



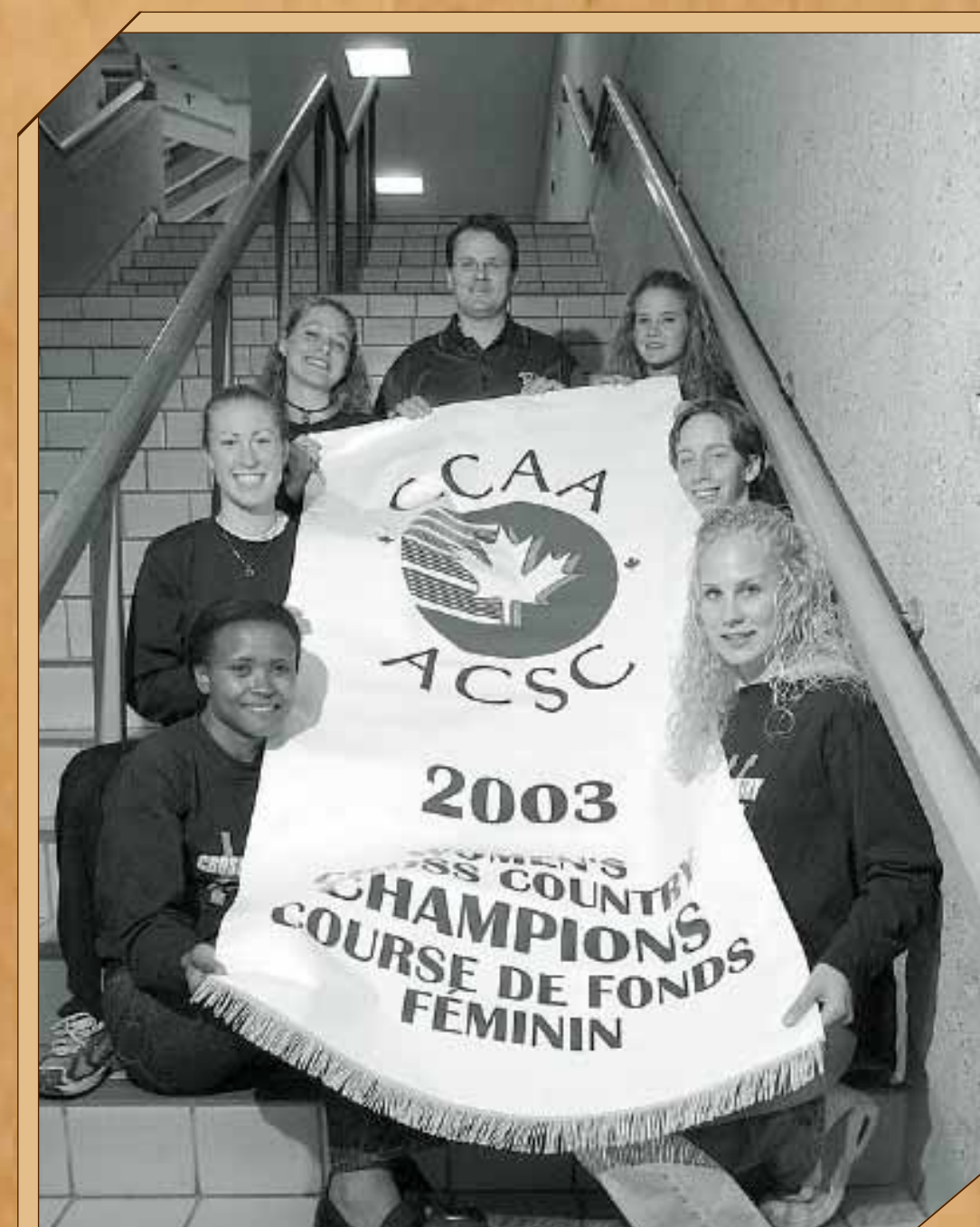
2007 TEAMS



1963, 1964 & 1965
Back Row L-R: Gary Simmons, Ken Matias, Harold Hoagland, Jack Fleming, Rich Chaback, Don (Butch) Lee, Myron Elz.
Front Row L-R: Merlin Wylie, George Santoni, Danny Santoni, Glen Wysock, Rich Brunson, Mike Wysock (part owner).

