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## Bears take two from the 'herd'

by Mark Spector

There was a strange occurrence outside of SUB on Friday night.

In these times when it is considered stylish for U of A students to to avoid their sports teams at all costs, there was a small traffic jam near Varsity Arena on Friday.

Now seriously. Who ever heard of having to actually search for a parking spot when attending a Bears game?

While the turnstiles won't be requiring a lube job after Friday night, they did turn over 941 times as the Golden Bears recorded a season high in attendance this year.

And they didn't disappoint their new found fans even if most of them did only show up for a chance at winning the free tuition. As Alberta swept the visiting Manitoba Bisons 6-4 on Friday, and 9-4 on Saturday, to up their record to 9-1.

Penalties played a big part on Friday, as referee Larry Antoniuk whistled a total of 40 penalties for 163 minutes (Alberta had 14 for 60). But the only reason that this contest was close, was because the Bears, who entered the game with a league leading 34 percent powerplay efficiency rating, went 0 for 12 on this night.

"We knew that they were beating teams with their specials (teams)," said Bison coach Wayne Fleming after the first game, "so we concentrated on that area coming into the weekend."

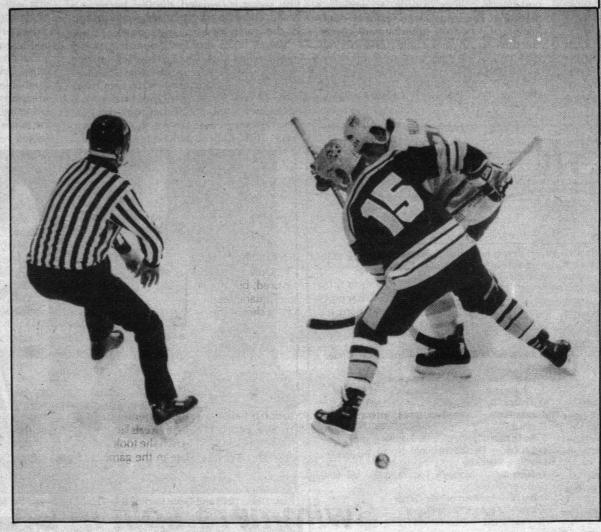
As for the rash of penalties called on his club, Fleming wasn't very impressed. "Some of his calls were pretty questionable. I think he took us out of the game to a large extent."

In what was by far the more exciting game of the two, Eric Thurston had a pair of goals while Craig Dill, Sid Cranston, Al Tarasuk, and Jack Patrick had singles.

Patrick's goal turned out to be the winner. In typical Buzz Patrick style he directed home a Sean Clouston pass off of a two-on-one, and went crashing head first into the post courtesy of the Bison defender.

The shots on goal ended up 47-25 in Alberta's favor as they enjoyed the majority of the opportunities throughout the game.

Not all the news was good, however, as leading scorer Sid Cranston



(Above) Bears' Jeff Helland fights for possession with Bisons' Mark Edwards. (Below) Darren Turner sets up for a blast by Steve Brown. (Right) Third-year Science student Mas Wetanabe celebrates his \$950 shot.

Photo Pernell Tarnowski

was felled with a serious knee injury. "It's much the same injury as Ron Vertz has," reported manager Marty Schmidt. "It's a strain of the medial scollateral ligament, so depending on how badly it is hurt he may be out for six to eight weeks or even more."

On Saturday, the Bisons never really did show up and the Bears' powerplay unit did. Alberta went three for four with the man advantage on their way to an easy 9-4 win.

Alberta led by period scores of 2-1 and 6-2 as Stacey Wakabayashi and Al Tarasuk had two goals each and singles were added by Curtis Brandolini, Denis Leclair, Craig Dill, Dennis Cranston, and Gerald Koe-

For Manitoba, their problem was the inability to come to the rink with 20 players that wanted to play. On Friday, their only effective line was Bob Lowes, Harry Mahood (hattrick), and Cam Douglas. The following night, that line was virtually harmless while the line of Mark Edwards, Ken Petrash, and Dan Bissonette accounted for all of the Bisons scoring.

"For our team it's a little easier because we've got so many guys that can put the puck in net," said Craig Dill after the game. "But when their top guys miss an opportunity they've got to really shake their head because the third and fourth lines don't pick up the slack

the way ours do."
Darren Turner played goal for the Bears on Saturday while John Krill tended on Friday. Both played very well. Considering that the goalies were supposed to be the weakest area on the club this year coach Drake seems to have the problem licked.

Bear Facts — The Bisons make full use of the 'no red line' rule as a few

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photo Greg McH

of their goals came as a result of forwards floating in behind the Bear defense... Manitoba also has a nasty habit of using some ugly stickwork when all else fails. Colin Chisholm had a face only a mother could love after two games on the point. "I got a stick over the eye on Friday and one across the nose tonite (Saturday). I'll definitely be wearing a face shield for the rest of the year... With the knee injury to Sid Cranston the total for this years' knee injuries comes to five: to date D.J. Havrelock, Ron Vertz, Colin Chisholm, Jay Reid, and Cranston have all missed games due to knees.

	G	W	L	F	A	P
Alberta	10	9	1	82	42	18
Sask.	10	8	2	56	35	16
Calgary	10	7	3.	55	45	14
Manitoba	10	5	5	48	52	10
Brandon	10	4	6	53	70	8
UBC	10	3	7	39	52	6
Regina	10	2	8	45	56	4
Leth.	10	2	8	38	64	4

Friday 15th Lethbridge 2 at Regina 6 Sask 3 at UBC 7 Manitoba 4 at Alberta

Saturday 16th Brandon 4 Calgary 2 Manitoba 4 Alberta 9 Leth. 3 Regian 7 Sask. 5 UBC 2

Sunday 17th Brandon 4 Calgary 7

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## **UofA Gymnasts intersquad**

Intersquad Gymnastics Competition was held on Friday, November 15 in the West Gym. The Green team scored 147.30 points to outdistance the Gold team who had 135.70 points.

Finishing first overall was first year team member Diane Patterson. Patterson, who started the year on a full scholarship at Oklahoma State University, scored 34.1 points to lead the Green team to victory. In second place was fourth year

Nawata, who finished seventh overall at last years CIAU National championships, scored 31.80 to lead the Gold team. Finishing third was third year team member Donna Spaner, an alternate at last year's CIAU Championships, who scored 31.70 points.

On the vault there was a threeway tie for first place as Patterson, Donna Spaner and Shelley Spaner all scored 8.8 points. Patterson also took first place on the uneven bars

The annual Green and Gold team member Carrie Nawata. (9.0) and the balance beam (8.70) tersquad Gymnastics Competion was held on Friday, November all at last years CIAU National the floor exercise (8.20).

With five of six team members back from last years' championship squad, as well as talented newcomer Diane Patterson the Panda's chances of defending their national team title looks quite promising. Their next action will be December 1st in the West Gym when they meet the University of Calgary—last year's runnersup at the CIAU championship.

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