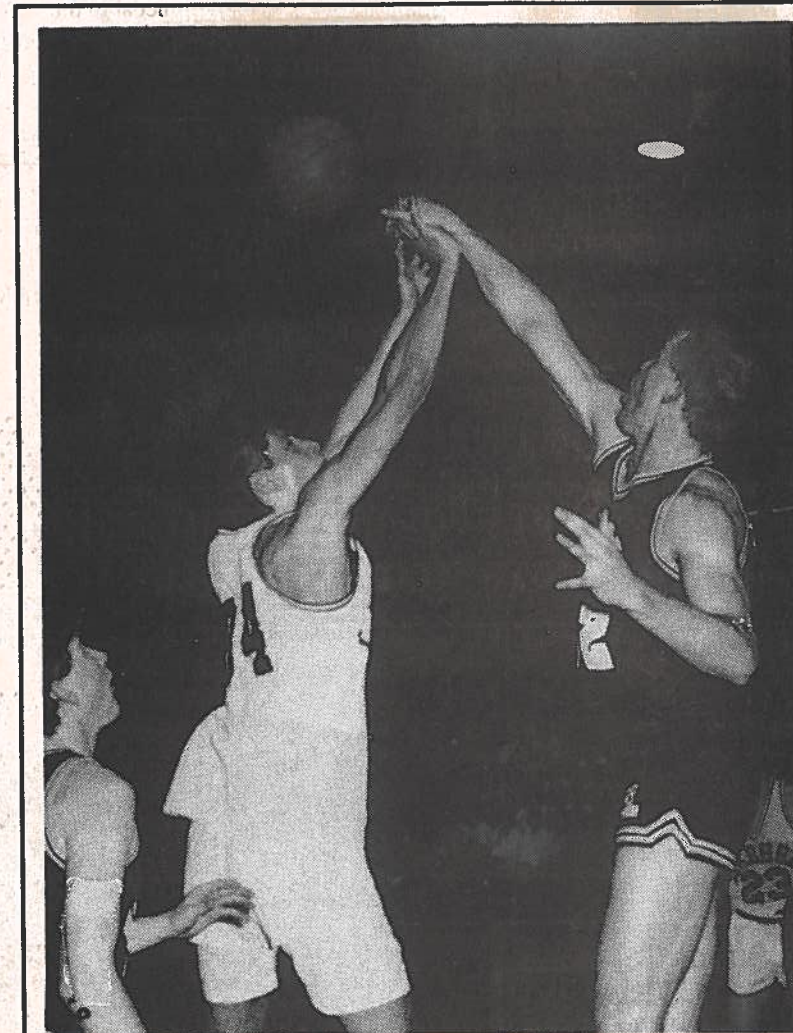


Pero "A strong outside game will create a strong inside game". So the Nor'Westers will again be looking to their big men. 6'7" Mike Lalonde is back along with 6'7" forward Chris Grace and Pero has managed to recruit plenty of good size in 6'8" Craig Law, 6'5" Anthony Randall and 6'6" Jeff McGee. Pero likes his post game. "Both Law and Randall can score and both of them have the idea they can score when it counts"... "A healthy Grace will provide strong rebounding and Lalonde has been one of our best players in the early part of the season."

Heading into the conference schedule the Norwesters will be looking to improve on their 6 and 8 record from a year ago. LU finished

in a 3 way tie for fourth spot with Brock and Waterloo in the OUAA west but the post season was a short one. Pero's troops bowed out the 8th ranked McMaster in the first round of the Western Division playoffs. Pero says the goal this year is the finish higher in the standings so his club can take advantage of their home court. "Our goal is to finish in the top four and not look at the fourth spot but one, two or three. If we can host

a game here this place will be rockin' and we'll show everyone what the Thunderdome fans are all about." It's a guarantee that the 1991-92 Norwesters will provide plenty of thrills for home town fans, hopefully that will stretch into late February when the OUAA playoffs roll around. □



Booster Club Athletes of the Month **October**

Volleyball



GERALDINE BERGMANS

When Geraldine Bergmans was recruited, LU expected big things from her down the road. But this second year science student is proving that the road to outstanding performances need not be so long. She is already on pace to shatter LU's all-time record for stuff blocks in a season, currently standing at 37 blocks after only 13 matches (LU's record is 77). Add a respectable effort in serve receive, constant improvement in hitting and serving (15 aces, 3rd for LU), and you get one of the main reasons for Lakehead's better calibre of play.

Men's Basketball



DAVID PINEAU

David Pineau has embodied intensity on the court thus far this season. Taking on starting duties has augured well for the 6'2" guard who is entering his third year of the Physical Education Program. David couldn't miss in the Zanatta game potting 26pts., racked up 16 pts. per game in the Laurentian series, was recognized Academic All-Canadian by the CIAU and was voted sportsman of the week in the Chronicle Journal-Times News.

The Booster Club Athletes of the Month for October were sponsored by J.B. Evans

Wrestling



MICHAEL KITCHEN

Mike Kitchen led the LU wrestling team to its season opening tournament victory by winning the gold medal in the 68 kilogram weight division at the annual Royal Military College Tournament in Kingston on October 26. Mike won three matches before pinning his opponent in the finals.

