

# Puck Pandas head to Hat

by Sandy Gusnowski

The University of Alberta Ladies' Hockey Team completed regular season league play last Wednesday night at Stony Plain Arena. A best out-of-three, Division 'B', play-off battle between the U of A Pandas and the Spruce Grove Black Sheep ended as the U of A was downed in two straight games.

Monday night, March 2, at Calahoo Arena, the women were defeated 4-2. Jo Hutsul, team captain and leading scorer, scored two unassisted goals for the U of A. Wednesday night, March 4, resulted in another loss for the Pandas as they were beaten 8-0. However, the score was hardly indicative of the comparative play between the two teams and the honest effort exerted on the U of A's part. Nonetheless, the U of A women were content to settle for second place standing in their division of the Northern Alberta Ladies Hockey League (NALHL). At that time, visions of the Provincial Competition for the U of A were put to rest until next year.

However, Saturday night, the evening of the NALHL 1980-81

Awards Banquet, proved to be most surprising and pleasurable for the University squad. The Pandas, as a result of their notable performance, were invited to compete as northern representatives in the Provincial Championship scheduled for the March 21st weekend in Medicine Hat. Upon hearing the enlightening news, the team felt a surge of renewed enthusiasm as they were given another opportunity to display their hockey potential.

Five teams will compete in the Championship: three from northern Alberta, the Wainwright Chicks, the Spruce Grove Black Sheep and the U of A Pandas, along with two southern Alberta teams.

In addition to the above, on Saturday night, Gwen Krook (#20 - center for U of A) was selected as the "Most Sportsmanlike Player" of the entire 'B' Division of the league.

This weekend the Pandas put the blades on again as they pack their bags and head off to Saskatoon for the annual Western "Intercollegiate" Ladies' Hockey Championship. The five western universities; UBC, U of A, U of C,



The Pandas are hoping to put two good weekends together as they compete in the Intercollegiate and Provincial championships. Gwen Krook (on the right) shows some determination in a workout earlier this week.

Photo Ray Giguere

U of S and U of M, will indulge in the "beerly".... oops, I do mean "yearly" event (note: the U of A, won the beer chugging contest last year!).

Head coach Duncan Knoll and assistant coaches Hugh Cofflin and Wayne Grotski (not #99) certainly have their work cut out for them the next few weeks.

They will be spending extra time in giving special attention to conditioning and preparing the Pandas for the upcoming heavy competition.

## Plane jumpers get a high

by Allan Pedden

To ask a skydiver why he/she hurls himself/herself out of a perfectly serviceable aircraft, might prove too much for them to answer. The jumper will grab at a thousand adjectives to try and explain a feeling that is beyond the scope of any language.

The sensations that are felt in free-fall are as numerous as the 7,000 people that skydive each year in Canada. The adrenaline-rush received in those all-too-brief seconds bends the mind, pushing it to the limits of feeling. Every cell in the body tingles with excitement as the mind and body accelerate through the air.

In free-fall, time seems to grind to a halt. Seconds seem like minutes and it no longer feels like

falling, but rather like flying. A sensation of total freedom engulfs the skydiver. The smallest movements in body position allow the performance of manoeuvres of flight that might be thought impossible for a human being.

About a half a mile above the ground, you reach in and pull the rip-cord. You feel a slight tug on your shoulders and, in a bright flash of color, you are suspended by your canopy in beautiful silence. You float for about two and a half minutes as you guide yourself in for a safe landing in the drop-zone. While you are doing your parachute landing fall (PLF) you think to yourself how overstated the impact of landing is.

You are in the realm of sport

parachuting, the world's fastest non-mechanical sport. Recent technological developments plus the highly professional attitude of the Canadian Sport Parachuting Association (CSPA) approved instructors make skydiving one of the safest, and most exciting, sports in the world.

The U of A Skydivers Club is offering a first jump course again this year.

