



Joan Baxter showing fine form for the Panda Gym Team.

Photo by Paul Cadogan

## Gymnastics and you . . .

by Brian Smith

Gymnastics at the University of Alberta is a well formed and fun experience with something for everyone.

Since the beginning in 1945 and the expansion to become "Co-ed" in 1951, the "Club" has grown to a total 300 active participants.

There is a dual emphasis in the gym, competitive and recreational. The pursuits of the gymnasts vary from individual to individual.

The competitive section, allows for the coaching and training of gymnasts that would like to enter competition for the university and usually provincially and nationally as well.

Competitive teams consist of 6 members with the women competing in vault, uneven bars, balance beam and free exercise and men in free exercise, pommel horse, rings, vaulting, parallel bars and high bar. The hopefuls all compete for these 6 spots on the team. The inclusion of a Junior and Senior

classification system has allowed for more people to enjoy the competition experience.

In the brief past of the club it has had two members on the national team. Lenka Svatek and Janet Terry; as well as Rick Danielson sent to the world student games.

On the recreational side the "club" has a large variety of people. The main bunch are those just interested in fooling around or bouncing on a trampoline.

Those that would like instruction come twice a week formally and as well any other time the gym is open.

If you are an interested person stop around and have a look, we are located in the P.E. building and have our fun every day Mon. - Fri. 4 till 9 and weekends 1-5.

The word gymnast is defined as "The Naked Performers." Why not stop around and find out about our sport or come out and see a demonstration or competition?

# PANDA

... by Belinda Bickford

Kathy Broderick is optimistic about the 1973-74 edition of the Panda Basketball hoopsters last week.

"I feel very excited about the squad as we have a stronger team throughout - a very strong bench - rather than just two or three players on whom to depend. This should make for a consistently solid team effort."

Pandas floor six rookies with the 12 numbered unit, three of whom have had prior college experience. Branda Mackie footed three years with Queen's University whilst Charlotte Shmyr and Chris Graves competed two years for Red Deer College.

Glenda Leach, an outstanding Jasper Place Composite graduate plus Amanda Holloway and Nicole Roberts complete the rookie line-up.

Returning for their third year are Kathy Moore and Wendy Martin - Panda's top scorer last year. Yvonne Shea, Diane Chisholm, Deena Mitchell and Yetta Scheunhage are second year pacers.

Of particular interest is the remarkable return of Scheunhage who received severe head injuries inflicting partial paralysis from a traffic accident early last season. It was thought that she would never walk, let alone participate in sports!

Last year, Pandas placed fifth with four wins, 16 losses behind the Universities of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Lethbridge and Victoria.

Calgary pitted for sixth in the final standings of the Canada West University Athletic Association.

"Undoubtedly, U.B.C. will provide the stiffest competition

again," commented Broderick, "but with the addition of consistent strength, taller players, a better planned schedule, and a high team spirit. we should fare a good chance against them."

Pandas face six games before Christmas, the remaining 14 after. "The schedule allows two weeks for practice after the mid-session break, which is just great," added Broderick.

Pandas first exhibition series will go in Calgary, November 2nd and 3rd at the Women's Invitational Tournament. Featured cagers will be from the Universities of Simon Fraser, Brandon, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Calgary as well as Edmonton.

First home game will be against the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns - Nov. 30 - Dec. 1st, 6:30 p.m., Main Gym.

# BEAR

The 1973-74 version of the Golden Bear cagers are sporting new features - a new "old" coach and 10 rookies on a 16 team roster.

The "oldie," Barry Mitchelson has returned to his familiar habitat as coach of the Bear squad after a year's sabbatical at the University of Iowa where he obtained his doctorate in administration.

Bob Bain, a former Bear under Mitchelson, took over the reins and carried the Alberta hoopsters to the Canada West University Athletic Association title.

Despite the absence, Mitchelson's basic philosophy of coaching remains constant - that is the system is adapted to the personnel.

"The first prerequisite is the welfare of the team and each

# Hoopsters Ready

player must accept the constraints of that team," added Mitchelson. Further, "the faster the club, the more open the game; therefore, we adjust according to the situation."

Of the ten rookies, six have graduated directly from high school competition whilst four have previous varsity-college experience.

Mitchelson is extremely pleased with their performance so far - "We have a good crop of players from high school. Let's fact it - anyone who has been selected to the team has the potential to play or else he would not have placed."

Returning from last year's C.W.U.A.A. champions are Mike Frisby, Steve Panteluk, Tom Solyom, Wally Tollestrup, Dave Holland and Terry Valeriot. Panteluk and Valeriot are second year pacers with Holland a third (one year Junior Varsity), and the remainder fourth.

Frisby and Panteluk are here on scholarships.

Bears have been put through a rigorous training session the past few weeks in preparation for the regular 20 game schedule in addition to several exhibition series including the annual Klondike Classic during the Christmas repast.

Commented Mitchelson, "Everyone has worked extremely hard and well in camp

- I could not have asked for better co-operation from the individuals concerned. And Wally (Tollestrup) has had just a fantastic camp."

"The most promising prospects appear to be Leonard Daviduk (M.E. Lazerte) and Bob Nodwell (Scona). Both appear to be excellent on the pivot."

The remaining troopers include John Balderson (McGrath), James Cornish (McNally-Mount Royal), Rick Johnson (Bears' Junior Varsity), Gerald Mancini (Ross Shepherd), Scott Lawrie and Rick Nilson both from Scona.

William Hamilton and Steve Ignatavicius are three year vets from Waterloo Warriors.

Another former Golden Bear great, Marty Lyons who coached Junior Varsity last season, will be assisting Mitchelson.

Currently, Bears are preparing for the Tri-University Classic at Calgary, November 2nd and 3rd.

### BEAR FACTS

...Balderson is out with lower back muscle spasms...Cornish is out for two to four weeks with torn ankle ligaments...Frisby still plagued by upper thigh problems...rumour has it that an improved Calgary Dinosaur unit is the team to beat...Big Man—Little Man game Fri. 5:15 p.m., Main Gym.



# FORUM

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Which Way for Latin America?"

with eyewitness Canadian reporter,

## PHIL COURNEYEUR

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## The Gateway

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