Ladie's Basketball



PAM LEITCH

Pam Leitch makes the Faculty of Education proud. Averaging 15pts. per game while providing the leadership and intensity on a powerful lady Nor'Wester squad has been a commendable feat on a team that has such character.

Dual Can Drive/Can Kick Nov 29

LU's wrestlers will be grappling for two good causes when the University of Western Mustangs come to town on November 29. The wrestlers are organizing a canned food drive in support of Shelter House Thunder Bay, a private non-profit organization that houses and feeds the homeless in town. Coach Francis Clayton thinks that this is a great opportunity for the program to put a little back into the community.

Instead of having an entrance fee at the gate, the wrestlers are asking everyone that comes out to bring a can of food. Clayton hopes that since the Shelter House is always in need and that Christmas will follow close on the heels of the tournament that the food drive will be a big success.

Beating Western is of secondary importance of course, but that too would be a nice Christmas Gift for some needy Mustangs.

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Men's Basketball:

Recruiting is the Story

Recruiting players to Canadian University teams is an exercise in diplomacy. Unlike the romancing of Raghbir Rocket Ismail by Bruce McNall where perks bonuses and salaries were used to lure one of the foremost draft choices in the NFL from the glory of the Dallas Cowboys to the relative Obscurity of the Toronto Argonauts and the CFL...University perks are much less tangible. Some would say that they don't exist at all.

This year at LU, however, Lou Pero, third year coach of the men's basketball team feels he has had his best recruiting year ever. Five new players have joined the

team and Lou is hyped on all of them. The most notable performances in the first four games of the pre-season have been registered by Craig Law, Anthony Randall and Jeff McGee, but Cory Keeler and Mark Bonitatabus have also shown that they can handle the calibre of play in the "bigs".

So why the success in recruitment? Well, frankly, Lou is not exactly sure. Craig Law for example was highly recruited by the University of Manitoba and a number of schools in the south but chose to come to LU. Why?

"I don't know" says Lou with a laugh, I hope I had something to do with it. It was between us and

Manitoba and I actually thought that we had lost him at one point. I was out at the Nationals and the Manitoba coach and I were talking. He thought 51 to 49 we had him and I said I thought 51 to 49 you have him. When I got back from the Nationals, Craig Told me he was coming to Lakehead."

Lou credits the improved play of Pineau and Brown and a solid core of veterans in Raguette, Foster, Lalonde, Grace and Norland for the improved attraction of the team at the local level.

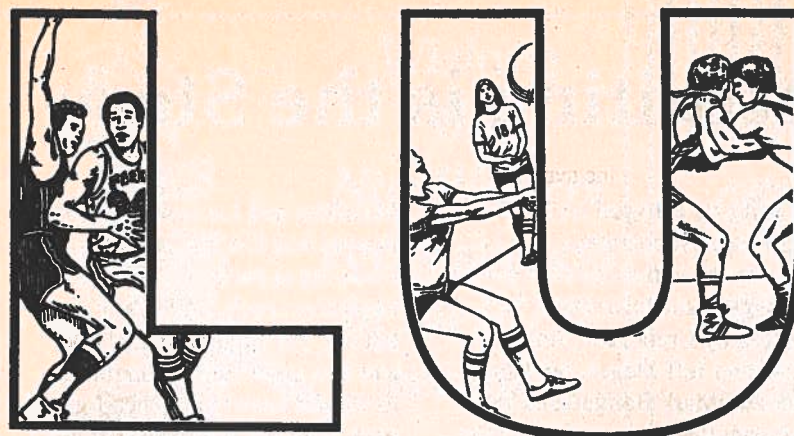
"When you get a player of this calibre who is probably one of the better big kids in Ontario and he stays at home, this is really good." Says Lou.

Apparently the recruiting is paying off on the floor as well. LU has thus far gone 3 - 1 in pre-league play beating the OUAA Eastern Champion Laurentian team 75-70 in the first game of a two game series on October 25th and losing the second at the buzzer on what may have been a questionable call by the ref, by a score of 72-71. The men were at it again the following weekend of November 1st and 2nd winning the Pizza Hut Invitational with a solid performance over Mt. Scenario, winners of the National small college championship in the US, by knocking them off a 27 game winning streak.

