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Co-rec v'ball won by Warriors

by Garnet DuGray

Last Tuesday evening saw the co-rec intramural volleyball tournament wrap-up on all fronts. The top four clubs of the tourney were as follows: 1st - Warriors I, 2nd - Dream Machine, 3rd - Dig 'n' Dive and 4th - Medicine. Incidentally, the Dream Machine was a team thrown together from a number of individual entrants which proved to be very successful. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated.

Speaking of co-rec volleyball, the 2nd semester league goes after Reading Week on a recreational and a competitive level on Monday-Thursday evenings in the various gymnasiums of the campus. Entry deadline is one p.m. on Wednesday, February 17 at the co-rec/men's office along with further info on the league, so be sure to sign-up now before it is too late.

Also in the co-rec area, the winners of the racquetball tourney were crowned last week as the duo of Roger Benjamin and Dorothy Lawes captured the mixed doubles title in the fun event. The co-rec badminton tourney continues in the Education gym until Reading week.

Turning to men's intramurals, the 3-on-3 basketball titles were decided last Thursday evening with McCreary (Shooters) nipping Mahon (P.E. Grads) 15-14 in the 'A' event while Welter (P.E.) had an easier time in the 'B' event final downing Black (Law) 15-10.

Elsewhere in men's intramurals, the bowling tourney saw R. Sekida (Commerce) capture the title with a 51 point bulge over E. Knoll (St. Joe's) with a 681-630 triple game score. The next two spots went to Wrecking Crew members with R. Yashyshyn finishing third with an even 600 point total and K. Wornley in fourth with a 582 score.

The men's curling wraps up this weekend at the Sportex, while the snooker tourney #2 runs next Monday-Wednesday in the SUB games area along with the start of the men's volleyball league that runs until March 4 in the Main and Education gyms Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursdays.

Speaking of men's volleyball, the 3-on-3 tourney wraps up this week, so be sure to stay tuned for results next week. Last but not least in the men's department is the Slalom ski race which will run

Saturday, February 13 at 9 a.m. at Rabbitt Hill. Entry deadline is today (Thursday, February 4) at one p.m. in the men's office. Do not forget that the cross-country ski race should run this Saturday, February 6 at 12:30 p.m. at Kinsmen Park weather permitting. Be sure to check with the men's office for those who are registered for this event.

The women's department has ice hockey wrapping up next week in the ice arena, while the badminton tourney will finish up that week as well. The 5-on-5 basketball and Triples volleyball are scheduled for an entry deadline of one p.m. on Tuesday, February 16 in the women's office. These events both go in the West gym at 7:30 p.m. each night with the basketball on Mondays and Wednesdays until March 15 while the volleyball runs until March 16 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Photo Martin Beale

The intramural bowling tournament is now over. Everyone who participated is said to have enjoyed themselves. R. Sekida won the event with a triple of 681. Way to knock those pins down!



Results of the Intramural men's field hockey tournament are as follows:

1. Law
2. Asian Students Association
3. Delta Kappa Epsilon
4. Delta Upsilon
5. St. Joe's College

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It seems hard to believe that with the temperature the way it is there would be a track meet on this weekend. But the Golden Bears and Pandas are hosting the Golden Bear Open track and field meet. The meet will be held at the Kinsmen field house. The meet gets underway on Feb. 5 at 6:00 p.m. It continues on the 6th, 7th and 8th with the starting times for all three days being 10:00 a.m.

This weekend will be the one of the last times that students at the U of A can witness the Golden Bears and Pandas in basketball action. The U of Calgary is coming to town to take on both U of A teams. The Dinosaurs bring with them all-Canadian guard Karl Tilleman and the Pandas are vying with Calgary for the final playoff spot in their conference. Both these games should be very exciting and well worth the time to see them. The game takes place on Friday and the starting times are 6:45 p.m. for the Pandas and 8:30 p.m. for the Bears.

The two U of A gymnastics teams are hosting the 1982 Klondike Challenge on Sunday February 7th at 1:00 p.m. The Bears will be looking to impress a lot of people after their loss last week and the Pandas are improving every time out on an already excellent team.

The hockey team is travelling to Saskatoon this weekend. They will be looking to pick up both games to really enhance their chances for a playoff spot. The Huskies currently lead the Canada West conference.

The Basketball teams will be going down to Calgary to finish off their weekend and the diving teams are going to Winnipeg for the Pan-Am Invitational.

Pandas lack 'toughness'

One thing was abundantly clear at the conclusion of a Panda Volleyball 1 win - 4 loss weekend at the Canada West #3 round robin in Saskatoon — our girls have the skills but need to work on mental toughness. In a tournament that should have seen the Pandas come home with at least a 3-2 record, when the going got tough the team could not come through.

