Panda gymnastics

## second consecutive national title

For the second consecutive the Pandas Gymnastics are national champions. U of A women successfully nded their Canadian Inniversity Athletic Union AU) title last weekend, versus other teams, at the Gymcs Championships in Van-

However, coach Sandi nen claims they did it the way. "As a team we did well the beam event. The girls wCalgary was less than half a tbehind us at that point, and simply choked. We averagbout two falls per girl and we about gave away the chamoship right there.

lnitially things ter for the Pandas on the floor le-sided ankle sprain on her tumbling pass.

Thankfully, U of A team-Janice Dever and



looked Ann Samson and Manitoba's Lisa Johnson. U of A's Kathy cise, but potential winner Mattock placed seventh after all Bureaud suffered a events, while her teammate sided ankle sprain on her Janice Dever put forth the performance of her life and proved the most consistent Pan-

Team results showed the icia McMillan, after a seven Pandas victorious by the delay, were able to lock up slimmest of margins. Four teams championship with floor challenged the U of A contingent's 97.4 points (top three Overall, Pandas' McMillan individual scores in each event hed third, behind Waterloo's counted): Calgary with 94.98,

York University with 93.65, Waterloo University with 92.75, and UBC with 92.65 points.

Pandas' Mattock, Millan, and Bureaud each qualified to compete in three event finals; however, Bureaud was forced to drop from second day competition due to the ankle injury. McMillan and Mattock went on to record several medal winning performances.

McMillan, with two days of ticularly impressive Yamashita only due to an injury incurred at

vault, earned a Bronze medal. She continued with a personal best performance on the uneven bars that led to a silver medal. Teammate Kathy Mattock won the Bronze in the same event.

In the floor exercise both McMillan and Mattock performed admirably, with the former winning the Gold and the latter placing fourth.

**Crisp Routines** 

Carol Brinkhurst competed outstanding vaults and a par- for the Pandas in the uneven bars

the Canada West conferences two weeks previous. However, Brinkhurst, along with Mattock will be the nucleus of next year's team. With Bureaud contemplating retirement, Mc-Millan hoping to attend coaching school, Dever graduating and Farley crippled by chronic injury problems the Pandas incredibly successful squad will have its resources seriously depleted.

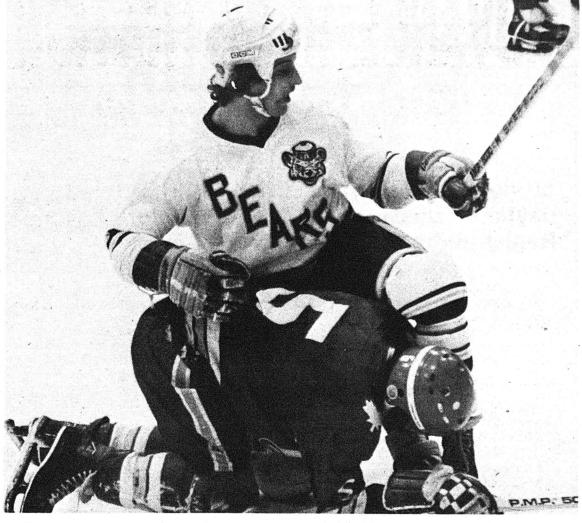
Pandas' coach Sandi O'Brien was named the CIAU gymnastics mentor of the season, in this the inaugeral year of the award. O'Brien has somehow managed to form a squad of conference (seven consecutive times) and national champions (two consecutive seasons) even though the province of Alberta has a poor development program for younger gymnasts. Logic dictates that Ontario should have the numbers and the quality of athletes at the collegiate level

to be eternally victorious. O'Brien claims the Pandas' success has a lot to do with the team's hard work, determination, and spirit. She also speaks well of Alberta's club develop-

ment program.



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Dave Hindmarch hopes he can humble a few more Dinos this weekend during play-off action at Varsity

Hockey play-offs on the horizon

by Shaune Impey

T.G.I.F. (Thank God It's

Finished).

The Golden Bears' hockey team wound up the regular season on the downslide as they dropped three of their last four

lgames. On February 24-25, the Calgary Dinosaurs visited Varsity Rink and won both contests by 5-4 and 6-4 scores. Last in last place.

weekend the Bears travelled to Vancouver and split a pair of games with the UBC Thunderbirds, winning 6-0 and losing 6-5.

The late slump left the Bears with twenty wins and four losses in regular season play. Calgary captured the other playoff spot with a 15-9 record. The T Birds were third and the hapless Saskatchewan Huskies finished

Hopefully, for Bears' fans, the recent play of the hockey club will not be a hint of what to expect in the playoffs this weekend. With Calgary playing much improved hockey in recent weeks, any complacent, lackluster play by the Alberta squad could prove disasterous.

Against Calgary the third period was the nemisis for the continued page 19