1963-65 LETHBRIDGE NORTH STARS

FASTBALL
Years before the term "three-point" was coined, the Lethbridge North Stars captured the first in Alberta basketball circles.
The North Stars captured three consecutive Alberta Amateur A level titles from 1963 to 1965 and did so in dominating fashion.
During those three years of provincial championship competition, the North Stars captured an impressive 11-2 record. They reached their peak in the 1964 provincials going undefeated and outscoring the opposition 42-8 along the way.
That year, playing before a home crowd at Lethbridge's Dave Taylor Park, the North Stars swept to the finals, where they then trounced a powerful Edmonton Sabreurs squad 64 and 110 to retain the provincial crown they had won the year before.
The North Stars were not able to test their skills beyond the provincial level in the Western Canadian or Canadian junior men's championships at that time.
The 1963-65 North Stars were inducted into the Alberta Amateur Sports Association Hall of Fame in 2003.

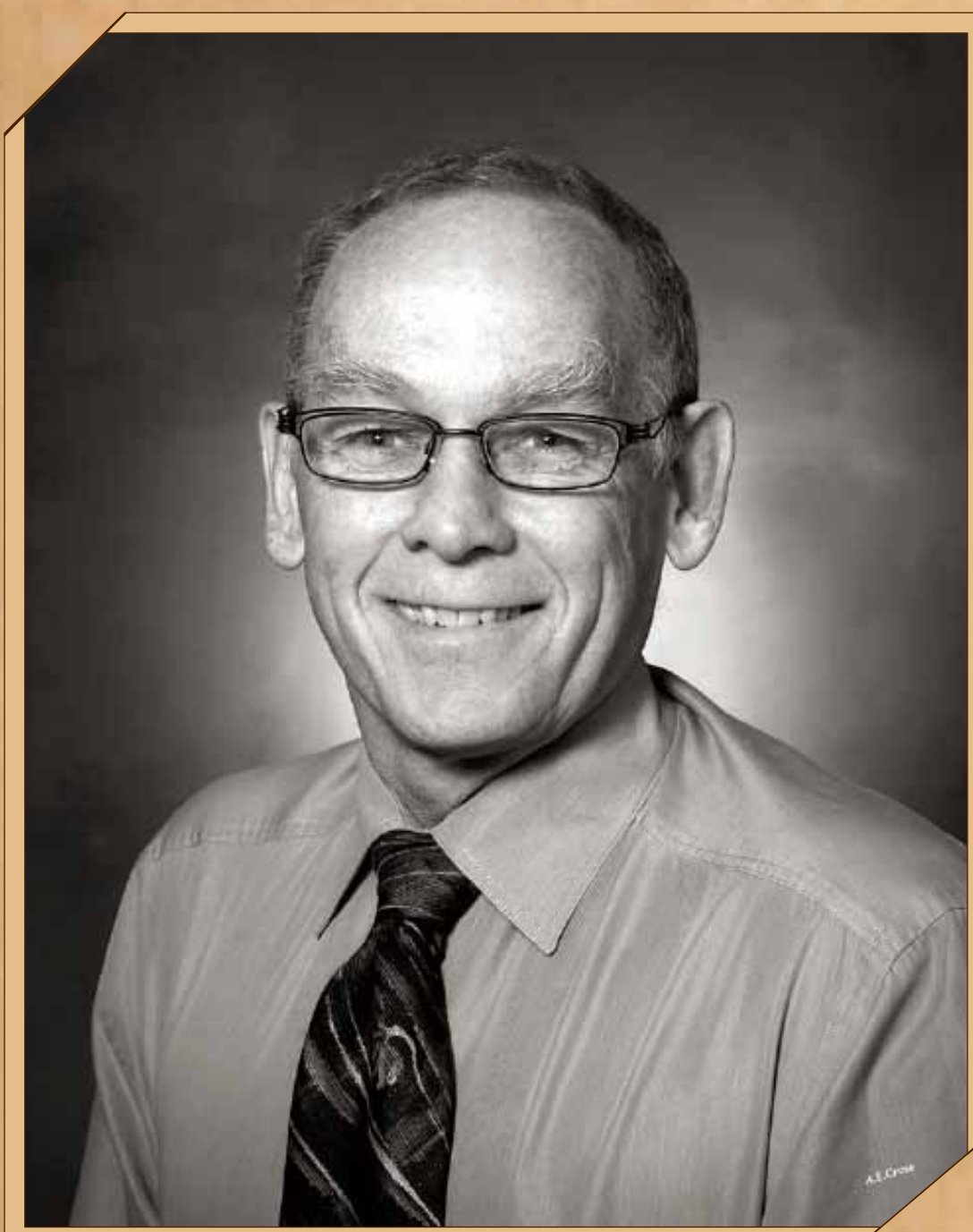


2003 LCC KODIAKS WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING
With only three runners returning from the previous year's team, success at the national level might have seemed a long way off for the Lethbridge Community College Kodiaks Women's Cross-Country Team at the start of the 2003 season.
But with Mary Kaman from Kersey back to defend her individual national title, coach Bert Johnson built what he called his greatest team in 17 years of coaching. When all was said and done, the Kodiaks had captured the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Cross-Country Team Championship in Windsor, Ontario, the first in LCC history.
The LCC runners had shown they were contenders by finishing second in Calgary's Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference Championships in Kamouré two weeks earlier. Kaman led the Kodiaks in the provincial Championships, placing first in the women's four-kilometre event with a course-record time of 15:07.
The Kodiaks women's overall second place finish, combined with a second-place finish by the Lethbridge men's squad, gave LCC the overall team championship.
At the nationals, the Women's Kodiak, who was home-bulldog personality, but Kaman provided the coach with a healing boost by again winning the women's individual title in the five-kilometre event in 19 minutes, three seconds. With Lexi Kroma unable to run due to injury, Lindsay Payne ran a personal best of 20:05 in team competition, to place seventh while Erin Harris, Karen Bridge and Brittany Gilbert finished 22nd, 23rd and 27th respectively to complete the Kodiaks' triumph by two points over ACAC's SAIT and Mount Royal College.



