## Volleyball Nats here for tourney

action this weekend as the Bears automatically qualifies for the and Pandas host the North-Am championship pool. Prior to that '80 Invitational Volleyball Tour- they will play a series of exhibition

teams - including the Canadian meet the Bears at 7:45 p.m. Men's National Team — in five round-robin pools. The 20 the women's teams will be divided into four pools.

After preliminary round Championship final games play, starting Friday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon will see the and ending Saturday at 3:00 p.m., women playing off at 2:30 and the the top teams in each pool will men at 3:30 p.m. All games are in enter a championship round. On Varsity Gym.

Forty-six teams will be in the men's side the National Team matches against the top teams in The men's division has 26 the tourney on Saturday. They

Other featured teams include University of Calgary, Washington State and Calgary Volleyball Club.

Championship final games

## Artsy quackers

powerful Lonestars to capture the men's intramural waterpolo This past week saw the championship.

Both teams advanced to the final by disposing of their opponents in the single-knockout semi-final. Arts downed the Shooters while the Lonestars took care of an independent entry called the Penguins.

Turning to the frozen variety of the liquid: the first round of the men's Division I hockey was completed on Monday with the Arts people out on top again and the Lonestars not quite so lucky. The Lonestars lost a close battle 6-4 to the Wrecking Crew, while the Arts people downed a sparse Henday crew by a 4-2 count.

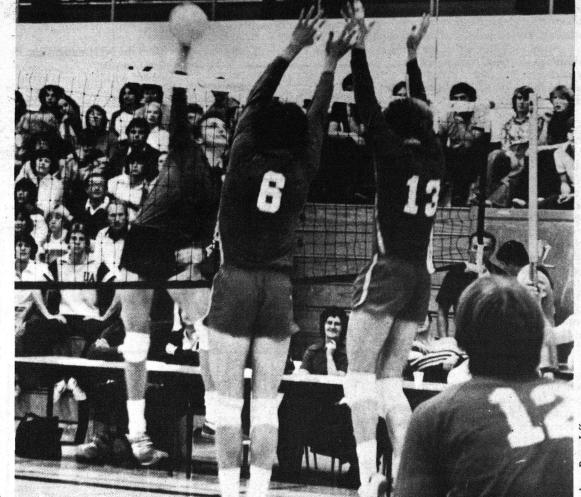
The men's snooker tourney was finished late last week and the final results have yet to be tabulated, so stay posted. Just a reminder that the first deadlines of the new term are coming up on Tuesday, January 6 at one p.m. in

the men's office with the sign-up The rubber ducks were out in for the Cross-country Ski Race. full force last week, as the Arts The race is against the clock waterpolo team defeated the around Kinsmen Park starting at

> women's ice hockey and racquetball events completed while the European Handball wraps up this Thursday evening in the West Gym. The results of these events are being tabulated now and will be out soon in the new year. The first entry deadline of the new term is for 3-on-3 basketball. Enter by one p.m. Thursday, January 8 in the women's office. This event is scheduled to run. from Monday to Thursday with the exception of Wednesdays from January 12 to 29, starting at 7 p.m. each night in the West Gym. This Thursday evening

marks the end of the co-rec volleyball tourney on all fronts. There was a bit of a problem in defaults last week, so rally up those team members and end the semester with a bit of relaxing

The co-rec people wish to



The Canadian National Volleyball team put on a good show before a packed house last time they were here. Expect more of the same this weekend in the North-Am '80 tournament.

announce that the first deadline of winged people now and be sure to the new term for innertube sign-up by January 9. waterpolo, occur on Friday, Mondays and Wednesdays from January 10 prior to the men's ski

January 12 to February 4 in both the East and West pools. Start

A combined men's and January 9 by one p.m. in the co-rec' women's clinic for cross-country office. Waterpolo will be run on skiing will be held on Saturday women's clinic for cross-country

race from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Kinsmen Park. The entry thinking about those water- deadline for the clinic is by one

p.m. on Tuesday, January 6 in either of the three offices.

And so as the sun sets in the west, and another semester of school draws to a close, the people of the co-rec, women's and men's offices would like to wish everyone good luck on their finals, as well as Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Snow Business on the move

by Bod Borski

Last year the Bears ski team emerged as the surprise squad in the closely contested Alberta ski racing circus. However, this year the team will have to live up to its' reputation and then some in order to satisfy coach Bruce Wilson. Still, if early indications prove correct this coming season the Bears will be stronger than ever.

First of all the team has followed a tailor-made training program that emphasizes speed and endurance that will help the racers to squeeze seconds out of tough situations. Not to be ignored is the on-snow aspect of the training program. As always, Fortress Mountain ski area, and its manager Bob Steckle, are instrumental to the Bears' on-snow

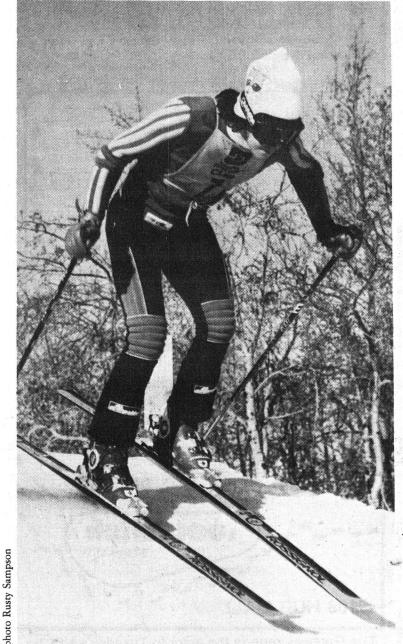
The hill training has just begun and the pre-race season will culminate with a camp at Fortress later this month. The Fortress resort offers the Bears a first rate training pitch and the area's extensive facilities are freely given to the U of A team.

Once the race season begins, near month's end, the Bears hope to capitalize on the slalom-heavy schedule. The team's strength lies in the sprint-like slalom event, but Bear Bryan Mekechuk has a proven capability in the hairraising downhill races. In addition, a newcomer, Heather Brubaker, is expected to provide top-flight performances for the team. Brubaker, a veteran of the US college circuit, must first however heal hair-line fractures in her tibia before challenging the native Albertans.

Slalom aces Ted Redmond and Mark Stein will duel for top slalom results in the Pontiac Cup series. Up and coming Chuck 'Magic" Johnstone and Mekechuk will round out the Bears' topflight Pontiac Cup race squad. For the prestigious Alberta Cup series Bear Karl Wilberg will join the elite Pontiac Cup racers. By the season's end, other Bears, Mike Matishak, Clark Seadon and Enrico Cappiletto, will likely

round out the team's Alberta Cup squad.

Needless to say coach Wilson's emphasis on a rational training method is complemented by assistant coach Craig Wronko's schooling in the Phys Ed dept. labs. So far the combination has been effective, and the first proof of its value has already appeared in early on-snow performances. Still, the preparation's race effectiveness will have to wait for the Dec. 20 and 21 season opener in Red Deer.



The Bears ski team is off to a flying start this season. The latest dose of the white fluffy stuff doesn't hurt either.

## of the Week

FORREST KENNERD

Named the Most Valuable Player in the 1980 College Bowl, quarterback Forrest Kennerd led the Football Bears to their first national championship since 1972 this past weekend. (a 40-21 victory over the Ottawa Gee Gees)

Kennerd completed 16 0f 29 passes for 316 yards, a new College Bowl record. His four touchdown passes equalled the existing Bowl record. A truly outstanding performance, worthy of 'Athlete of the Week' honours at the University of Alberta.

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