



Al Small's notebook

by Alan Small

The Bears swim team hosts the USC Trojans Saturday at the West Pool in the Van Vliet Center at 2:00.

The Trojans are the second best swim team in the NCAA, which means the Bears may have bitten off more than they could chew.

The Bears are fresh off a victory over the tenth best team in the NCAA, the Washington Huskies. They also knocked off the fourth best team in the CIAU, the UBC T-Birds. The win should improve the Bears #7 ranking in the country. "This meet's not like one against Calgary," Dr. John Hogg executive manager of the U of A swim teams said. "We're not getting hot about the collar about beating USC."

The dual meet against USC will prepare the Bears for the upcoming

Canada West meet in February.

"Calgary, Victoria, UBC, and us are probably in the top five teams in the country," Hogg said.

The U of A curling club participated at the University of Calgary mixed bonspiel in Banff on January 8-10th.

Curling against teams from Calgary, Lethbridge, and Regina, the U of A managed to place two teams in the top four of all three events. Finishing in third and fourth in the first event were the Marks and the Dehid rinks, while the Chomay and Chekerdas rinks finished second and fourth respectively in the second event. The Anderson rink won the third event while the Hudson rink finished third.

The U of A curling club will be hosting their annual bonspiel March 4-6.

IN A SURPRISE MOVE the University of Calgary will not extend the contract of the co-ordinator of women's athletics and women's basketball coach Donna Rudakas. The lady Dinosaurs are the number one team in the country but that is not the issue. The positions are being reclassified because of increasing budget cuts. A new director will be hired with less responsibilities and the women's basketball position will become a part-time position.

"I understand the reasons why I can't be retained in my present position," Rudakas said. "Obviously, I'm disappointed for myself, but I cannot address the position of part-time coach—I feel that the program can't function that way."

X-country skiing cool

Cross-country skiing has become one of the most popular winter sports.

The U of A Nordic Ski Club acknowledges this as it caters to all aspects of the sport: recreational, social, racing, and touring. Doug Bezovie, a fourth-year Rec. Admin. student, has been involved with the club since coming to the U of A. He is the current club President, which with 55 members is the largest in its history.

The club organizes various outings throughout the year. There have already been several tours to the mountains this season, including a trip to Jasper and one to Mt. Assiniboine. In addition, the club organizes and runs courses including a certified Wilderness First Aid course, to be held in Feb. and March, Beginner and Intermediate cross-country skiing courses, a telemark camp, and a skating clinic, a form of skiing which is faster than conventional cross-country skiing. "Cross country skiing is not only one of the best forms of physical exercise, it is also a lot of fun," Bezovie said.

Members also participate in recreational skiing once per week in the river valley, and cross-country training occurs twice a week.

All club members become registered with Cross-Country Alberta and the Canadian Ski Association, and are entitled to the privileges of both of these associations. Monthly club meetings are held



in order to plan and inform members of upcoming outings, and to provide an opportunity to socialize off skis.

The club is open to anyone wishing to join. For those who are interested in cross-country skiing, but don't have the equipment, it may be rented from the Campus

Outdoor Centre located in the Van Vliet Centre. The club is planning still more activities to come throughout the rest of this year. More information about the club may be obtained at the club office, located in Rm. 030P S.U.B. Office hours are 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

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