2007 SPECIAL



RON BAIN

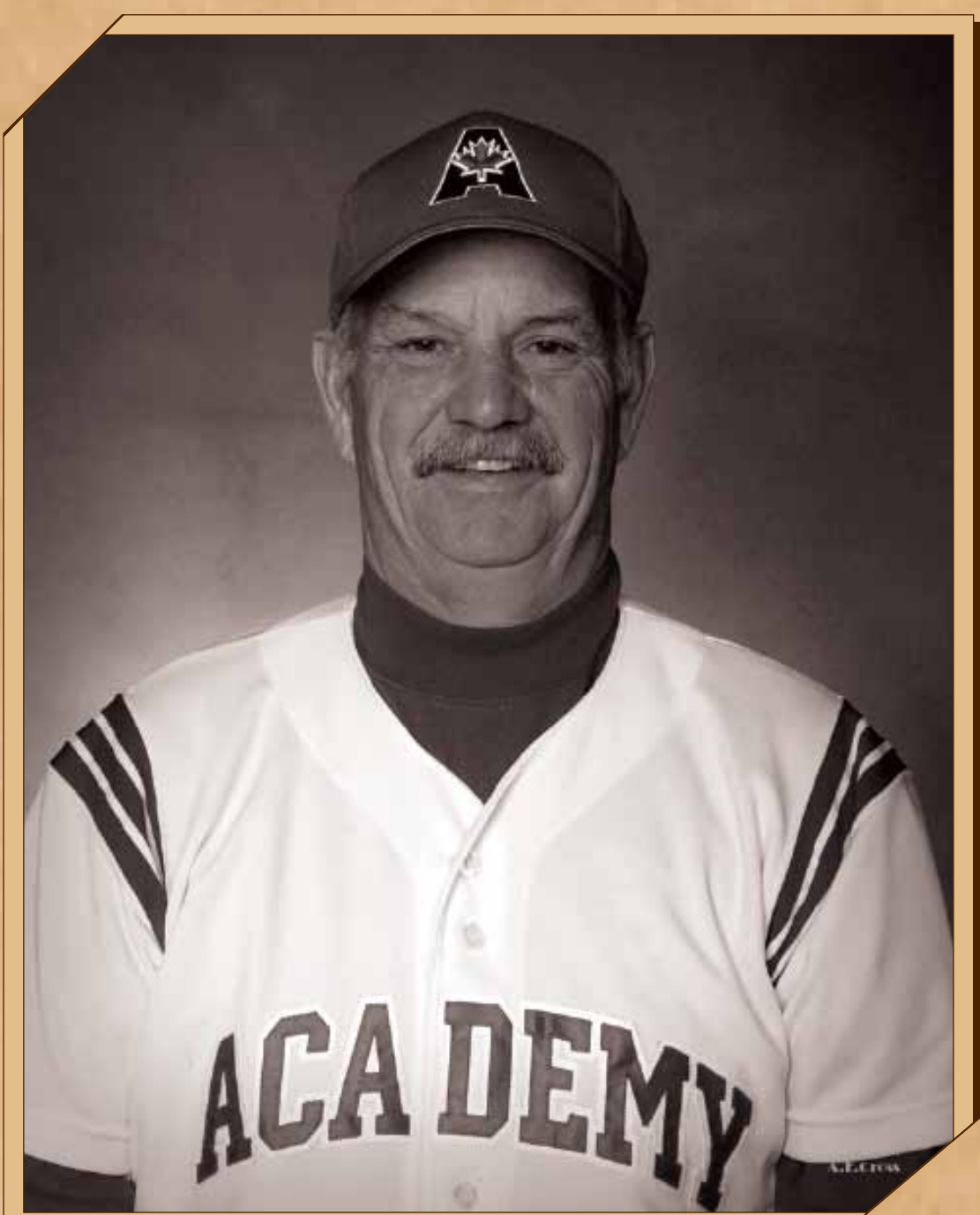
SPECIAL AWARD
Ron Bain might well be referred to as "The Running Man".
Bain's enthusiasm for his chosen sport has helped Lethbridge's running community mushroom in the past 13 years to the point where the city now boasts the largest marathon club in the country.
His business, Runner's Soul, has become much more than just a retail store it's the hub of running in southern Alberta.
Bain's contribution to running in Lethbridge and area are numerous. Besides founding the Runners Soul Marathon Club, he also operates the Wednesday Night Running Club for less competitive runners and helps develop new runners through the Let's Go Run program.
As a tireless Race Director/Organizer, he has expanded the running opportunities for local runners through his involvement in an assortment of events such as the popular Moonlight Run, the Cougar Cactus Circuit, the Splash, Pedal and Gasp Triathlon and the Lost Soul Ultra.
He displayed his creativity by developing the Music From the Soul Marathon, an event in which runners are serenaded by members of the Lethbridge Symphony situated at strategic points along the race route.
Bain has also helped raise thousands of dollars in donations for worthwhile community causes, including more than \$60,000.00 for the Lethbridge Regional Hospital Foundation.
Bain's work to promote a healthy lifestyle and put Lethbridge on the running map has not only brought many more people into the running field but created a healthier community in a number of ways. In 2002, he received the local Active Living Champions Award, given by the Lethbridge Healthy Communities Steering Committee.
Appropriately this year's ceremony at the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame happens to salute the "Phenomenon of Running".



BERT JOHANSSON

