

—Ken Hutchinson photo

**GOING MY WAY?**—There must be an easier way to get to Vancouver than this! The cheerleaders will be getting on the hockey train to UBC but only if they get some people out to their Bear Bash Saturday night in the main gym, phys ed bldg. Come and meet the Golden Bear hockey squad, after the hockey games with the UBC club this weekend.

## Panda volleyballers bounced in final game of tournament

The U of A Panda volleyballers came out second best to the U of M Bisonettes in the WCIAA Championships in Calgary last weekend.

After a tough three day round robin competition, the two squads were tied for first place with 13 wins in 14 starts, forcing another match. U of M won the first game 15-7, but the Pandas fought back from a 11-6 deficit to win the second game 15-12. This second effort by the Pandas seemed to serve as an incentive for the Bisonettes, who mustered their forces to take the final game 15-7, and the trophy.

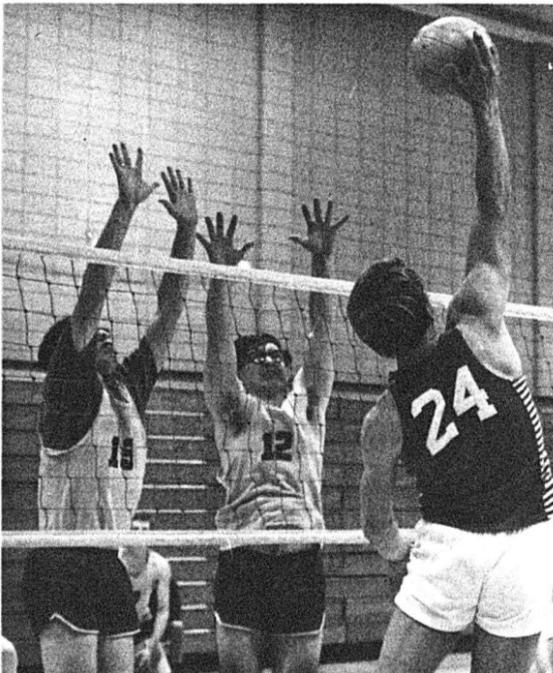
On Thursday, the first day of play, the U of A girls needed only two games to defeat the teams from U of S (Saskatoon), U of Winnipeg, UBC and U of C. Friday brought the Pandas and Bisonettes together for the first time.

### PUT DOWN

The U of A put down the U of M 16-14 and 15-11, providing U of M with their only loss in the elimination play. On the same day the Pandas also outplayed the girls from U of S (Regina), Brandon University, U of S (Saskatoon) and UBC.

The Pandas' only loss in the preliminaries came in Saturday's play, against the Bisonettes. After downing U of S (Regina), Brandon, U of C and U of W, the Pandas lost their series with the U of M squad 15-12, 10-15, 6-15.

## Bears bow out in volleyball semi-finals



—Ken Voutier photo

### SPIKED DOWN THE GULLET

... action from WCIAA championships

# U of A women's team plays host to synchronized, speed swim meet

First light shows, now water shows.

The U of A women's swim team will be hosting the WCIAA synchronized and speed swimming championships this weekend at the pool.

The defending champions, the U of A team, are favorites to repeat last year's double victory. The synchronized competitions will take place Friday morning and evening and the speed competitions will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday.

