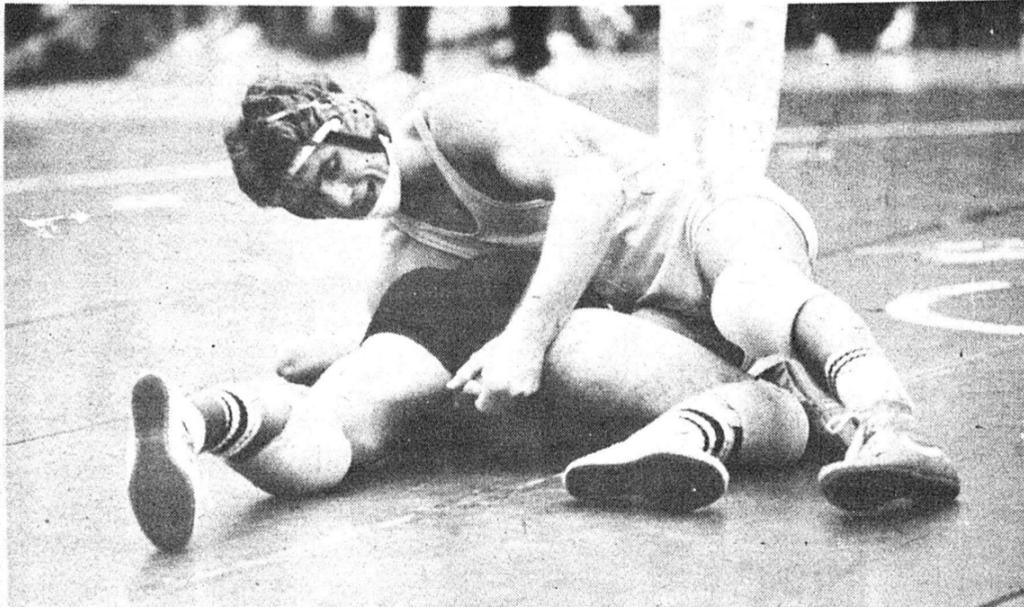


# sports



## Wrestling

The University of Alberta wrestling season had another banner season under coach John Barry. The team completely out-

classed the competition at the CWUAA championships, winning 6 of the 12 weight classes and having a ten point bulge on its nearest rival, UBC.

Russ Pawlyk closed out a starry career at the U of A. The 134 pounder captured his 4th

straight CWUAA crown and topped it off by winning his weight class at the CIAU championships while also being named the meets' outstanding wrestler. Pawlyk was also named the University's outstanding male athlete of the year.



## Volleyball

Both the Panda and Bear volleyball teams changed

coaches from last season. Hugh Hoyles returned from Montreal to guide the Bears and Val Hunt took over from Sue Neil as coach of the women.

Neither team had a banner year with the Bears finishing fourth overall in tournament play

and the Pandas fifth. The Bears placed second in the final tournament and placed Bruce Wasylik on the first all-star team and Reg Van Drecht on the second team. The Pandas placed two members on the second team — Val Hillman and Paula Toth.



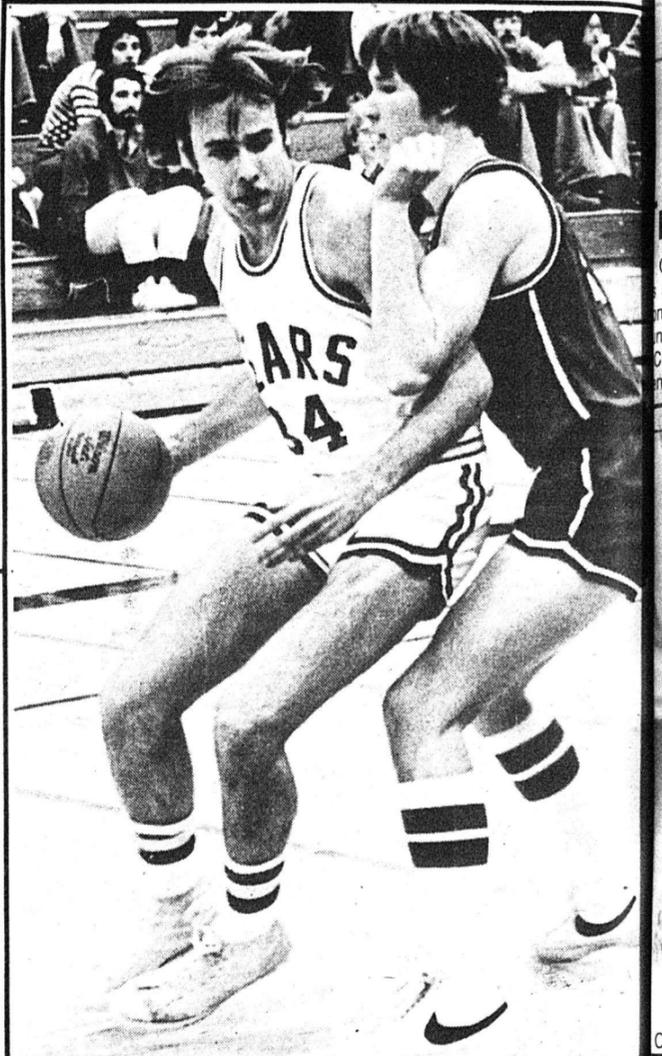
## Swimming

Both the Panda and Golden Bear swimmers swept 13 of 16 events at the CWUAA finals but only the Pandas came out on top. The Bears had their five year grip on the Canada West title broken by UBC. The Bears, nevertheless, had one of their strongest teams ever, under the guidance of coach John Hogg and finished third in the nationals, impressing a lot of people in the process.

The Pandas nine member swim team placed second in the nationals, behind Acadia. Anne Nelson and Janet De Groot again paced the team as they had all year. Coach Sandra Osborne's training program paid dividends for the team this year.

You might say that the University of Alberta made a comeback from last season when neither the basketball, hockey or football teams managed to win a conference title. This year the hockey basketball teams both dominated the West and the football narrowly missed a playoff berth. The swimmers, wrestlers gymnasts dominated the West too. While 1976-77 might not be the year of the Panda and the Golden Bear, Alberta teams once again had a lot to do with winning in inter-collegiate sports this past season.

This is part one of a sports review of the past academic year at U of A and a look at the teams and how they performed over the season. Next issue a look at the football and hockey teams and a pictorial look at the season that was.



## Bears basketball

Coach Garry Smith traded his football handbook for a guide to basketball. He proved his coaching prowess by leading the Bears to a Canaca West crown, finishing in first place and toppling the Victoria Vikings two games straight in the CWUAA best-of-three final.

The CIAU nationals proved to be another matter for the Bears though. The lack of height on the team hurt the squad and they became the sixth Western team in six years to go winless at the national tournament. The Bears

dropped two games, to Waterloo and UPEI.

The year could only be termed a success as the Bears dominated the CWUAA league, only 4 games all year and going undefeated at home.

Doug Baker, was second scoring in the country and named to the All-Canadian team. Baker was also named to the CWUAA first all-star team. He and Keith Smith were the backcourt duo of the Bears. Patterson and Keith Smith were named to the second national tournament. The Bears



## Judo

The U of A judo team was simply overpowered this year at the Canada West finals by the winner, in the under 171 class.

UBC team. They captured 5 of the weight classes at the meet.

Alberta team finished second in the championships, with the only weight class won by the winner, in the under 171 class.