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Bert Johnson, formerly a successful track and field athlete in his native Sweden, has fashioned an even more impressive resume in more than 20 years as a coach of track and field and cross-country running in Lethbridge. A full-time instructor at Lethbridge College, Johnson is one of only a few people in the province with a Level Four coaching diploma as well as a Masters in Education with a focus on high performance coaching.
Johnson coached with the Lethbridge Track and Field Club for several years, working with younger athletes, and began his involvement with the provincial track and field program in 1984, coaching at several Alberta Games. He was also a member of the provincial coaching staff at the Western Canada Games and at the 1997 and 2001 Canada Games.
In 2000, he introduced the Kodiak Track Club for elite athletes.
As the college's cross-country running coach since 1986, Johnson has built the Kodiaks into a national power by winning five CCAA team titles and five CCAA individual titles during the last six years. He coached the Women's Cross-Country Team to Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference Championships in 1987, 1998 and 2003 and won ACAC titles with the men's squad in 2000 and each year from 2002 to 2006.
He also produced several ACAC individual champions - Christian Smith in 1987 and 1988, Mary Kaman in 2002 and '03 and, in the men's division, Derek Kiroker in 1997, Kip Kangogin in 2001 and Rogers Segoes in 2005 and '06.
Johnson, named ACAC Coach of the Year in 2003, also coached the Kodiaks to a National Women's Championship in 2004 and to the Men's National Title in 2002, 2005 and 2006.
In addition, he has been involved with the Lethbridge 5-10-10 Road Race for 16 years and most recently the Kodiak/Human Road Race for 5 years. He has served as an Alberta Alberta board member, a Commonwealth Games official and an apprentice coach for Canada at the World Track and Field Championships.
In 2005, he has been involved with the Lethbridge Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation's Coaching Recognition Award.