Northland College, LU's oldest rivals roll into town November 8th and 9th and injured David Pineau will be back, so the team looks very strong. □



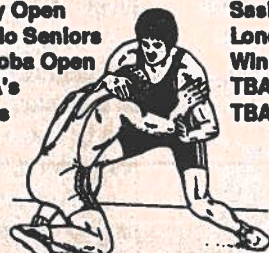
Left: Pineau's hand suffered only a sprain in the Pizza Hut Invitational...He shouldn't miss a beat



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY NOR'WESTERS 1991/92 SCHEDULE

WRESTLING

Date	Event	Location
Oct. 26	RMC Novice	Kingston, Ont.
Nov. 16	Brock Invitational	St. Catharines, Ont.
Nov. 23	Mt. Allison	Sackville, NB
Nov. 29	LU vs. UWO Dual	Lakehead
Jan. 11	Garvie Memorial	Lakehead
Jan. 18	Husky Open	Saskatoon, Sask.
Jan. 25	Ontario Seniors	London, Ont.
Feb. 1	Manitoba Open	Winnipeg, Man.
Feb. 15, 16	OUAA's	TBA
Feb. 28, 29	CIAU's	TBA



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Date	Event	Location
Oct. 18	Alumni	Home
Oct. 25	Pizza Hut Tournament	Home
Nov. 1, 2	Brandon vs. LU	Home
Nov. 8-10	Manitoba Tournament	Away
Nov. 15, 16	Manitoba Tournament	Home
Nov. 22, 23	York Tournament	Away
Nov. 29, 30	OFSSAA Recruiting	
Jan. 4, 5	Winnipeg Tournament	Away
Jan. 11, 12	Waterloo vs. LU	Home
Jan. 18, 19	LU vs. Windsor	Away
Jan. 25, 26	Mac vs. LU	Home
Feb. 1, 2	LU vs. Brock	Away
Feb. 7, 8	Western vs. LU	Home
Feb. 14, 15	LU vs. Laurier	Away
Feb. 21, 22	Guelph vs. LU	Home

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Date	Event	Location
Oct. 19	John Zanatta Alumni Game	Home
Oct. 25, 26	Laurentian University	Home
Nov. 1, 2	Pizza Hut Invitational	Home
Nov. 8, 9	Northland College	Home
Nov. 15	University of Manitoba	Winnipeg
Nov. 16	University of Winnipeg	Winnipeg
Nov. 21	St. Scholastica	Duluth
Nov. 22, 23	Bethal College Invitational	Minneapolis
Dec. 27-29	Weeman Classic	Winnipeg
Jan. 3, 4	Brandon University	Brandon
Jan. 10, 11	University of Waterloo	Home
Jan. 17, 18	University of Windsor	Windsor
Jan. 24, 25	University of McMaster	Home
Jan. 31-Feb. 1	University of Brock	St.
Feb. 7, 8	Western	Home
Feb. 14, 15	Laurier	Waterloo
Feb. 21, 22	Guelph	Home
Feb. 25	OUAA West Quarter Final	TBA
Feb. 28, 29	OUAA West Final	TBA
Mar. 7	Wilson Cup	TBA

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Date	Event
Sept. 21, 22	U. Wisconsin-Superior Tourn.
Sept. 27, 27	Lake Superior State (tentative)
Oct. 4, 5	U. Minnesota-Duluth Tourn.
Oct. 18, 19	York at Lakehead (tentative)
Oct. 25, 26	York Invitational
Nov. 8, 9	Laurier at Lakehead*
Nov. 15, 16	Lakehead at Guelph*
Nov. 29, 30	McMaster at Lakehead*
Jan. 3, 4	LU Pizza Hut High School Tourn.
Jan. 10, 12	Carleton Invitational
Jan. 17, 18	Windsor at Lakehead*
Jan. 24, 25	Lakehead at Waterloo*
Jan. 31, Feb. 1	Brock at Lakehead*
Feb. 7, 8	Lakehead at Western*
Feb. 28, Mar. 1	OWIAA Championships
Mar. 13-15	CIAU Championship



Nor'Westers Trounce Pre-Season Competition Fitzgerald injury may hurt...

The LU women's basketball team is looking awesome!

For the most part, the team is experienced and know each other well so when they are on the court they work together like a fine tuned machine.

This past weekend their motor was just a humming. The women kicked butt on both Friday and Saturday nights. On Friday against Brandon, the LU women boarded a score of 88-40. Jen Burgess dominated play to capture the Pizza Hut player of the game title.

On Saturday the women came out strong defeating Brandon once again 71-30. Kathy Harrison received the Pizza Hut title on Saturday.

Unfortunately, this past weekend was not all glory for LU women's basketball as they lost a very valuable player to an injury. Kelly Fitzgerald, on Friday night, twisted her knee and the seriousness of the injury is yet to be determined but, rumour has it "she may have to sit out for the rest of the season". The women will definitely have to do a little bit of shuffling in the absence of the talents of Kelly.

Stu Julius only recruited 2 rookies, Donna Forman, and Leo Altieri, and a transfer from Toronto Patti Johnston. Donna Forman's skills shine on the court and with it being this early in the season the team is definitely looking to finish in the top this year. "I think we are better because the first year kids from last year like Bonnie, and Lisa have a year of experience and Lisa is playing very well," says an optimistic Julius.

The league opener after Christmas is on Jan. 10th in the Thunderdome against Waterloo. The team has a good amount of time to practise which is encouraging. "We're playing well for this time of year and we're right on line to where we are supposed to be. If we can play that well at this time of the year we're only going to get better."

