

# Legendary Vikings keep on rolling along

by Mark Spector

On the cover of their program they sit on a stage as an orchestral ensemble. Head conductor Ken Shields sneers in the foreground, basketball in hand.

'The Legend Plays On' emblazons the top of the page, as 15 lanky young men look you right in the eye from behind music stands. The various instruments that they hold are as familiar to them as their tuxedos are to the Reeboks they wear.

But one thing that they do know a lot about is winning. Their seven straight national crowns attest to that.

As if you haven't already guessed,

## Bacon brings home the wrestling Bears

by Carolyn Aney

The weekend of February 13th saw the U of A wrestlers competing in Canada West wrestling championships. The team had a very good meet and "came up big when it counted", according to coach Mike Payette. The team finished second behind U of Calgary and tied with U of Regina.

Six wrestlers qualified for C.I.A.U. championships in Montreal this weekend, which is three more than Payette expected. The qualifiers were Glenn Allen (51 kg.) 2nd, Tony Bacon (54 kg.) 1st, Brent Murray (61 kg.) 2nd, Greg Browning (68 kg.) 2nd, Eric Suderstrom (86 kg.) 2nd, and John McMullen (95 kg.) 2nd.

Tony Bacon produced the only win for the team, and did so by winning two very close matches. As well Brent Murray upset a U of C wrestler who had previously 12 pointed him during the season to take the qualifying spot.

Payette is very happy with the path the season followed. Using the previous meets for preparation for Canada West left the U of A team ready to wrestle intensely and more prepared for this meet than some of the other teams. Still there was much tension with three of the matches won within the final five seconds.

Payette is optimistic as far as C.I.A.U.'s are concerned: "Three of the guys have a good shot at a medal." Allen, Bacon, and McMullen are currently ranked in the top four in the university rankings. The meet will be a good experience for all of the wrestlers, especially considering that all six will be returning to the team next year.

I'm talking about the Victoria Vikings. The team with more history behind them than any other Canadian university basketball team, who created more at the expense of the Golden Bears Sunday.

"We don't talk too much about it," said coach Shields of his winning tradition. "It's there and we're expected to do well."

Nobody who is closely involved

likes to dwell on the subject. When you lose it sounds like an excuse. When you win it would be a jinx. But Bears' assistant coach Steve Roth had to admit that it was a factor Sunday.

"They really do (die hard)," he said of the Viking legend. "But you look at their bench. All the guys have been to nationals and won before. They know how to play

under pressure."

"It always comes down to one game," says Shields. "Last year it was in Lethbridge in front of 4500 of their fans. If you don't have a lot of composure you're not going to win

them."

For Shields' players, there's the fear of losing that drives them. "That history helps," said fifth year guard Lloyd Scrubb. "You don't want to be the ones that end it."

## Pandas winless at CWUAA tourney

by Tim Enger

Victoria 76 Pandas 47

Calgary 63 Pandas 56

As if things weren't bad enough in the world of U of A basketball, the Pandas lost a pair of games at the Canada West conference championship tournament at McKinnon gym in Victoria.

In the first game on Friday night they were outgunned 76-47 by the eventual Canada West Champions, the Victoria Vikes.

"It's not exactly what we wanted to do in the playoffs," understated post Yolanda Kruyer, "but give them credit, they're a great team and they certainly played like it."

The consolation contest on Saturday night saw a closer game, with the Pandas losing by seven to the Calgary Dinnies 63-56.

So ends another chapter of Panda basketball in which they remain the only campus team that has yet to win a Canada West Championship despite making the playoffs for 14 straight years.

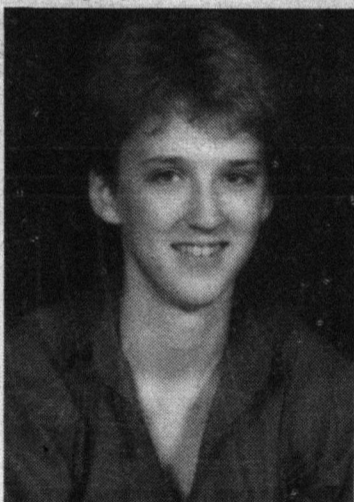
But not all the news is doom and gloom for Alberta, as they managed to place two players on the Canada West All-Star team.

Lisa Janz, a repeater on the team, and Kathy Keats, named for the first time in her second season were the Pandas representatives.

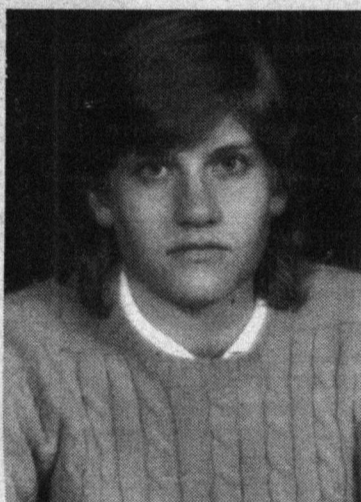
"It's really an honor for me," said Keats. "It's something I hope to be able to live up to next year."