A case in point was the U of Sask. - U of A match in which after a really good first game that the Huskies won 15-13, the Pandas commenced the second game well and were handling the defending C.I.A.U. champs relatively easily. The Green and Gold were up 12-6 and then faltered and ended up closing 13-15. Skills that our girls normally perform well were temporarily lost — a spike was now hit into the net; an attempted pass from the back court was shanked; a 'free ball' was passed back to the opposition — and the game was blown. The third game

was won 15-10 by the U of Saskatchewan and the Huskies therefore won the match 3-0.

Against the University of Victoria, our Pandas fought gamely but lost 15-13; 15-12; 15-13. Again the story for our Pandas was not being able to finish off the Vikettes when they needed to.

The University of Alberta girls lost to Calgary 0-3 and to UBC 1-3 but ended up with a 3-1 win over Lethbridge. Neither the coaching staff nor the athletes came away from the weekend feeling outclassed from a technique standpoint — however there will now be a determined and mentally ready bunch of Pandas going to Calgary next weekend for the 4th of 5 round robins.

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U of Calgary Dinnies are currently in 1st place with U of Victoria Vikettes second. Next home stand for the Pandas is the Alumni game scheduled for 8:00 pm this Saturday in the Main Gym.

Clinic for weight trainers

A Nautilus Weight Training clinic will be held on Wednesday, February 10 starting at 7 p.m. in the weight room. The \$5.00 clinic is being run for both men and women by the U of A weight training club.

Interested persons can

register now at the women's office between 12 - 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday and between 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. As well the office will be open for sign-ups between 4 - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

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Where have all the students gone?

Ever since I began covering inter-collegiate sports on this campus this question has popped into my head at every game or event. When I walk into Varsity Arena to watch a hockey game I am usually struck by the fact that there are very often less than 100 people in the stands. One of the favorite past-times of the people in the press box is count the number of people in the stands. Just before game time one of us will proclaim, "53 tonight," or words and numbers to that effect. Oh, by the end of the first period there are usually about 600-800 fans but this is a far cry from the capacity of 3000. According to various stats, this arena was filled to capacity for every Bears game played as recent as five years ago. Since then the numbers have gone steadily down hill.

I cannot understand it. The hockey played on the university level is some of the best I have ever seen and that includes the NHL. What do the students of this school want? Over the past twelve years the Golden Bears hockey teams have won five national championships and they put together a string of three consecutive national victories. Yet the students stay away.

But of course hockey is not the only sport which U of A teams excel in and get little or no response.

Football is another prime example. The Golden Bears have been one of the most exciting football teams in the country over the past three to five years. This past year they went to the national finals in Toronto, last year they won the whole ball of wax. The year before that they won the Canada West conference. In three years they have done more in university football than the Argos have done in thirty in the pros. But the fans turn out to watch in Toronto. You can't tell me that it is because it is pro either. That is a lame excuse. The Argos are the funniest thing to lac on cleats since Jerry Lewis in "That's My Boy." As recent as 1975 the Bears were averaging almost 7000 people a game and now they are lucky to get 1000. Why do the students stay away?

It happens all over the campus, in every sport. There appear to be very few exceptions, if any at all. The two basketball teams are perhaps playing some of the most exciting games you will ever want to see, yet the students stay away.

"The students who don't turn up are really missing something," says Brian Heaney, coach of the Golden Bears basketball team. I believe him.

Why do the students stay away? Is it pressure from their workload? Why was there no pressure five years ago, or more recent for that matter. Is it a sudden boom in the entertainment business that is attracting students away? Edmonton was not; and still is not, a very good city to "sow your wild oats." Is it just plain apathy?

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Andrew Watts

Athlete of the Week

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For the first time this year there are co-winners of the Boston Pizza Athlete of the Week Award. Both winners play for the University of Alberta basketball teams. They are Sherry Knutsvig and Leon Bynoe. Knutsvig a fourth year physical education student scored a total of 39 points in two games last weekend as the Pandas swept a two game series from the University of Lethbridge. As well as being the high scorer in both games Knutsvig also had 17 rebounds. Bynoe had his best weekend in a Bears uniform as the men's team split a two game series with the Lethbridge Pronghorns. On Friday night he scored a season high 37 points and had 13 rebounds as the Bears won 93-84. In the Bears 84-82 loss on Saturday Bynoe had 33 points and 12 rebounds. For their outstanding achievements this past weekend, Boston Pizza salutes Sherry Knutsvig and Leon Bynoe as the University of Alberta's Athlete of the Week.

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