Julius really expects that his team will fair well in league play this

year if everyone on the team stays in good shape and injury free. "Well I think now if everybody stays healthy I think we have a team that can finish one or two in the west and then it goes into the playoff format and I think we really have the ability to go to the nationals."

More often than not the support staff of the varsity teams don't really get enough recognition for their help. Stu Julius mentioned that his assistant coaches, Bob Main and Rob Simmons along with Diane and Al really help the team out a lot and of course Bill Keeler who does everything. They do an excellent job and deserve some credit and a pat on the back. "We get a lot of support. Some schools don't get as much support as we do."

There seems to be a lot of unnecessary pressure applied on varsity athletes to perform well in everything they do. They are expected to play well on the team as well as academic success. "If a student athlete doesn't do well all of a sudden everybody is down on that person's neck. But if a regular student doesn't do well nobody says anything. Some kids will flunk out, but there are a lot of kids that flunk out who aren't playing basketball."

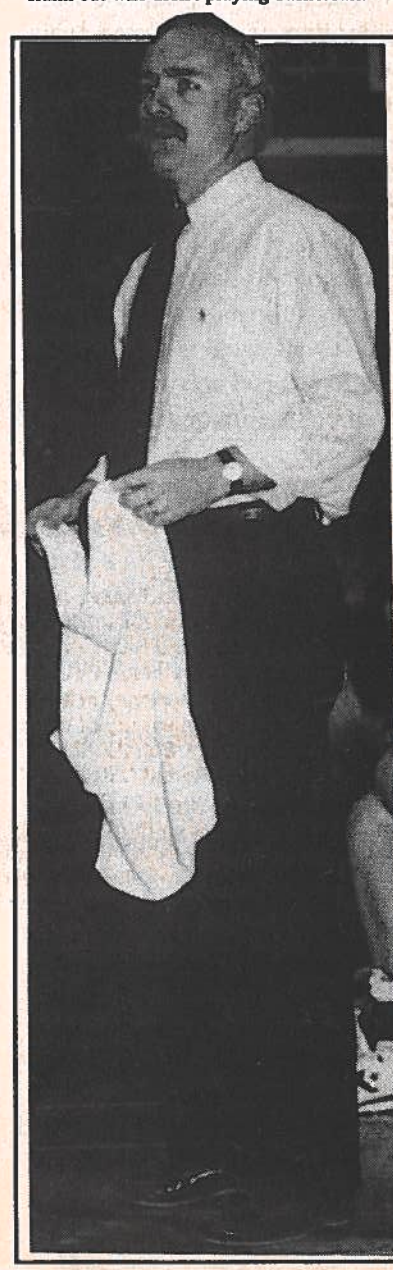
At Christmas time the basketball team will not be heading to the Sunshine State, but instead to Winnipeg as the team made a mature decision to choose the tournament with more competition. Stu Julius was pleasantly surprised in the team's decision, "It was a nice decision on their part ... I gave them the option... more interested in the competition we're going to get in Winnipeg, it's a good tournament."

Next year the women's basketball team will be losing Pam Leitch and Barb Hill to graduation and maybe Kelly Fitzgerald. Kelly has a fifth year and Stu would love to have her back. Recruiting is an ongoing process, and for Stu recruiting is important because we are so far away so it sometimes has to be done two

years in advance. Stu is prepared for anything.

Going to the Nationals is in the horizon for the LU women this year as a few of the women are in their final year and they are hungry and determined to go to the top. ☐ Liana DeCorso

Stu Julius Below... "Some Kids will flunk out, but there are a lot of kids that flunk out who aren't playing basketball."



Volleyball Nor'Westers Head Into League Play Shooting For Division Title

League play isn't too far off for the Lady Nor'wester volleyball team. The season starts on Nov. 8th and the team has high aspirations this year.

The first team that LU faces on their opening weekend at home is Laurier. The following weekend LU travel to Guelph to play and the week after they are on the road again to play McMaster. The toughest match will most likely come against McMaster who are looking very tough this year.

Head Coach Claude Lapre feels that his team will produce successful results this season. The team's goal is to reach the Nationals and according to Lapre, they are quite capable of doing so.

There are 4 spots available in the OWIAA west division playoffs. With 8 teams in the division, it will take determination and hard work to make it. Lapre told his team that the season lasts one term because if they lose matches prior to Christmas, LU won't be able to catch up. LU must finish with a 12-2 record in the first term.

York University has the best team in the league this year. Last year they were ranked 3rd in Canada and the team is just as powerful this year. If LU comes 2nd to York, they will have the best chance of going to the Nationals this year. "We have to meet York in the finals and

we don't want to play them before that and the only way to be sure of that is to finish 1st in our division."

