

Panda teams look for number 1

by Shelley Spaner
The green and gold colors of Panda athletes have been noticed with increasing regularity around the U of A campus this year. Many Panda teams have held, or are in the process of holding tryouts for the selection of the athletes that will represent this university in Women's Intercollegiate Sporting events this year. Panda athletes compete in seven different sports. These are gymnastics, volleyball, cross-country running, swimming, track and field, field hockey and basketball.

The only university Panda team to win a Canada West championship title last year was the gymnastics team. Under the direction of head coaches Sue Rouse and Sandy O'Brien as well as assistant coach Henri Bured, the team is eager to

defend that title and clinch the CIAU national team title. With the return of defending CIAU national floor exercise champion Elise Dworkin, as well as the return of four members of the Canada West team champions, (Audry Gee, Heather Raven, Heidi Ross and Shelley Spaner) the Panda gymnasts seem to be ready.

The Panda Volleyball team under head coach Therese Quigley and assistant coaches Alyson Roper (senior program) and Lance Adamson (junior program) are hoping to improve upon their fifth place finish at last year's Canada West championships. Although they have lost last year's top player, Tracey Mills, to Canada's National Team, Quigley expects the team to do very well. With sixty girls trying out, the

coaching staff should be able to field a very strong team.

The Pandas cross country running team is hoping to capture this year's Canada West team title after finishing second to the University of Victoria last year. The team is expecting strong finishes from Commonwealth Games participant Beverly Bush as well as returning athletes Birgit Otto (6th at last years C.W.U.A.A.'s), Donna Dixon (8th) and Karen Smith (13th). Cross country Coach Dr. Haddock is enthusiastic about his team's chances at this year's CIAU championships in Sudbury, Ontario.

Our Panda feature continues on Thursday with notes on swimming, track and field, basketball, and field hockey. Stay tuned to these pages.



Turkey Trot coming

by Margo Schmitt
The annual 'Turkey Trot' sponsored by Campus Recreation is coming your way this Saturday, October 2, and Thanksgiving Dinner is the prize!

There will be two races; a 2.2 mile trot for the recreational runner, and a 5 mile run for those with a more competitive edge.

The mass exodus leaves from the Jubilee Auditorium at 10:30 Am. Registration will be held from 9:00 - 10:15 Am.

The route for the 2.2 mile race runs from the Jubilee Auditorium, down to University Avenue, west to Groat Road, up to

and along Saskatchewan Drive, and back to the Jub. The 5 mile race follows the same route with a detour around Hawrelak Park.

Fourteen Grade A "Gobblers" will be awarded as prizes. Two will go to the top males and females of each race, one for the top senior (over 35), and two for the unit with the greatest number of participants. Also, two turkeys will be drawn on a "wild card" basis whereby only the last 50 finishers in the short race will be eligible.

Everyone is welcome, so bring out your Turkey Trot shoes and prepare for a great run!

Duru gets equalizer against UBC

by Kent Fargy

It was not a good start to the season for the Golden Bears' soccer team, losing a 1-0 decision Friday afternoon in Victoria against the Vikings and drawing 1-1 with the UBC Thunderbirds Saturday in Vancouver.

Friday's game was a closely fought match throughout. After a scoreless first half, in which Alberta's All-Canadian striker Rudy Bartholomew was hurt, UVIC scored the game's only goal 15 minutes into the second half on an unusual play. A seemingly innocent shot from 25 yards out deflected off a Viking player in front of the goal, changing direction, bouncing into the post, and finally being pushed into the net by Victoria's Scott Longpre.

It was an unlucky break for Rookie goaltender Tobin Walker, who played exceptionally all weekend. Walker kept the score tight for the remainder of the game as the rest of the team

rushed forward, looking for the equalizer.

The game Saturday against UBC was a different story. The Bears played poorly in the first half and were lucky to come out of it down only 1-0. In the second half the Bears came back into the game, showing much more determination in the tackles and playing in a far more organized fashion. After one player from each side had been sent off,

Lorenzo Antonello sent a ball through to Tim Duru.

Duru put a nice shot into the UBC net to tie the score in the 77th minute. After the goal, UBC had another player ejected in a very physical match, but no other goal scoring chances occurred in the game.

The Bears hope to get on the winning track next Saturday afternoon at Varsity Stadium, when they meet the U of Saskatchewan Huskies.

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