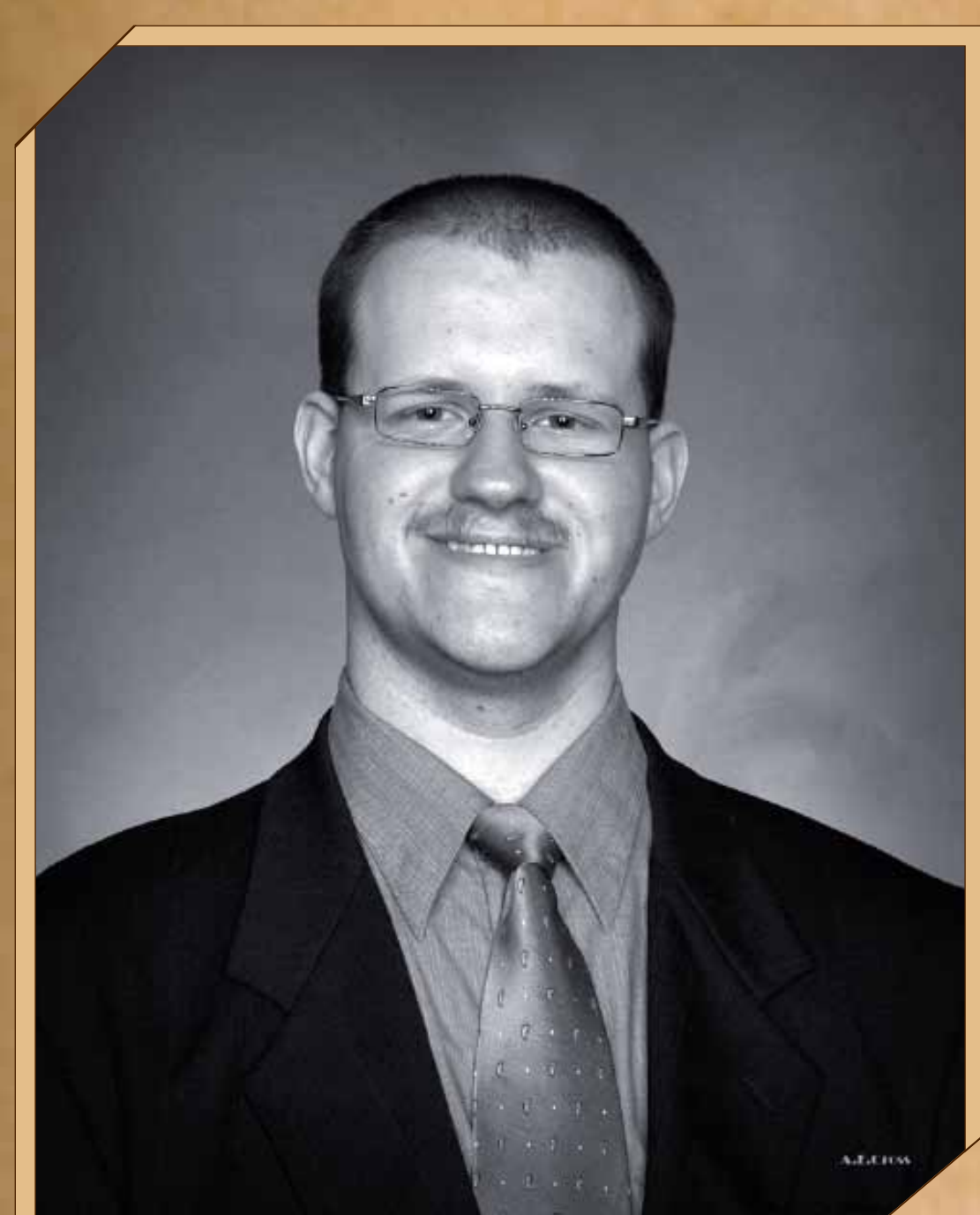
BLAIR KUBICEK

BASEBALL

Blair Kubicek came to Lethbridge in the summer of 1995 and has since become the area's "Mr. Baseball".
He arrived to serve as Head Coach of the Hodgling Prairie Baseball Academy, Canada's first true collegiate baseball program but also wound up doubling as mentor for the entire program.
Over the next dozen years, Kubicek built the PBA into one of the top collegiate baseball programs in the country. It attracts top players from coast to coast and grows them to move on to higher levels in the game.
Along the way, Kubicek has earned a reputation as one of the finest coaches in Canada when it comes to pitching. He uses his experience to diagnose throwing problems and correct them, allowing young pitchers to develop to the best of their ability.
But being a well-rounded baseball expert, Kubicek has also developed players in all facets of the game - even those beyond the actual game itself. His instruction in the areas of field maintenance, equipment maintenance and building maintenance have helped benefit the baseball community throughout southern Alberta.
He and his PBA players built beautiful Lloyd Nolan Yard from the ground up and he was also instrumental in developing Seaman Stadium, which opened in 2007 in Okotoks to be the home of the Okotoks Drags. Kubicek's knowledge played a role in all areas of the ball park including the drainage system, irrigation units, construction of the wooden outfield fence, leveling of the playing field and laying of the sod.
Other ballparks in the area that have benefited from Kubicek's know-how are Canada Field, Henderson Stadium and the Dave Elson facility in Lethbridge, Ken McDonald Field in Taber and the ballpark that serves as home to the Vauxhall Jets.
In addition, he has helped develop manager players and coaches by operating baseball camps, and the annual Coaches Convention he began offers further expertise to coaches. He has also had a hand in launching other baseball programs in Western Canada.