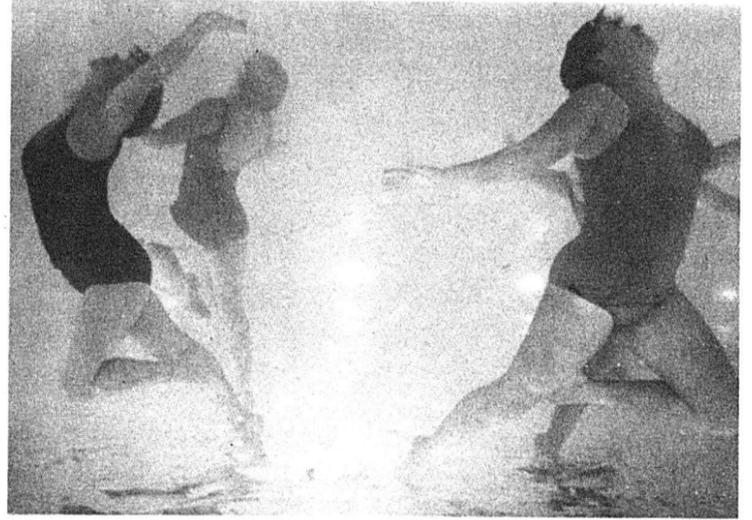
Three seniors and three juniors from each team will perform six compulsory figures during Friday morning's competitions. The girls will be marked on style, timing and skill. Friday evening, the second phase of the synchronized swimming competitions, the routines will be performed. Each university will enter single, duet and team routines.

The toughest trials will be in the speed competitions. UBC is sending a very strong team composed of some Pan-Am and British Empire Games swimmers. Heats will be run off Friday afternoon and the finals will take place on Satur-

day. There will also be a diving competition.

Joining the U of A and the UBC

entries are teams from the U of S (Saskatoon), U of S (Regina) and the U of M.



LIKE TWO GRAECIAN URNS

... synchronized swimmers in their element

## Win or else for hockey team

# Bears square off against T-Birds

By BILL KANKEWITT

It's win or else for Clare Drake's "Green Machine" this weekend.

Two wins for the Bears against the UBC Thunderbirds would put the team in an excellent position to win the league crown. A loss, and the team would find itself with its back against the wall.

So closely bunched are the standings in the WCIAA league that four teams stand a possible chance of winning the title. Only the hapless Dinosaurs from Calgary are out of the picture.

The Bears find themselves two points behind the Manitoba Bisons and in a tie with Saskatchewan for second spot. Clare Drake's crew has the upper hand though as they have games in hand over both clubs.

Vastly improved over past sea-

sons the third place Thunderbirds will be no easy mark for the Bears. They will be led into town by the league's scorer Mickey McDowell.

The Bears "did a lot of things well" on last weekend's Saskatoon trip and coach Drake is looking for added improvement against the "Birds".

Merose Stelmaschuk, who missed the team's last three games through sickness, will be returning to the line-up this weekend. The shifty Fairview product will add much needed scoring punch to the firing-lines. Stelmaschuk will probably be re-united with veteran centre Ron Cebryk and the fast improving Tom Devaney.

An encouraging factor in Saskatoon last week was the improved play of the Bears' Don Manning, Milt Hohol and Jack Gibson. All three highly-talented players had



MEROSE STELMASCHUK

... back in line-up

failed to reach their potential until last week's indications.

Faced several weeks ago with a rash of injuries, Coach Drake now has the problem of having too many healthy players on hand. This has resulted in a surplus of bodies and a tough decision as to who to sit out.

Ron Reinhart, Dave McIntyre, Bill Suter and Len Zalapski are all fighting it out for the final position on the roster.

The "Birds and Bears" will close out their schedule next weekend in Vancouver when they play the return engagement. Bear supporters wishing to make the trip can do so by getting in touch with U of A Radio who are running a special railroad car for the excursion.

Game times this weekend will be Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Varsity Arena.

### WCIAA HOCKEY STANDINGS (Feb. 20/68)

	GP	W	L	P
Manitoba	14	9	5	18
Alberta	12	8	4	16
Saskatchewan	13	8	5	16
British Columbia	12	6	6	12
Calgary	15	2	13	4

### GOLDEN BEAR LEAGUE SCORING

	GP	G	A	P
Sam Belcourt	12	10	10	20
Jack Gibson	12	6	8	14
Wayne Wiste	9	6	8	14
G. Braunberger	12	4	9	13
Ron Cebryk	11	4	7	11