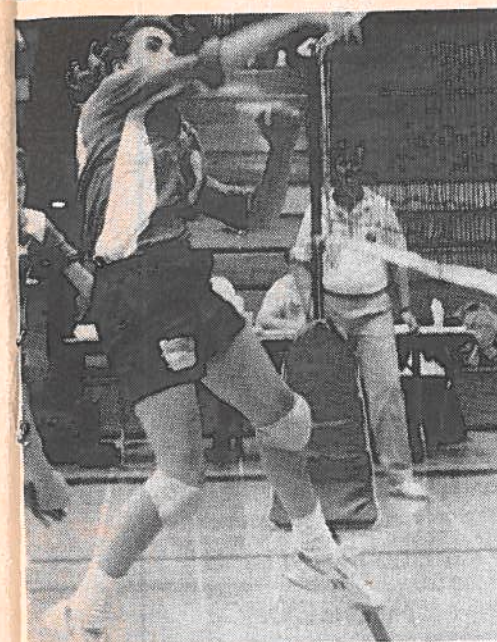
This year the team consists of a powerful starting lineup. Kelly Williams, Kelly Breutigam, Jo-Anne Hood, Andie Aitkin (team captain), Geraldine Bergmans, and Elisa Peterson will be the primary unit on the court facing the challenges of this year's volleyball season.

Andie Aitkin displays great leadership and holds the team together. She is a very determined player, excellent defensively and her coach says "Andie is very intense. She has incredible power. If you could measure brut power Andie and Kelly Breutigam would be very close. They are different types of athletes but the power is still there, and we can do a lot with Andie's power."

Andie Aitkin was the second player Claude Lapre recruited. She showed up to a clinic in the first year Claude was at LU, she had good talent and he spoke to Andie then. Andie returned from Kenora for a visit with her parents and she chose Lakehead over Winnipeg. She came to Lakehead to play volleyball and has done just that being a strong force both on and off the court.

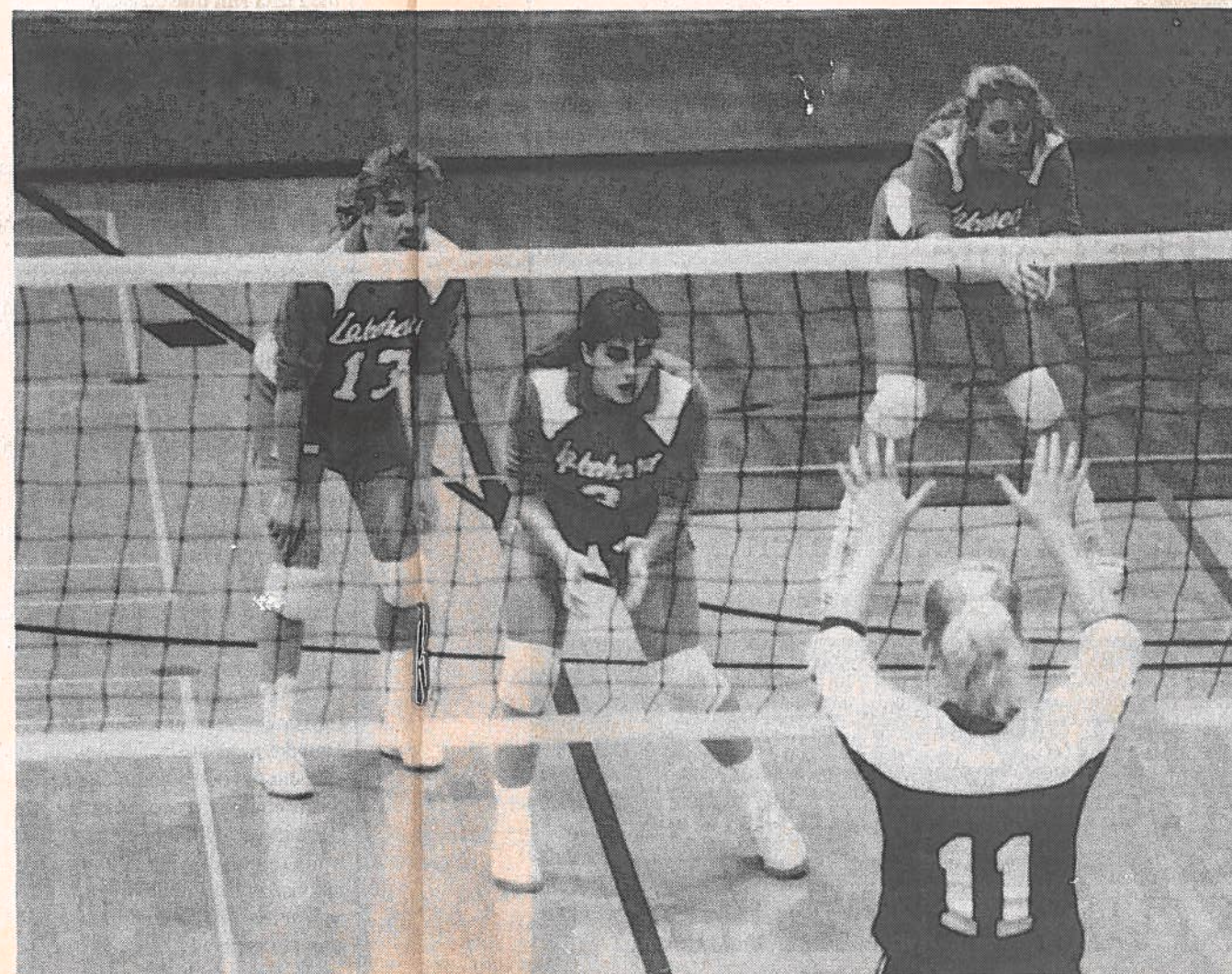
Besides a strong captain, the volleyball team is fortunate that they have 3

