

Pandas visit Wall—Bears visit wheat

by Mark Spector

The Pandas volleyball team is sending three people to the Heilongjiang province in China to compete on an all Alberta team that will tour our sister province for the next two and a half weeks.

Coach **Marla Taylor** and players **Trudy Antoniuk** and **Brenda Kadatz** leave this morning for China where they will play eight games against various different schools in the Chinese province.

The team will be coached also by U of C coach **Brad Kilb**.

"The whole thing was arranged through the provincial government," stated Taylor on Monday. "Before the Chinese government gets involved in trading with another country, it likes to become more familiar with its people. Last year they sent a women's team over here that played against several schools in Alberta and didn't lose a game."

The Chinese have the strongest women's volleyball program in the world, claiming the gold medal at the 1984 olympics in Los Angeles.

Tryouts for the all-star team began last spring. First, camps were held in Calgary and Edmonton, each of which were attended by about 75 girls. Then the best of the two camps had another round of tryouts to get down to the limit of 12 players.

The majority of the club is comprised of players from the U of C squad which won Canada West last season with a 13-2 record.

The Panda soccer team hosts the Canada West championships this weekend at the **Victoria Club field**



beginning on Friday. It's a kind of a funny system that they use to determine who gets to go to the CIAU nationals, as the Pandas have already played a few tournaments in which they've been successful. But it's winner take all this weekend.

Their biggest game by far is their first one versus the **UBC T-Birds** on Friday at 3:00 pm. "We defeated UBC for the first time ever earlier

this season," says veteran defender **Margot Ross**, "so that will be the most important game for sure."

The Pandas have finished second to the T-Birds in both of the two years that Canada West has been running a women's league.

The Victoria field is located just Northeast of 142 st. and 137 ave. Going East on 137 ave., take a right just after the tracks and before Leons on to a dirt road. The field is right by the Mooses Lodge. Admission is free.

The Panda Basketball team plays their first real game on Friday night at 6:45 versus the **U of Regina Cougars**. Alberta beat the Cougars in both contests last year. Both games were at the Panda Invite and Alberta won by spreads of 34 to 19 points.



The football Bears head to Saskatoon to take on the **U of Saskatchewan Huskies** on Saturday afternoon, and as far as genuine must win games go, this is their first of 1985.

Both teams have identical 2-3 records and the loser of this matchup can surely pack it up for this season.

In the other WIFL contest this

weekend, the 5-1 **Calgary Dinosaurs** head out to the coast to take on the 3-3 **UBC Thunderbirds**.

Alberta needs a Dino victory in that game so that when the Bears play UBC in their final game of the season here at Varsity, they just have to beat the T-Birds and not the 22 point spread used to break a tie for second.

Blair Wood, starting center for the Bears, knows the job that Alberta has ahead of them.

"All of us know what we have to do," says Wood, "and I think that will bring out the best in us."

"I think it will be a high scoring contest with us hopefully coming out on top."

That game will be on **CJSR-FM**, with the pregame going at 1:45 on Saturday.

The basketball Bears will play right after the Pandas on Friday night beginning at 8:30 in the Main gym. The **U of Regina** will provide the opposition. The team has been practising since early September and is getting bored with facing each other. After beating the alumni last Saturday, they destroyed Camrose College 111-34 on Sunday.

The hockey Bears are in Brandon to play the **U of Brandon Bobcats** in a weekend set.

With the expansion of the CWUAA by three teams (Manitoba, Regina, and Brandon), the Bears go to Saskatchewan, knowing precious little about their opponents.

Forward **Bill Ansell** admits "I really don't know anything about the Brandon club. We'll just have to treat them as if they were the Saskatchewan Huskies and go from there."

Ansell's not complaining with the expansion though. A Swift Current native, he spent three years with the **Regina Pats** of the WHL. "I know a lot of guys on the Regina team, plus my family lives there."

Along with Ansell, **Jeff Helland** is from North Battleford Saskatchewan and **Ron Vertz** hails from Glenboro Manitoba. Coach **Clare Drake** might have to slap a 'home cooking' ban on his players when they're on the road.

Adopt-a-Panda Athletic's newest plan

Sue Nattrass has found a cure for all the lonely guys around campus. It's called Adopt-A-Panda and there is 49 Pandas up for grabs, so to speak. No, Sue Nattrass is not included.

For a fee of \$350 (and you can't even take them home?), you can sponsor your own Panda from any one of the basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, or swimming and diving teams. The pledge will go towards that girl's meal money (which currently stands at an embarrassing six dollars a day), and towards travel expenses and other such necessary items.

As you may have guessed by now, this promotion marks yet another scheme by Bob Stead-

ward's office to get Edmonton's corporate sector involved here at the U of A. But at only \$350, Athletics might attract some smaller businesses relative to the Southgate Volkswagens and Kegs that have already been enticed by Steadward to lend a tax deductible hand.

The prospective parent receives, along with a tax deductible receipt, the following: an annual membership in the Green and Gold society, an Athletics newsletter, free parking, Bear's Den privileges, and a nice biography of the Panda that you select.

Nattrass, Coordinator of Women's Athletics, hopes that this plan will help out on the attendance end of things as well.

"People haven't really realized," says Nattrass, "they're just not as aware of women's sports as we'd like."

And this is the perfect year to institute such a plan. "All of our teams play the majority of their schedule at home this season," she explains.

But you better hurry. To date, Bob Steadward, Dr. Amanda Bailey (herself a Panda alumni), and the Bears football team have adopted a Panda.

The Bears football team? Don't let former Gateway sports editor **Eva Pendschich** here about this. She'll be trying out for all the teams.

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