2008 BUILDERS



TYLER BIRCH
ALPINE SKIING
Bowling
Tyler Birch has had to let obstacles stop him from reaching his goals, he just works harder to get past roadblocks.
It's an approach that has proven successful for Birch ever since he began participating in sports as a five-year-old in the local Youth Bowling Council program. At age seven, he joined Special Olympics, initially competing in five-pin bowling but soon branching out into other sports spanning both the summer and winter athletic programs.
As a VBC five-pin bowler for 15 years, Birch earned recognition for high average and received medals for high triples. He also won several medals in Special Olympics Provincial Games.
In his pin bowling, he collected three gold medals at a Lethbridge invitational tournament.
Birch also took part in athletics in the Special Olympics program, winning silver and bronze medals in provincial championships.
Perhaps his greatest success has come in alpine skiing. In 1999, he won four silver medals at the Special Olympics Provincial Winter Games in Calgary, then picked up a trio of bronze medals at the Special Olympics 2000 National Winter Games in Ottawa.
At the 2003 Provincial Winter Games, he earned gold, silver and bronze medals, and at 2004 National Winter Games in Charlottesville, P.E.I., he amassed three golds and a silver.
In April 2004, Birch was named to the Special Olympics National Team training squad to prepare for the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. At Nagano, he won a pair of silver medals, in intermediate slalom and intermediate giant slalom, and placed fifth in intermediate downhill.
Birch continued his success on the slopes at the 2007 Special Olympics Provincial Winter Games, bringing home 2 gold and one bronze medal in alpine skiing.