First, you will be familiarized with the equipment and jumping procedures in classroom instruction by a CSPA instructor. Your first jump course fees will also include equipment rental, drop zone rental, and a one-way aircraft ride. Your first two jumps are for orientation purposes with your canopy being deployed by your instructor from the plane by a device known as a static line. Then, still on the static line, you do 4 training rip-cord pull (TRCP's) which prove to your instructor that you have enough control in flight to pull your own rip-cord. From there you do your first free-fall with the static line



removed, called a clear and pull. From there your delays (or seconds of free-fall) get longer and longer, 5.... 10.... 15.... 20 seconds, and after about 30 jumps you can write your A-license exam and become a self-supervisory skydiver.

The U of A Skydivers Club is presenting a film and first jump course information in TB-45 at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16th. Everyone is welcome. If you cannot make the meeting, but are interested in skydiving, please contact Al Pedden at 466-6691.

## Sports

### Quiz

by Dick Hancock

Since hockey trades have been the big news in recent days we'll start with some wheelin' and dealin' type questions.

1. Who did the Oilers trade to the New York Rangers for Don Murdoch?
2. When the St. Louis Blues traded Red Berenson and Tim Ecclestone to Detroit for Gary Unger in the 1970-71 season, they obtained one other player. Who was he?
3. The much travelled Rene Robert was once a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins. His next team was Buffalo. Who did the Sabres give up to get Robert?
4. One time Maple Leaf Jacques Plante was once traded to Boston for a player and a draft choice. Who was the player and who did Toronto choose in the draft with the pick they obtained from the Bruins?
5. Who did the Islanders trade to Philadelphia for defenseman Jean Potvin?
6. After the Islanders obtained Butch Goring from the Los Angeles Kings, Goring had to switch numbers from the one he wore in L.A. What number was he with the Kings, who wears that number on the Islanders and what is Goring's number now?
7. So far this season the Winnipeg Jets have just two road victories, one of which was a 2-0 shutout. Who did they beat? (Hint: It was the same team both times.)
8. Who scored the fastest three goals in NHL regular season play?
9. How many points did the Oilers have in the standings in their first NHL season?
10. What was Wayne Gretzky's last junior team?

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## End near for Intramurals

by Garnet DuGray

The grand finale of the 1980-81 women's intramural program is fast approaching with the "Run for Fun" event to be held on Saturday, March 21. "Run for Fun" is exactly what it means as the 2.4 and 5 km. courses are open to any women who wish to participate. A \$1.00 entry fee is required of each entrant and will go towards refreshments, prizes and souvenirs. All entrants are asked to register by 12 noon of the 21st at the starting line in front of the Phys. Ed. building with the race getting underway at 1:00 p.m. Any members of the cross-country or track team are encouraged to come out as exhibition runners. This is a last-ditch effort for all competitors to get out and pick up a few of those much needed

points.

In other women's sports, the 5-on-5 basketball and triples volleyball continue in the Main Gym alternate nights, Monday to Thursday, until Thursday, March 17. The top four women's units in point totals stand to date at: Shooters 293 points, Recreation 150 points, Law 142 points and OV's 119 points.

Men's indoor soccer came to a rousing finish just prior to Reading Week as the Shooters came from the backside of the draw and avenged an earlier loss to the Wrecking Crew. The Crew gained a berth in the final by entering with an unblemished record after disposing of the Shooters 2-1 in the semis. The Shooters fought back to defeat Law on corner kicks in a scoreless

battle. Then the Shooters proceeded to knock off the Crew two games straight by identical 2-0 scores.

Turning to snooker, A. Lau (CSA) took the grand championship over D. Shudra (Law) in the final. Lau and Shudra had earlier defeated L. Donadeo (Mech. Eng.) and R. Snowie (Independent) respectively to reach the final. The men's badminton also came to a wild finish in all three classes. In the advanced level, Hamm/Thorne (Shooters) defeated Cheung/Gosinet (Independent) while in the intermediate category the independent team of Yip/Surund downed the Lonestars entry of Brock/Summers. Finally, in the

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