dedicated support staff; Sharon Eckel, Dominic Cooke, and Ian Cull. Sharon is in her second year as the manager but she really serves as an assistant coach and is becoming quite skillful. Domenic Cooke is the assistant coach and he has a good background in playing and coaching. One of his strong abilities is scouting. His notes on players are precise and very useful. New to the staff



this year is Ian Cull. He is the Coordinator of Career and Counselling and he works well with the team. Ian helps Claude deal with the some of the group dynamics of the team to try and build a stronger unit both on and off the court.

Everything looks good on paper, but the real test will come this month when the Nor'Westers take on their first league rivals Laurier in the Thunderdome on November 8. Go get'em Nor'Westers! □ Liana DeCorso



Ever Thought About Playing?

Tryouts for the varsity volleyball team involve a weekend of strictly playing and practising volleyball. Generally Claude Lapre has his team pretty well selected prior to tryouts through recruitment, however, if a woman happened to show up and she could really play volleyball then she would have a fair chance at making the varsity team. Veterans are expected to try out every year. No one is guaranteed a spot on the team if they aren't willing to prove themselves year after year. Claude feels that everyone in the student body should be given the opportunity to try out and it is "a chance of a lifetime for a girl to be on a varsity team for a weekend".

Being part of a varsity team requires a lot of hard work and a big commitment. Practises occur 6 days a week and last 2 or more hours a night plus 1 or 2 work outs in the weight room. The volleyball team has the gym for 3 out of 4 late night practise times which start at 9:30 and go to midnight sometimes. The women have to then wind down and eventually get to sleep to wake up for an early 8:30 class. The most difficult time of the year is around exam time.

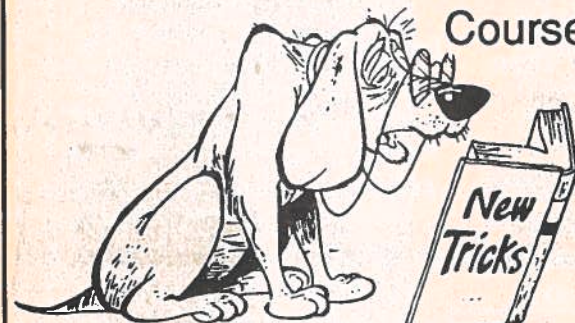
The strain of exams and long days are displayed in the women when they come out to practise and they can't practise as well as they could if they were well rested. Claude realizes the pressure on his athletes and he works with it. □ L. DeCorso

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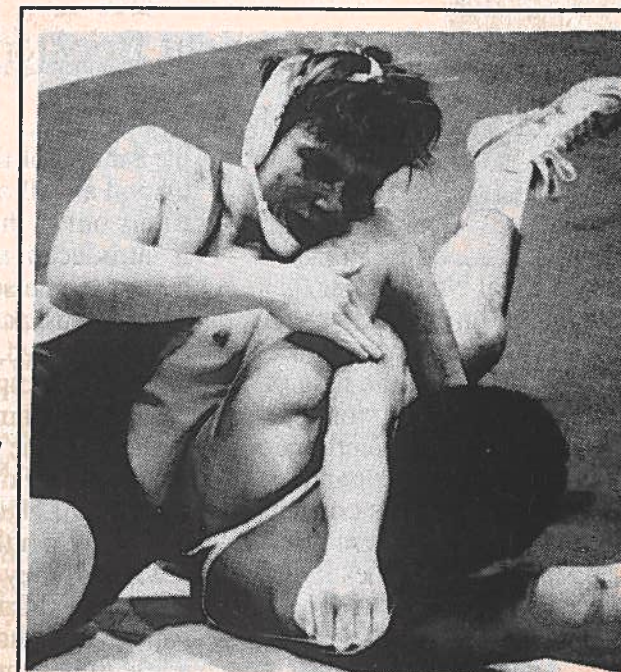
First and Second Year Wrestlers look Strong

Lakehead's wrestling team scored 44 points, 11 ahead of Brock University to win the annual Royal Military College Invitational wrestling tournament. Following LU and Brock in the team standing was McMaster (31 points), Wester (27 points), Queens (22 points) and Guelph (20 points). In total there were 15 teams and 90 wrestlers at the meet.

Leading LU to the championship were the gold medal winning performances by second year wrestler Mike Kitchen (68 kg) and freshman Lee Pine (90 kg). Both wrestlers won their final matches via fall. LU wrestlers that made the final, but had to settle for the silver medals were Sheldon Muir (57 kg), Richard Noob (76 kg), John Burke (82 kg) and Scott Pepper (HWT.).