Janz averaged 13 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, hit on 52 per cent of her shots from the floor and 75 per cent from the freethrow line in her final season. Keats averaged 12.6 points and five rebounds, with percentages of 48 from the floor and 71 from the line.

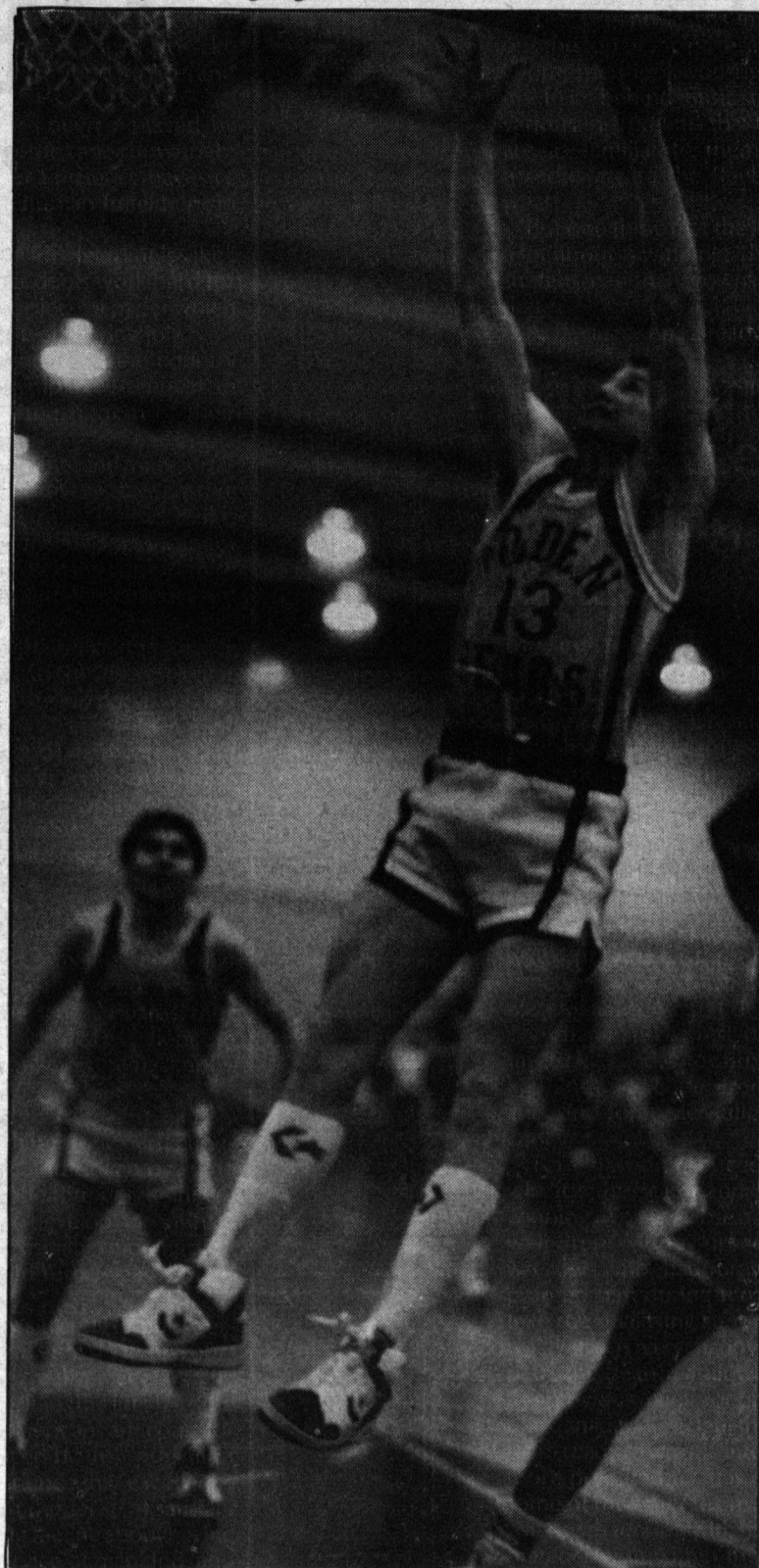
**PLAYOFF PATTERN** — The good news for the Pandas is that Janz is the only graduating senior, although there may be other players leaving. A veteran line-up should be expected for next year featuring the likes of Keats, Kruyer, Zofia Yeomans, Michelle Durand, and Patti Smith.



Kathy Keats... first All Star berth



Lisa Janz... been there before



Chris Toutant on the layup. He'll once again sit and watch as the Victoria dynasty continues.

photo: Leif Stout

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