

## Volleyball, b'ball Pandas open season

by Don McCrimmon

Well, after many long weeks of practice the Panda Volleyballers look like they have the stuff to sweep the western conference and perhaps even the nation.

Last year, with a crew of three veterans and seven rookies, they finished a respectable third in the ten team western conference behind the U of M and the U of C. This year the tables are turned with the team being made up of seven veterans and only three rookies.

Janice Wotherspoon, the captain, is in her fifth and graduating year with the team. She is a good setter who combines ball control with a spiking prowess that scares the hell out of the opposition. Two other girls—Claudia Garrett, in her fourth year, and Barb Styles, in her third, promise to have their best seasons this year. The four other veterans—Rea Reynolds, Susan Seaborn, Jean Ostrowercha, and Linden van Alstine—are all in their second season with the Pandas.

The three rookies all come with high recommendations. Dorothy Armour comes to us after having played last season with the Toronto Blues while Pat Rowles has played for the Calgary Cals and Cindy McQuarrie played on the Alberta Games team in 1970.

Head coach Susan Neill is returning her fourth season and states "we have the strongest team ever. The team is well balanced with everyone doing their job and doing it well. I can't say that any one individual is a star because they are all good ball players."

The Pandas will be kicking off their season on home ground with the U of A Invitational Meet to be held on December 4th and 5th.

### BASKETBALL

The Women's Intersvarsity Basketball league starts this weekend with the U of A Pandas travelling to Calgary to take on the U of C crew. They have

enjoyed a fairly good pre-season schedule and seem to have their team gelled into a viable contender. Wendy Martin, after spending two years with the Red Deer College Queens, looks like a real threat to any team as she has led the team in scoring in the pre-season games. The first home game will be against the U of L on December 3 and 4.



### ACTIVITIES

We originally predicted Kappa Sigma to be one of the contenders for the Division I Hockey title, but they have been upset by Engineering and Mac Hall in their first two outings. We are therefore adding Engineering to the list (which already includes Dentistry, St. Joe's, and possibly Law) of possible finalists for the title.

Our "Athlete of the Week" is Emil Uniut of St. John's. He scored two second goals in a 5-4 victory over Recreation last Saturday.

And still dealing with hockey, the Men's Intramural Department has been contacted by the University Health Service regarding dental injuries. Any student injured and not wearing a mouthguard will be responsible to pay for subsequent care. Each year there are a few serious dental injuries in hockey, so we encourage you to contact the University Health Service for an appointment (439-4991), and make arrangements to get your free mouthguard.

The top individual in the Swimming and Diving Meet on Saturday was P. Pierce of Dentistry. He captured first place in both the 50 yard backstroke and butterfly events and was a member of Dentistry's second place Medley relay team. Physical Education won the team title with Dentistry and Lower Res. close behind.

# Coincidence on Bears' side for College Bowl

by Ron Ternoway

In 1967, wrestler Whipper Billy Watson was sitting in the stands watching his son Bill Jr. playing for the McMaster Marauders in the Canadian College Bowl.

The Marauders were playing the Alberta Golden Bears for the title, and the Bears won 10-9.

In 1971, wrestler Abe Zivoncan will be sitting in the stands watching his son playing for the University of Western Ontario Mustangs in the Canadian College Bowl.

All of which means, according to junior Bear football coach Bob Wanzel, that the Bears are going to capture the Bowl on Saturday. "With a coincidence like that, we've got to win," he said.

The trip to Toronto is the first for the Bears since 1967, and armed with coincidence and confidence, the Bruins hope to duplicate their centennial year feat.

The Bears also have a secret weapon. It's defensive coordinator Garry Smith, who coached at Western last season before coming to Alberta this year. Garry knows and has coached most of the members of this year's Mustang squad, and his knowledge should be invaluable to the Bears.

"They've only got about five or six new first-stringers," said Smith, "but I know the rest of them."

"Last year the trouble with Western was the offence; it tended to break down quite a bit," he said. "They had three quarterbacks and just shuffled them around. This year, their quarterback is Joe Fabiani, and he's been doing a good job."