Bronze medal winners included Rob Sakamoto (57 kg) and Kevin Wallen (72 kg), Brock Lambert (76 kg) and Roland Laybolt (72 kg) finished fourth, while Mark Coates and Ron Wilson placed 6th. Only Quinton Maehtel did not finish top 6 despite winning his first match via fall.

The purpose of this meet was to give more experience to LU first and second year wrestlers. The Nor'Westers wrestled 44 matches, winning 28 and losing 16. Bring on the Mustangs



Above - Kitchen takes gold at RMC



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WELCOME TO THE THUNDERDOME are words that ring in the ears of loyal Nor'Wester fans when attending Varsity games at the C.J. Saunders Fieldhouse. With the help of fogmachines, paper storms, painted faces and a plethora of prizes, the excitement and pandemonium that is created is unmatched anywhere else in Canada. But how does it all happen? Enter the Student Booster Club.

The Student Booster Club consists of about fifty dedicated students, whose main goal is to create as much excitement as possible at Varsity events. This group is led by example by Greg Beckford and Vlado Horvat, who took an idea and made it into what is known as our "Home Court Advantage". The intimidating factor of noise and enthusiasm of the pumped up crowd has definitely helped L.U.'s basketball teams win several games.

For those who might not have any idea of what goes on at these games, allow me to illustrate to you a typical game. We start with the introduction of the teams. As the visiting teams are introduced, the crowd holds up old newspapers that are handed out prior to the start of the games and they chant "Who Cares?" as the names of the opposing players are introduced. Then comes the introduction of the

Nor'Westers. The doors at the far end of the gym open up and a wall of smoke filters out as the home team is introduced, accompanied by our theme song, Thunderstruck. This effect gets the crowd, along with the team, pumped up for the start of the game.

Now the crowd anxiously awaits the first basket by Lakehead after the tipoff. When they are finally rewarded, they respond by creating a storm of shredded paper. The game is halted while the "Thunderdome Sweepers" clear the floor to the William Tell Overture.

The game continues with the Booster Club leading the fans in many a cheer.

Halftime to most would be a rest period, but not for the Booster Club, as we proceed to give away a plethora of prizes and conduct special nights such as Flight Night, where each fan is given paper to make a paper airplane. Each fan writes their name on the paper and which ever plane lands closest to the center of the court wins the grand prize.

This was just a quick overview of a typical game. Some say that it would be hard to top the success of the

The Environment Comes to the Thunderdome

In a recent Editorial decision, the Argus decided that in the interest of environmental integrity, they would no longer donate their back-issues to the booster-club. Traditionally the Argus has been used for shredding by the fans to create the infamous "snow-storm" effect.

While we may have not beaten every team last season, some varsity supporters took cynical satisfaction in watching the opposition coach and players picking newsprint out of their hair. But beginning this week, the Booster Club will be looking elsewhere for a paper-supply.

In explaining the decision, Editor-in-Chief Travis Belrose said that the decision was based on recycling concerns. "While we do have some papers left over in some of our boxes each week, they are always collected and sent for recycling by our printers" Belrose said. Apparently many Argus members were concerned that in this time of environmental consciousness, it wouldn't be prudent to let the papers get shredded when they can be recycled.

Booster Club representative Greg Beckford understood the Argus decision, and agreed with Belrose that the fans would understand. Subsequently, the Argus Editorial Board, recognizing the importance of fan support in varsity games, said that they would aid the Booster Club in finding alternate paper resources.

Echo President Dug Steary, who also sits on the Editorial Board of the paper has already informed the Booster Club that ample amounts of fine paper pieces are available through that club. "They can shred as much of our paper as they want" said Steary. Beckford has said that they would definitely explore that route. □ Faisal Ali

Student Booster Club last year, but it is safe to say that everyone will be in for a pleasant surprise. Now that we have overcome some problems with financial support, that was essential for the Student Booster Club to exist this year and hopefully years to come, the Booster Club can proceed full steam ahead. With the



addition of such things as the Pizza Hut Fan of the Game, when a fan receives a free hot pizza delivered right to their seat, and new corporate sponsors such as The Brick,

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Bergmans and Pineau Go Where Few Student Athletes Have Gone Before...



Bergmans and Pineau-
Setting high standards

Two of Lakehead's varsity athletes were honoured as Academic All-Canadians by the CIAU this past month, going where few athletes have gone before and setting new standards in academic excellence. Geraldine Bergmans, who also took the booster club athlete of the month award for the woman's volleyball team for the month of November has been no stranger to academic success. A graduate of Milton D.H.S., Geraldine began her university career with a Lakehead University Entrance Award of Academic Excellence and a Canada Scholarship offered to first class students entering the science program. This recognition from the CIAU is a tribute to the hard work that Geraldine has done to remain both a player in one of CIAU's major sports and maintain first class academic standing. David Pineau, a third year Physical Education student and varsity basketball player is a local product, graduating from St. Patrick High School. He too finds himself being recognized as an Academic All-Star by the CIAU. Both athletes deserve our congratulations and recognition for achieving what so few students are able to achieve - first class standing. But what makes there academic accomplishments even more noteworthy is that they succeeded academically while playing full time varsity

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sports. Aren't there some kind of odds against that?

