

# Pandas lose title to Aces in senior women's basketball

LETHBRIDGE—The Panda basketball team came second in the third annual Lethbridge Senior Women's Invitational Basketball Tournament at Lethbridge last weekend.

Eight teams, including UAC Dinnies, U of S Huskiettes, and U of S Puppettes, were entered.

The Pandas had no trouble in their first game, beating the U of S Puppettes 68-33. With the exception of a 10-10 tie early in the first

quarter, the Panda score was double the Puppettes' throughout the game.

The Panda game against the Dinnies was closer. Pandas took a ten point lead in the first quarter and maintained it throughout the game.

The Pandas encountered difficulty in the second half as the Dinnies tightened their defense. But, the Pandas stayed out in front. The final score was U of A 56, UAC 44.

The final game—Pandas vs Saskatoon Aces—determined the winner of the tournament. Pandas, defending champions, failed to keep pace with the Aces. At the end of the first quarter, the Aces were leading 9-7. The Pandas slackened in the third quarter as the Aces went ahead 30-19.

Pandas caught fire in the third quarter holding the Aces to a 34-27 score.

The Pandas pressed on in the fourth quarter to lose the final by only 6 points with a score 44-38.

Irene Mackay and Bev Richard were outstanding Panda players over the weekend.

## Co-Ed Corner

by Marion Conybeare

The women's telegraphic swim meet last week was a disappointment.

In the first place, it was not a true telegraphic meet. The results of the individual teams will be mailed, compiled, and individual standings released after Christmas. In a true telegraphic meet, final standings are known within one or two days. The way the university meet is run, enthusiasm is lost as results are not known for a month.

The purpose of the meet—to compare university women swimmers across Canada—was not met. The meet only gave the swimmers an extra practise. Of course, money was saved by not having teams travel.

Telegraphic meets do not give a true picture of swimmers relative abilities. Teams do not excel if they don't compete in person. In a telegraphic meet, there is no actual opponent to push a swimmer on.

The U of A Pandas were lost without opposition. Swimming was slow. Swimmers lacked enthusiasm. There wasn't even any tenseness. No sprinting appeared in any event except the 100 yard free style.

But, the Panda performance cannot be entirely blamed on the set-up of the meet. The team lacked spirit and unity. Every swimmer was out only for herself. Fellow team members were not cheered as is usually done at swim meets. It is wrong not to support one's teammates. Confidence falls and a poor performance results. When a

team lacks spirit and unity, it does not deserve to represent U of A.

The problems posed by the telegraphic meet could be solved in three ways:

- Don't hold any more telegraphic meets. The cost of mailing results would be saved.

- Compare times of individual swimmers from major meets such as the WCIAA one.

- If the coaches really want to see how their swimmers rate, a cross-country meet should be held.

I favor a cross-country meet. Swimming is an important sport and should get more attention.

U of A topped 13 Canadian universities to win the women's telegraphic bowling tournament last week.

Izle Skujins, from U of A, was the top Canadian bowler, beating out 64 competitors.

The U of A five member team totalled 2,848 points, beating runner-up UAC by a narrow 8 points. U of S, Regina, took third with 2,801.

U of T trailed 400 points to finish in thirteenth and last spot.

The position of WAA intramural floor hockey sports manager is open to all co-eds. Applications should be left in the WAA office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Floor hockey is played Jan. 24-27. For further information call Carolyn Dyck at 455-2539.

All women's sports information must be in The Gateway box by 10 a.m. Friday for the Wednesday issue, and 11 a.m. Tuesday for the Friday issue.

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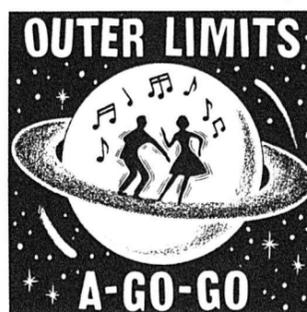
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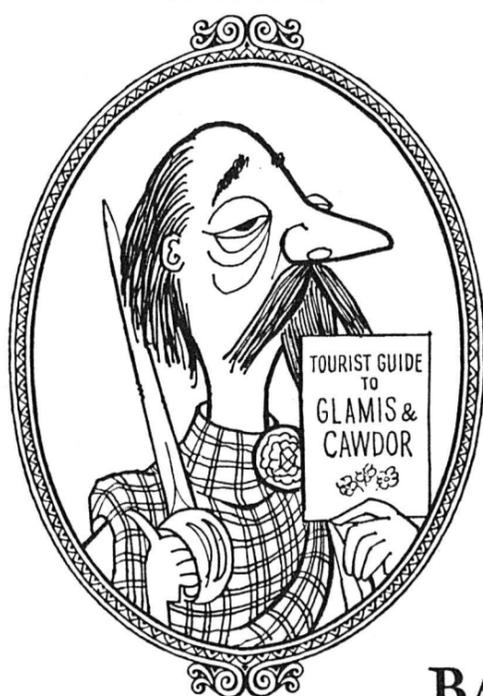


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## Whatever became of:

Mac Beth,

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A natural leader for the underground Scottish Nationalist Army, Mac startled the college by riding to classes on a Shetland pony. Unfortunately, the pony passed but Mac failed his year. Nevertheless, his scholarly thesis "The Claymore And Its Application to Tank Warfare" is still talked about wherever military minds gather. Convivial evenings at the Mac Beth's often get a bit out of hand with Mac looking daggers at his wife while she washed her hands of the whole affair. After a party for his boss was spoiled by a gate-crasher named Banquo, they gave up the ghost entirely. Mac Beth finally suffered a sharp stroke in a quarrel with a Mr. Macduff over a real estate deal involving Birnam Wood. Characteristically, his final words were: "Lay off, Macduff".

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## Bears in tie for first place as they down Bisons twice

The Golden Bear cagers thumped U of M twice on the Bison's home court last weekend to move into a first place tie with UAC Dinosaurs.

Friday's encounter saw the Bears on the sad end of a 39-38 half-time score. Some great shooting by guards Darwin Semotiuk and Bruce Blumell eased the pressure on big Ed Blott to enable him to rip 18 points though handicapped by four personal fouls.

Semotiuk canned 20 and Blumell 19 to give the team a balanced attack. Don Melnychuk hit for 10 points from his guard position. Manitoba was led by Larry Zel-

mer with 18 and 25 points for the two games.

Manitoba seemed to lose poise as the Bears put on their second half drive to win by six points, 79-73. Saturday's game was never in doubt as the U of A squad ran up an early lead and never relinquished it. Semotiuk again led the Bears with 22, followed by Blott with 18 and Blumell with 13. The 81-69 score was closer than the actual game.

The refereeing was strictly from hunger; witness the first half of Friday's game when four Bears already had four fouls each. Coach Munro dubbed it "home cooking" which summed up the situation pretty well.

## Beat the pros night wasn't

It was muscle over mind as the professors downed the students 251-203 in the annual "beat the pros night" last Wednesday.

The only events the students took from the professors were floor hockey and men's volleyball by 6-4 and 14-10 scores respectively.

The student bridge sharks fished the professors to a draw in bridge. Student practice kept the professors from taking the two and a half hour event.

Students lost the basketball tournament for the second year in a row and the pros added the Gronk trophy to their collection in the faculty club.

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