

Answers, who has answers?

by Karl Wilberg

In spite of reports intramurals will suffer from womens' and co-rec coordinator Wendy Carson not being rehired next year, mens' intramural coordinator Hugh Hoyles states there "is absolutely nothing official about cutbacks in intramurals." Hoyles points out that although John Barry, wrestling coach, may receive

some of Carson's duties, no arrangements have been made.

In addition proposals that intercollegiate sports be cancelled also wait final approval. On the other hand, according to track coach Dr. James Haddow, even if sports are not cancelled, damage to programs has already occurred.

In all, Hoyles declares intramural responsibilities will not be clear until an Athletic Services

budget is approved later this month. In addition, Hoyles says he "has yet to be told there will be anyone less" on intramural support staff. Still, the possibility of intramural cutbacks exists as well as the maintenance of existing programs.

Moreover, both Carson, and mens' intramurals administrative assistant Dickson Wood, are pessimistic intramural services will be main-

tained. Although U of A funding determined two Athletic Services positions remain unfilled, the selection of Carson's job implies priorities that are open to question.

Although the cancellation of track, cross-country, and judo programs is not certain, cross-country coach Dr. James Haddow believes "damage has been done already." Haddow believes athletes planning to attend the U of A and compete, may go elsewhere because track programs now appear to have a low priority here.

Moreover, Haddow believes recent department/executive proposals reveal a sense of priorities that is "pretty disgusting." Haddow adds "if this is the way the U of A feels then to hell with it."

Another point raised by Haddow is the U of A's holding the 1983 world student games perhaps without a track squad. Haddow points out track is a "major component" of any games, and "it's preposterous to have no team."

Also, Haddow questions mens' athletics coordinator Brian Heaney's statements that to produce only top class teams some programs may be dropped to fund other squads. Haddow terms this belief "a lot of rubbish" and adds all athletes have an equal right to compete.

Similarly, Haddow questions the sense of priorities

in selecting the sports that may be cancelled. Haddow points out "there has been a tendency to downgrade track and field — it's a major international sport." Haddow blames a "backwoods attitude" for this occurrence.

For example, Haddow points out the U of A football team, in comparison to US college teams, would fare badly. Yet, the U of A track team has several internationally competitive athletes. Haddow also mentions interest in promoting all sports at the U of A gives way to "something of an ego trip" where "the whole emphasis is on the semi-pros" namely football, hockey, and basketball.

Interestingly, Haddow proposes, in the case track is cancelled, coaches and athletes at the U of A will make sure they (U of A) will get no officials to run the games." Haddow emphasises "it's hard to run a meet without officials." Haddow explains the U of A "can't have it both ways ... they can't use track for their own ends without supporting it."

Whether track or intramurals will survive or be sustained after final meetings, is an unknown. However, no one denies questions of priority and direction face the Athletics department. Without a doubt it will be interesting, if in a macabre manner, to see whose vision of collegiate sport will survive.

V-men on top



The Bears can attack using a number of schemes to outwit opponents.

Yes, you could win an all expense paid trip to Halifax. However, you would have to emulate the volleyball Bears and win the Provincial championship that was decided last weekend. The Bears will be going east later this month to the National open finals because they are the new Alberta champions.

Still, winning the crown was not easy. First of all the U of A faced Calgary Volleyball Club #1, and the U of Calgary. Secondly, the Bears lost the first

T.G.I.O.

Okay, I'll talk, now just get the electrodes off my privates. I'm not lying, the Phys Ed worthies are staging an entertaining overthrow of Dinwoodie this Friday. To soften up the defenses a band called Wizard Lake will throw loud modulated signals towards the victims.

It is hoped any interested persons will pay up to \$4.00 to receive the privilege of consuming liquors and spirits in a convivial environment. The campaign is expected to be underway by 7:00 pm.

match of the series to CVC#2. Coach Hugh Hoyles states "we had dug ourselves into a hole" and had to win all the other matches.

Fortunately, Hoyles' men went on to win every following game and match. Hoyles gives skilful defensive play credit for the victories.

Hoyles mentions "defense was the most important factor — we blocked extremely well." In addition, he mentions "we've been working a lot on it." Also, Hoyles believes the Bears' offensive capability is good because they use two offenses, a 5-1 or a 6-2 arrangement.

Moreover, Hoyles believes "our team has better skills than the other teams." Perhaps more importantly though, he states "the players wanted it (a win) badly after the loss at 9:00 am. They really wanted to win the championship."

Needless to say, Hoyles will "look forward to the Nationals in Halifax" where the U of A will face Canada's best. Hoyles hopes the poise the team has acquired this year will enable a top three placing in Halifax.

Still, even if a medal eludes the Bears next year should prove at least as successful as the

ongoing season. The Bears use to lack consistency, but now maturity is solving that problem.

Profs bite sawdust

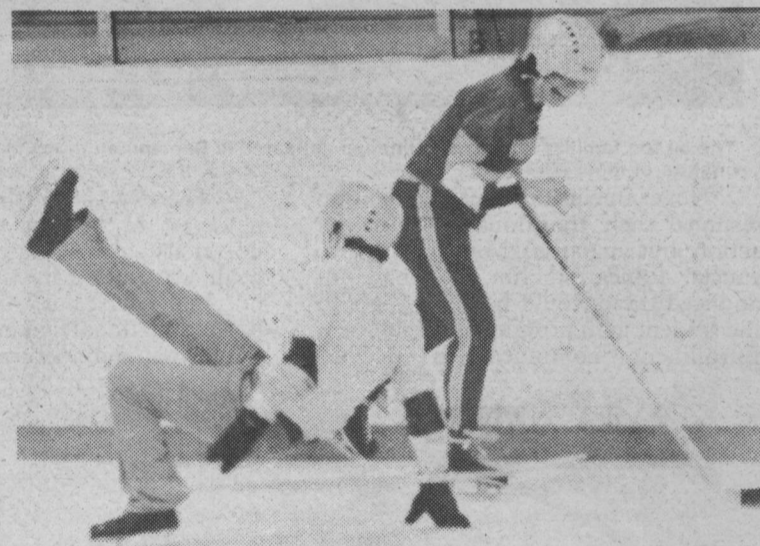


photo Brad Keith

Robyn Thomas leaves Prof. Woodward like felled oak in Forestry Golden Jock tourney.

A force to deal with



photo Russ Sampson

The Bears' ski team vows to return next year to dominate the ski circus. Coach Bruce Wilson (far left) will mastermind the operation.