RACHEL EVANS
VOLLEYBALL
Rachel Evans has already had practice being a hall of fame inductee, though this will mark her first selection to a hall of fame in her own country.
Evans was a three-sport star in high school at Lethbridge Collegiate Institute - in volleyball, basketball and track - and was named the school's Female Athlete of the Year in 1991 and 1995.
But it was on the volleyball court where she really shined. There, her skills earned her a full scholarship to the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, an NCAA Division I school.
Evans started her volleyball career at the University of Tennessee and was the school's most successful volleyball player during the team's most successful period. She led UTC to three consecutive Southern Conference Tournament Championships and three straight NCAA Tournament appearances from 1996 to 1998, and the school won an amazing 150 matches during her career.
She was named the Southern Conference's Freshman of the Year in 1995, and two years later, she was the conference's Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player in the conference tournament while breaking her own record for kills set the year before, with 639, bettering her previous mark of 592.
She also led UTC to its most successful season ever as the Lady Mocs posted a perfect 16-0 record in winning the first regular-season title in the school's history. UTC then captured the tournament crown as well in nine straight games to earn an NCAA Tournament appearance.
In 1998, Evans captured the Lady Mocs to second consecutive regular season title and a third straight conference tournament championship, along with another NCAA Tournament appearance.
Individually, she was again named the conference tournament's MVP while leading the conference in kills and service aces. She also broke the UTC record for wins with over conference rival Mount Royal College in the gold medal final in Montreal.
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CHARLTON WESSELL HEAD
BASKETBALL
Charlton Wessell Head rose from stardom on high school basketball courts to stardom at the national stage at the university level during an athletic career that has led him into coaching other young athletes.
An all-around athlete at Kainai High School on the Blood Reserve, Wessell Head shone on the gridiron for the Warriors, including a first-team all-star in his last two seasons. He was the team's most valuable player in his rookie season, 1996-97, and was named to the college All-Canadian squad in 1997-98 while again being honored as the Kodiaks' MVP.
Wessell Head wrapped up his Kodiak career with another MVP season in 1998-99, guiding the seventh-seeded team to a fourth-place finish at the Canadian College Athletic Conference. During this tournament he was a 1st Team All-star.
From there, Wessell Head moved on to the next level, joining the Brandon University Bobcats and was a starting guard on a team that finished as Canadian Inter-university Athletic Union silver medalists in 2000 and 2001. He was chosen as a second-team all-star in the Great Plains Athletic Conference in 2001 and was a first-team tournament all-star at the 2001 nationals.
The same year, Wessell Head was awarded the Tom Longhead Award for aboriginal sporting excellence, and received the Doug Granda Student Athlete Award for 2000-01.
After earning his general studies degree at Brandon, Wessell Head returned to southern Alberta to obtain his Education Degree from the University of Lethbridge. Now a teacher at Kainai High School, he continues to serve as a role model for aboriginal youth and coached the Kainai Lady Warriors into the provincial championships this season.