Every full time student knows the amount of effort involved in maintaining a high academic average. What it takes is a balancing act between the pressures of real life and the often unceasing demands of our studies. This is no easy task. Most students have at least minimal financial concerns and as a result are forced to spend a percentage of their time working. Those who aren't lucky enough to find part time jobs may tread even more difficult ground trying to convince the government that they are worthy of OSAP or some other form of monetary aid. These efforts take time.

When not in quest of the almighty dollar, the full time student is often involved in a relationship with the opposite sex. No further explanation is needed here except to say that this too takes time. Certainly there are other pressures. Many students are away from home, some for the first time. This means undertaking certain fundamental self-maintenance tasks like cooking, (some of us know that Kraft Dinner can be eaten differently up to five times per week) cleaning, (we won't get into it) and doing all those things that just seemed to happen on their own when lived at home. Many students experience some sort of family crisis during their time at university, others get ill, both with the common cold and the ever-present flu-bug and with more serious problems like mononucleosis and depression. Many students just don't make it.

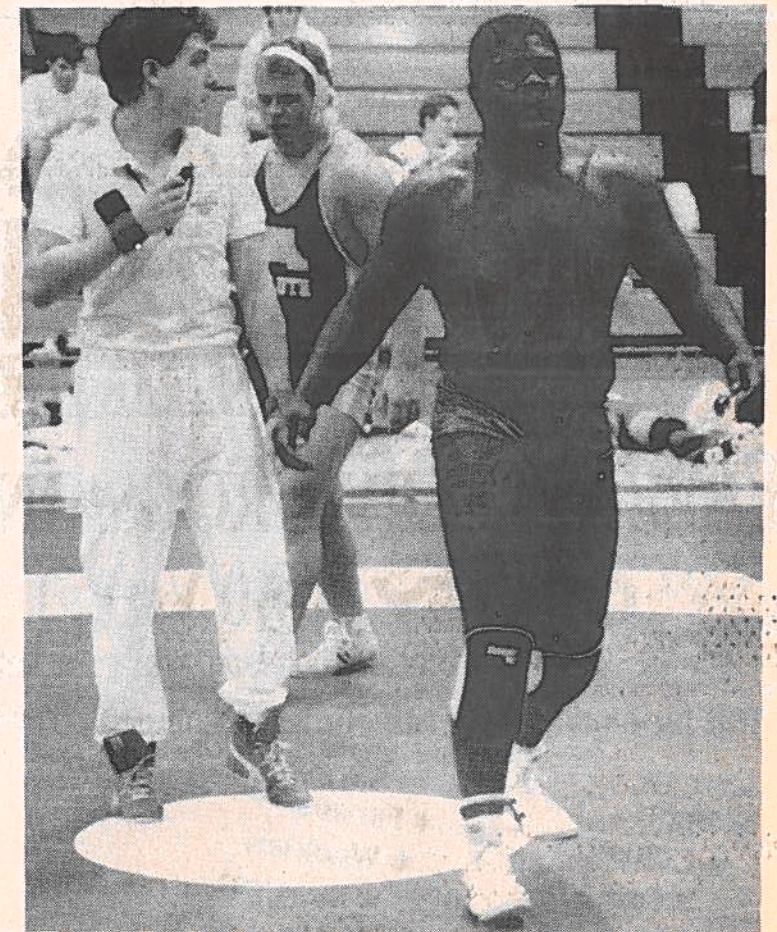
What happens then to the full time student who is out there striving in the face of all these outside pressures to maintain a high academic average, when we insert varsity athletics into the equation? Well the answer should be quite obvious. One would expect a very high turnover rate on varsity teams or a very high percentage of athletes

with very low averages. Neither has been the case. True, for one reason or another some don't stick it out. A case in point at Lakehead this year has been the notable disappearance from the mats of heavyweight wrestler Mike Kirlaw. Mike is in his fourth year at L.U. and has placed 2nd at the OUAA's three times. Although still eligible to wrestle, (athletes must be enrolled in a minimum of 4 full time courses and pass at least 3 full time courses to remain eligible) Mike says that he has reached a point in his life where some choices must be made and feels that he is being pulled too much from all sides to give either academics or wrestling the time that each demands. For L.U.'s wrestling team this has meant the absence of one of their most popular representatives and for Mike Kirlaw it has meant one of the toughest decisions he has had to make in his

university career.

Fortunately for the athletic program Mike's case has been the exception rather than the rule and most athletes somehow manage to keep their heads enough above water on the academic side of things to maintain both eligibility and enthusiasm for the athletic side. Ray Foster a fourth year arts major with the Men's version of Nor'Wester basketball team might have summed up the situation best in an interview with Donovan McKay in the October 3rd edition of The Argus when he said "We're student athletes and we're here for the education. None of us here are on scholarship so if we fail we have to pay for it." □ Chris Williams

Below - Mike Kirlaw has walked away from varsity sports to try and put things into perspective... hopefully we haven't seen the last of him.





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