"They run a lot of sweep and off-tackle plays, and have four excellent running backs. Dave Kerr is their best, but he's been injured lately. They also have Bruce McCrae, Bud Wilson and Pete Quigley and use all of them," Smith said.

"None of them are probably as good as Bishop's Larry Smith, but they're all good runners. If we hold the Mustangs to 150 yards rushing I'll be very happy," he said.

Smith said that Western's defence is very solid, although the Mustangs have been forced to shift to a 5-2 setup in the last couple of weeks because of injuries. But he also feels that

the Alberta offence will be the toughest the Mustangs will come up against this year.

"They have a lot of confidence in their defence, but if we score a couple of quick ones they could begin to doubt themselves," said Smith.

And with the Bear offence going as it has been for the whole season, Western could be in trouble.

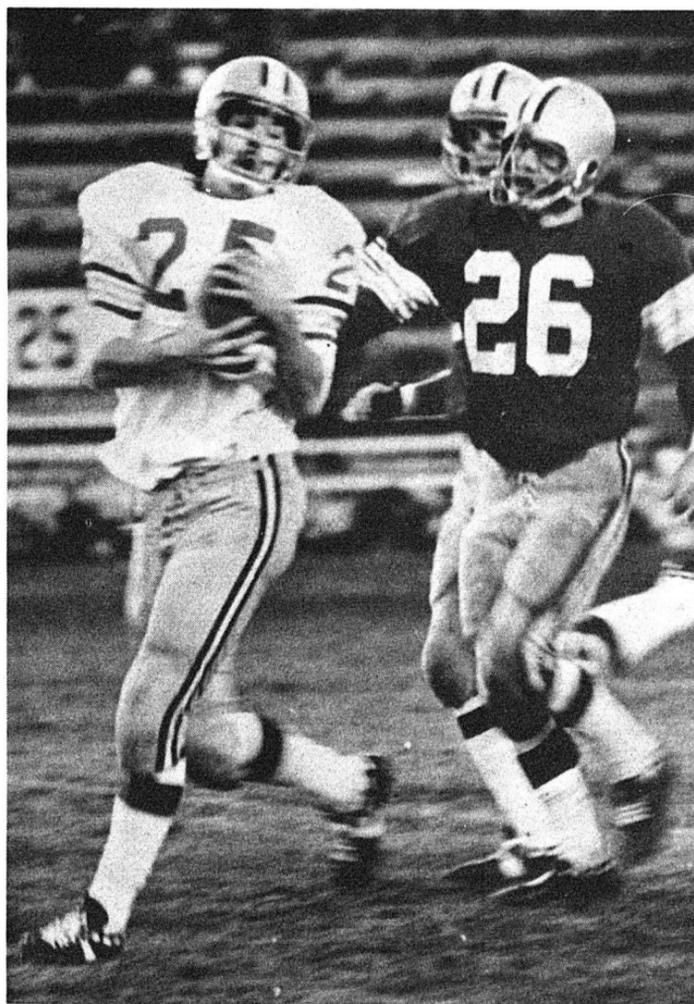
As far as placekicking, which could be important in a close game, give the edge to the Bears. Mustang's Paul Knill is very consistent and deadly from 30 yards in, but the way Joe Petrone has been kicking in the last couple games, Bears are in scoring range anywhere inside the 50.

Knill is also the Mustang punter, and a good one. Percy Kosak will have to come up with a good performance to match him.

Now that the preliminaries are over, my prediction. Bears by six points. Led by Canada's most valuable college player and Hec Creighton trophy winner Mel Smith, the fine arm of Don Tallas and the excellent running of John Skinner and Bob McGregor, Bears have to be favorites.

And don't forget the defence. Defensive safety Dave Kates has been getting a lot of ink for his excellent personal season, but the whole defensive secondary, including Pete Smith, Doug Louch, Dale Schulha, Morrie Smith, Al McLean and Larry McDaniels have had a fine season. They're all excellent football players, and are bound to do a good job of stopping Western's sweeps and passes.

With a team like that, how can they lose?



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