2003-04 LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE KODIAKS

BASKETBALL

It had been 13 years since the school's last national title when the Lethbridge Community College Kodiaks embarked on the 2003-04 women's basketball season.
By the time the campaign ended, the Kodiaks had fashioned a near perfect season and added a third Canadian Women's basketball crown to the college's collection.
After coming close the year before, with a bronze medal at the nationals in Truro, N.S., the Kodiaks reached the summit in '03-'04 by posting an amazing 20-1 record in conference and playoff action, culminating with a 65-59 win over conference rival Mount Royal College in the gold medal final in Montreal.
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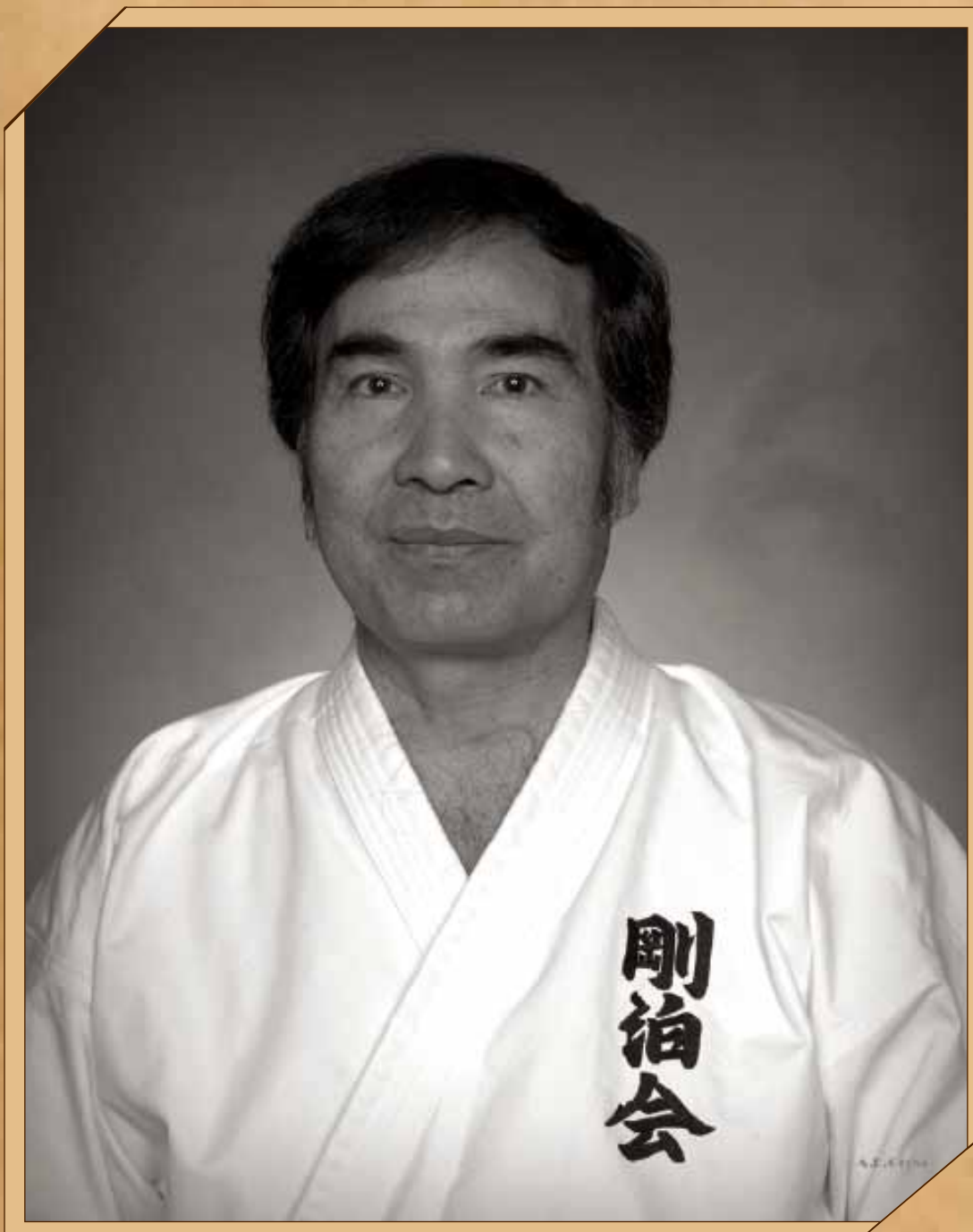
From Row: Micky Johnson, Laura Campbell, Debbie Bulterson, Nicole Hanna, Karen Bridge, Alisha Marrett, Back Row: Erin Hogan (Assistant Coach), Tara Griffith, Lana Gwilliam, Deana Dyrholt, Karma Kobli, Nisha Nelson, Kathryn Bekker, Michaela Dilworth, Brad Kremen (Head Coach), Missing: Kim Woolf (Assistant Coach)



2008 TEAMS



2008 SPECIAL



YOSHITAKA "TAKA" KINJO

SPECIAL AWARD

When Taka Kinjo came to Alberta in 1971 on a two-year agricultural exchange, he wasn't planning to stay.
But after returning to his home in Okotoks, Japan, he realized he longed for the open spaces of the Canadian Prairies.
This year, he celebrates his 36th anniversary of teaching karate. Holder of a ninth-degree black belt, signifying a world-class level, he is President of the Canadian Gohokukai Karate-do Association and serves as Head Instructor for the style of karate in Canada. He received the head dojo in Lethbridge as well as branches throughout southern Alberta, B.C. and Ontario.
Sensei Kinjo teaches karate as both a sport and an art and has used the martial art to benefit the community and beyond. Besides using karate demonstrations to raise money for charities, he has also used a modified form of karate to improve the lives of people suffering from debilitating illness and medical conditions.
Kinjo's unique talent for adapting his teaching styles to allow even those with limited mobility to practice karate has produced amazing results that have dramatically changed lives. He has helped people with conditions such as acute asthma, fibromyalgia, diabetes, severe depression, burns and even paralysis by improving flexibility and strengthening both body and mind.
He has had students with burn scars who no longer needed to have scheduled surgery, and one of his pupils was a paraplegic who is now able to walk with the use of a walker or cane, and also drive to and from college.
Through karate, Kinjo has been instrumental in establishing a student exchange program between Canada and Japan with an aim toward fostering international friendships and providing cultural exposure.
For his efforts, he was recognized with an Honorary Degree from the University of Lethbridge in 2005. Kinjo received the Alberta Centennial Medal in 2005.



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Golfing at Henderson on New Year's Day 1917