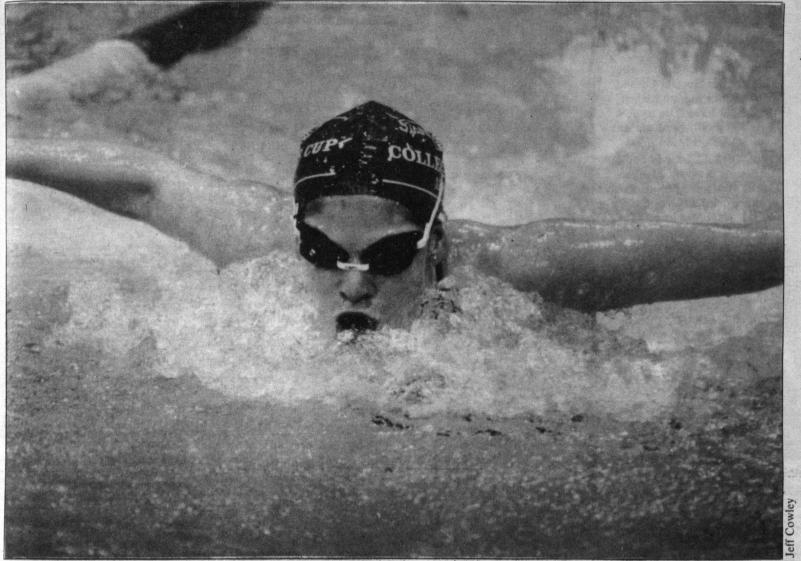
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U of A swimmer Anne Taylor torpedoes her way to a second place finish in the women's 100 metre butterfly, Saturday, in the Standard Life Colleges Cup Meet. Both the Bear's and Panda's teams finished second in the tournament

Heading off spinal injuries

by Cam McCulloch

An ambitious injury prevention program will soon be unleashed on Alberta high school students by the University of Alberta Medical Students' Association and the U of A Hospital's Department of Surgery.

Dr. Louis Francescutti, a general surgery resident at the U of A Hospital, spearheads a group of volunteers that will present a

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one-hour audio-visual program illustrating to Alberta students that head and spinal cord injuries are preventable.

Last year, over 6,000 Albertans suffered head injuries in incidents ranging from motor vehicle accidents to diving and skiing mishaps. In addition, there were 67 new spinal cord injuries.

The presentation will include an anatomy review, a film depictng young disabled people, a paramedic demonstration, and a special speaker who will discuss the personal effects of head and spinal injuries.

All the special speakers are members of the disabled community, many of whom were recruited through the Canadian Parapalegic Association and the rehabilitation program at the Aberhardt Hospital.

Francescutti has asked the U of A Students' Union to underwrite



the cost of the project to the tune of \$12,000, much of which will go toward the installation of a Macintosh computer system.

This proposed system will be used by the Medical Students' Association, the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Project, and the Poison Prevention and Control Program, a highly successful project which the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children has recently expressed an interest in duplicat-

The cost of providing health care to such severely injured patients is astronomical. Jody Fraser, a member of the speakers group and a victim of a spinal cord injury suffered playing rugby, faced a \$303,000 medical bill for his 405 days of convalescence.

More important than the billions of dollars spent annually on head and spinal cord injuries, says Francescutti, is the devastation inflicted on those individuals, as well as the families of those who have suffered such traumatic experiences.

Evelyn MacKinnon, a registered nurse on the U of A Hospital's Neurosurgical Ward, and the coordinator of the speakers group, says, "the number of head injuries we see every day is frustrating. Ninety percent could be prevented."

Guy Coulombe, another member of the speakers group and a motor vehicle accident victim, said, "if we keep one kid out of a wheelchair, it's worth it."

RCMP call on students to find killer

by Kevin Law

The Edmonton City RCMP would like students' help in solving the recent cab killing of Manjit Dhaliwal.

Constable Bill Wilson of the Edmonton City RCMP said Dhaliwal's cab was found in Emily Murphy Park, and, according to Wilson, a number of students often park their cars there.

"We have run into people down there," Wilson said. "Possibly they use it to park for night classes, so we're interested in anyone who parked there on November 3 from 3 p.m. to midnight."

Wilson said there was a Judds concert that night at the Jubilee auditorium which may juggle some people's memories if they parked at Emily Murphy Park.

Wilson noted Dhaliwal's vehicle was a yellow cab that "could have arrived as early as 5 p.m."

Anyone with any information is asked to phone the Edmonton RCMP at 471-9500.

Tutorial touch-up

by Sarah Evans

Need a tutor? The U of A tutorial service is currently being revised.

The tutorial service is a listing of people who wish to tutor students in a wide range of subjects.

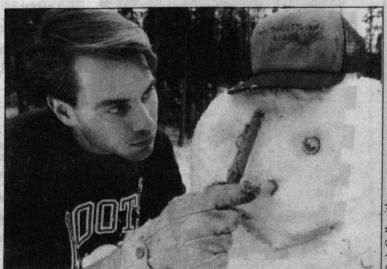
A change is underway to make the listings more accessible. Previously they were on file in the student help office. Now, however, the listings are being consolidated so that an updated list can be published weekly. This list will be made accessible to students at any of the information booths on campus.

The first list is due to be published by the end of this week.

According to Marc Dumouchel, director of Housing Registry and Information Services, "The idea is to make it more accessible, make it more up to date, more complete... To encourage students to use the service."

The Students' Union will be taking more control over the new tutor lists. Previously there was no supervision of tutors who added

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Commerce student Geoff Badger works on his version of "Guba" the snowman at a friend's cabin in the B.C. interior.