

## SPORTS

## Time Out

by Brent Jang

## In pursuit of excellence

The pursuit of excellence in amateur sports is a topic that is tossed about freely. Some question whether such a pursuit can take place without academia suffering. When the calibre of competition gets higher, there arises the concomitant problems of obtaining funds, of attracting coaches, and of finding adequate facilities.

The staging of quality sporting events, especially those national and international in scope, will help to elevate the status of amateur sports in Canada. Thus, the 1982-83 sports program at the U of A takes on an added meaning as the university and the City of Edmonton co-host the 1983 World University Games.

The new \$18 million Fieldhouse will be the venue for basketball, which is one of ten sports to be featured at the Games. Perhaps interest in basketball and interest in the other intercollegiate sports will pick up this year in light of the world class athletes coming to Edmonton next summer.

Actually, many top class athletes can already be found right here. According to national and U of A swim coach John Hogg, the U of A swim team could place as many as six of its members on the Universiade swim team. A notable member will be former world record holder Peter Szmidt, who joins the Golden Bears in January.

Former U of A male athletes-of-the-year, Terry Danyluk and Ian Newhouse, also have the chance to compete in the Games. Danyluk, presently on Canada's national volleyball team, is eligible by virtue of having attended school within a year of the Games. Newhouse, world indoor record holder in the 300 metre hurdles, will be attending university later this year as he is presently training for the Commonwealth Games.

Panda volleyball stars Debbie Covey and Tracy Mills also have the potential. Covey was last year's U of A female athlete-of-the-year and will be returning to the Pandas. Mills is a member of the national women's team that will be training in Ontario this year.

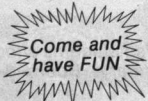
It is this association with excellence that the U of A sports community can look toward for the lift that is needed to attract more public interest to their various teams. This cosmopolitan outlook is part of the U of A's ambitions.

It remains to be seen whether the legacy of the 1983 World University Games will make it worth its cost. Public interest is certainly evident, as ticket sales have already totaled \$2 million. If governments and corporations can see such interest, amateur sports in Canada may benefit from increased funding in future years.

The Sports Quiz returns next week. If you're a real trivia buff, make up your own quiz and drop it off at SUB in room 282. Our regular intramural feature will also return in the coming issues. Co-rec volleyball has always been a popular diversion for students, so watch these pages for times and dates.

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GAMES AREABilliards, Bowling, Pinball  
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Billiards — \$2.80 per hour  
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Bowling Special — .50¢ a game from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. (weekdays)  
Shoe Rental — .50¢



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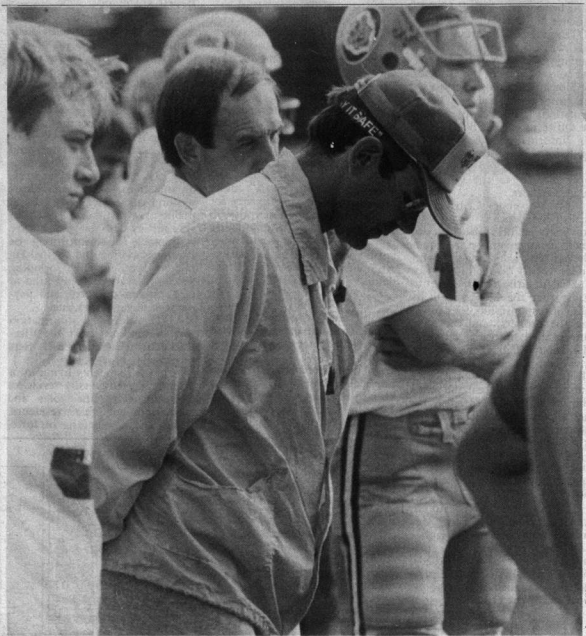


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"Come on guys. Give it your old school try."

Top ranked UBC visit  
Bears this weekend

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The expression goes like this: "Football isn't a destination. It's a journey." For the Golden Bears football team, the journey continues this Saturday at Clarke Stadium as they host the University of British Columbia in an afternoon game.

UBC Thunderbirds are led by last season's rookie-of-the-year, punting back Glenn Steele. The TBirds are coming off two early victories. The first one was 37-17 over Calgary and the second one was 57-6 over Manitoba.

The Golden Bears, on the other hand, lost their first two games. Against Saskatchewan in the season opener, they were edged 20-19, as Rick Magee missed on a field goal try at the end of the game. (Details on the first game elsewhere on these pages.) The Bears' second loss was on Friday as Calgary beat them by a score of 19-17.

In the second game, played in

Calgary's McMahon Stadium, the Bears led 14-1 at halftime. Calgary's Greg Vavra, perhaps the nation's best college quarterback this year, threw two touchdown passes in the second half to spark his Dinosaurus to a come from behind win.

There are a couple of coaching changes this year, as Jim Lazaruk moves up to the Bears' head coaching position. Ron Gabiner is the newest addition to the five-man coaching staff under Lazaruk.

The team itself has twelve starters back from last year, with six on offense and six on defence. The offense is led by fifth year fullback Rick Paulitsch. Paulitsch has a career rushing total of 1,168 yards. The defence is led by Ron Lammers and versatile Blake Dermott. Both have a quarterback sack to their credit after two games.

Rookie Darren Brezden is the starting quarterback for the Bears, with Ben Casson and Gary Rehman being the backups. "Our quarterbacks are confident about

short passes," says head coach Lazaruk.

Indeed, the Bears' goal to make the playoffs will be bolstered by that kind of confidence. "Every game is pivotal," says Lazaruk of the short eight game schedule.

The Bears, being the defending Western Intercollegiate Football champions, will need a repeat performance of last year's final when they upset the favored TBirds.

This year's WIFU champion will travel to Halifax to meet the Atlantic representative. The winner of that game will advance to the national final in Toronto on November 20th.

Bear Facts  
Glen Music and Peter Eschenko, graduates of last year's championship team, are presently playing in the CFL.

U of A students get into all regular season games free when they show their student I.D. card. Game time for Saturday's game is 2:00 p.m.

## University team practice times

SPORT	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Panda Field Hockey	Mon., Sept. 13	3:30 p.m.	W-159 Phys. Ed. Bldg.
Panda Gymnastics	Mon., Sept. 13	4:00 p.m.	W-17 Phys. Ed. Bldg.
Panda Volleyball	Tues., Sept. 14	5:00 p.m.	W-138 Phys. Ed. Bldg.
Golden Bear Volleyball	Tues., Sept. 14	5:00 p.m.	W-159 Phys. Ed. Bldg.
Panda Field Hockey	Tues., Sept. 14	5:00 p.m.	Lister Hall Field-North
Golden Bear and Panda Swimming	Tues., Sept. 14	5:00 p.m.	E-120 Phys. Ed. Bldg.

Any players interested in the above intercollegiate teams are welcome to attend these meetings. Note: The Golden Bear soccer team met on Tuesday, so if you missed it, contact Bruce Twamley at 432-3048.