

# Small University Notebook

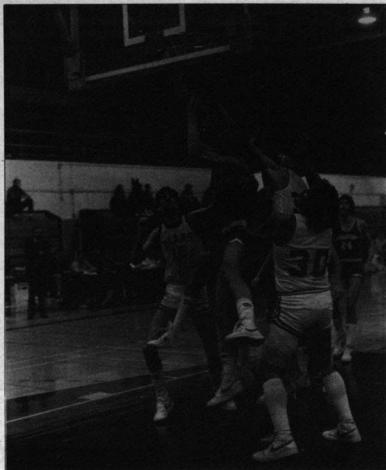
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A BELATED CONGRATULATIONS goes to Panda soccer players Mary Liao and Angela Wildemann. Both were recently named to the All-Canadian women's soccer squad, raising the number of All-Canadians from the good of U of A to seven.

THE PANDA VOLLEYBALLERS went 500 in their southern road trip to Calgary and Lethbridge. Like the Bears they defeated Lethbridge but had more than their share of problems with the top ten ranked Calgary Dinies. The split ups the Pandas record in conference play to 2-4. They host the annual North-Am tournament this weekend against some of the top senior clubs in Alberta.



U of A ATHLETICS has a new Sports Information Officer. His name is Tim Wight, who has been involved with convening events for a couple of years. He takes over for Diane Hilko and Pierre Baudin, who will devote more attention to coaching the Panda basketball club and the Bear volleyball team, respectively.



Will some of these Bears from the past be on the Alumni squad that takes on the present day Golden Bear squad Friday?

THE BEARS AND THE OOKS WILL BE FACING OFF on February 2nd, when they meet in the fourth annual Face Off, held in Northlands Coliseum. The U of A has 4000 more tickets to sell than in past years. The Golden Bears have won two of the last three games against the NAIT Ooks, and easily defeated them 7-2.

THOSE GUYS AT ATHLETICS ARE GETTING SMART. Or that's what it looks like as they have decided to sell tickets to U of A athletics in the Students' Union Information Booths, in SUB, CAB, and HUB.

A COUPLE OF ALUMNI MATCHUPS ARE ON TAP at the university this weekend so students can

get their fill of university sports before final exam time. The Bears and Pandas swim teams take on their alumni on Sunday at the West Pool, and the Golden Bear basketball squad takes on their alumni on Friday, which should be an interesting matchup. Some of the great Golden Bear players from the past like Gerry Couzens, Mike Suderman, and Mike Korak, should give the young Bear hoopers some trouble, especially if the Golden Bears let their alumni pitch buckets from the outside all day.

YOU HAVE TO LOVE THOSE ESKIES after the great Grey Cup on Sunday against the Argos. Jerry Kauric may have put his name in every Grey Cup trivia quiz for years to come with that field goal with 45 seconds left. The kick reminds me of the winner Dave Cutler kicked against Ottawa in '81 that capped one of the greatest comebacks in sports history. How 'bout that Gizmo?

IF YOU'RE A HOCKEY FAN, better look for a hockey book under the tree this Yuletide season. Besides the usual Stan Fischler book-of-the-month, Klein & Reif have updated their hockey compendium, a hockey version of Bill James Baseball Abstract, and John Davidson, along with several others, have come out with a scouting report book on the players and teams in the NHL. It even shows the weak spots on goaltenders. It also is not afraid to be critical either. The publishing houses are getting smart as well. They get their hockey books out for the Christmas season instead of October, as they also know that the regular season means little.

## UVic funding

**VICTORIA (CUP)** — If the Commonwealth Games are ultimately awarded to Victoria, the University of Victoria will be the first to reap the benefits.

Victoria was chosen as Canada's host city for the 1994 Commonwealth Games bid. The World Games committee will meet next September to decide which country will host the games.

Victoria is believed to be the frontrunner in the games races as the only other bid comes from 1958 host city, Cardiff, Wales.

If the games are held in Victoria, U Vic will gain a large chunk of the \$50 million in federal funding, along with millions promised by the BC government, to provide housing and athletic facilities for the games.

The funding would mean the university could get the much-needed expansion of the on-campus residential block.

"The promised funding will flow well in advance, in the next two or three years... That will be a huge benefit as we have an extreme housing problem with 800 people on the waiting list," said U Vic president Howard Petch.

The award would also provide funding for a new Olympic-sized pool and other sports facilities.

Increased exposure, however, has not been a problem with U Vic's athletics' recent record. In fact, the athletics programme's success may have been a factor in the Commonwealth committee's decision to make Victoria Canada's bid for the host city.

Petch says 26 out of 300 athletes on the Olympic team are from U Vic. "That shows our commitment to high performance sports."

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