

SPORTS

Gymnasts get equipment

by Shelly Spaner

The West Gym has been transformed from a basketball and volleyball training site into a permanent gymnastics facility. It is the new host of the Golden Bear and Panda Intercollegiate Teams.

The recently assembled gymnasium boasts a new competition size spring floor valued at \$22,500. As well, the gym holds five women's balance beams, two sets of uneven parallel bars, five men's high bars, two sets of parallel bars, two pommel horses, men's still rings, vaulting horses, a "hot-bed" trampoline and a variety of safety

mats and other learning devices.

Plans for the gym include the building of an innovative "pit" system. This system, which may be completed before Christmas, will consist of a four foot above ground platform and pit, which will be filled with foam chunks. The pit will be a learning device, as it will allow gymnasts the opportunity to attempt difficult dismounts, tumbling skills and vaults without fear of injury.

According to men's head coach Francis Tally, the new gym is "the best university gymnastics facility in Canada." He feels it will provide his team members with a

great opportunity to improve skill level and perfect technique.

The Pandas and the Golden Bears will be hosting the 1984 C.I.A.U. National Championships, March 2 - 4. This will be the first major gymnastics event to be hosted at the Butterdome.

The Pandas will be looking to improve on their second place finish at last year's national championships. With the return of five of the six 1983 team members (Heidi Ross, Shelley Spaner, Margie Drysdale, Carrie Nawata and Elise Dworkin) plus the influence of newcomers Stephanie Bishop, Christine Speake and Donna Spaner, the Pandas should be tough to beat on their home court.

Along the same lines, the Bears will be looking to upgrade their fifth place finish at last year's nationals. With the return of seniors Reeve Martin, Brendan Carrigy, Dale McNeeley and Eric Ruenthaler, the Bear's will have an experienced team. Adding to this, the Bears have close to fifteen rookies vying for the remaining positions on their team.

Over 3,000 in intramurals

by Terry Lindberg

Registration for Campus Recreation programs is more than keeping up with increased University enrollment. Participation figures are up as much as 30 per cent from last years totals.

Two events, the Co-Rec volleyball league and the men's intramural hockey program, together involve over 3000 participants. With 87 Co-Rec volleyball teams and 102 hockey teams, it is apparent that students take their recreation seriously.

Last weekend 126 students, male and female, braced themselves against the early morning frost, to compete in the annual Turkey Trot. Short course (4 km.) winners are as follows: **1st male** - Warren Hull (IND. 11:42), **2nd male** - Dan Leskiw (IND. 12:09), **1st female** - Kathy Learn (Grad Studies 16:16) and **2nd female** - Heather Burton (Agriculture 16:38), **1st senior** - Ian Cambell (Faculty 12:12:4).

For the longer course (8.5 km.): **1st male** - Neil Prior (Lonestars 26:33), **2nd male** - Brian Macdonald (Science 27:11), **1st female** - Diane Greene (Faculty 36:02) and **2nd female** - Margaret Cavanaugh (Grad Studies 37:07),

1st senior - Ron Thomas (NASA 27:11).

St. Joseph's College had an impressive turnout with 40 participants involved.

The most interesting crew, however, was the Mike Nerbis, Grant Borbridge duo (Wrecking Crew). These enterprising gentlemen went from crutches and wheelchairs, to pushing an old wreck around the short course to win "Most Unique Mode of Transportation on Two Legs." All told, the run for gobblers was a grade A success.

For the skiers in the crowd, keep your eyes and ears open for further information on the University Community Ski Swap, to be held in the Pavilion (Butterdome) Sunday, October 16th.

Details will be covered in future articles. Have a great weekend, and keep on participating.

Registration Deadlines WOMEN'S INTRAMURALS

- 1) Doughnut hockey, Fri. Oct. 7 at 1:00.
- 2) 3-on-3 Basketball, Tues. Oct. 11 at 1:00.

MEN'S INTRAMURALS

- 1) Team Handball, Wed. Oct. 12 at 1:00

Soccer comes back

The Golden Bear Soccer team got growy after being shut out in their first two games.

So they took it out on the Calgary Dinosaurs and the Lethbridge Pronghorns who fell to the Bears 4-0 and 3-1 respectively in Calgary last weekend.

Rudy Bartholomew scored all 3 goals against Calgary and two

more against Lethbridge. That 7-goal weekend earned Bartholomew honors as CIAU male athlete of the week.

The Bears come home this weekend to play the Saskatchewan Huskies, 1400 hrs. Saturday at Varsity Stadium. Soccer action starts at 1000 hrs. with the Pandas taking on the Huskiettes.

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Bunky Sawchuck

by Ian Ferguson

