

# SPORTS

## Swim team enters the big time

The men's swim team are proudly calling it the biggest meet in their history and they are hoping that it will be big enough to draw crowds during the busiest weekend of campus sport yet this season.

Friday, at 7:30 PM in the West Pool, the Golden Bear swim team takes on their toughest opponent ever, a team which has won the NCAA championship 9 times, the USC Trojans.

It took 4 years to organize the meeting of the U of A and one of the United States' best college swim teams according to Bears head coach John Hogg. When they first thought of the idea the mismatch made it seem laughable.

The Bears are now able to compete against top flight competition, after a building program that has seen them compete against successively tougher

American competition over the last few years. Coach Hogg cites meets against Washington, Arizona, Brigham Young and Miami as stepping stones to Friday's meet.

This year's squad from USC has two Canadians, Ken Fitzpatrick from London, and John Clark from Vancouver. Clark is an NCAA All American and holds USC records for the 100 m and 200 m backstroke. In Friday's 200 m backstroke, he will face last year's CIAU champion, Howie Ewashko of the Bears.

The Washington Huskies have become somewhat of a regular opponent, and although the Bears have yet to beat them in three tries they have inched closer every time. Saturday, the Bears and Pandas meet the Huskies for the third time this season, this time at home in the West Pool.

The Huskies will be bringing an exceptionally strong women's team, led by Susan Dalton and Cat Clark. Jan Brenner of the Men's team has already qualified for the NCAA championships.

Saturday's meet also features "Cheer for Beer". A local Brewery will award fifteen cases of their product to the group of fans with the loudest and most original cheers.

Swimming is just one of the intercollegiate sports happening at the U of A this week. Friday and Saturday the Bears hockey team go against the Saskatchewan Huskies to see who will be best in Canada West.

Saskatchewan is also sending their basketball teams to help the Bears open their regular season Friday and Saturday.

And Sunday, for anyone who cannot stand to hear one more word about Joe Thiesman, the Volleyball season opens in Varsity Gym. The Pandas meet the Calgary Dinnies at 2:00 PM and the Bears take on the Dinos at 4:00 PM.

### Top track

The University of Alberta will be hosting the Golden Bear Open Indoor Track and Field Meet on Jan. 20 and 21. All events will be held in the Universiade Pavilion. Events will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Athletes competing in the meet will be some of Western Canada's top track and field athletes. The University of Alberta, University of Saskatchewan and the University of British Columbia will be sending their top collegiate athletes while Canada West club teams and unattached athletes will also be competing in the meet. All of the participants in this weekends meet must have met the qualifying standards.

### California first

The Panda Gymnastics Team started their 1984 season off positively with a big win at the Cal State Northridge Invitational on Sunday afternoon in Northridge, California.

With all six competitors obtaining a qualifying score above 28.00 all around the team was able to defeat second place Cal Poly San Luis Obispo by five-tenths of one point, 152.20 to 151.70. Cal

State Northridge finished in third place.

Good performances by Elise Dworkin on the balance beam (8.55) and Heidi Ross on floor (8.30) were very helpful to the team total.

On Friday, Jan. 13 the Pandas were at San Francisco State University for a 3-team invitational. Despite a 1st place all around finish by Heidi Ross (32.55) the Pandas were outdistanced by Stanford University 164.00 to 148.85. San Francisco State finished a distant 3rd with 109.55 points.

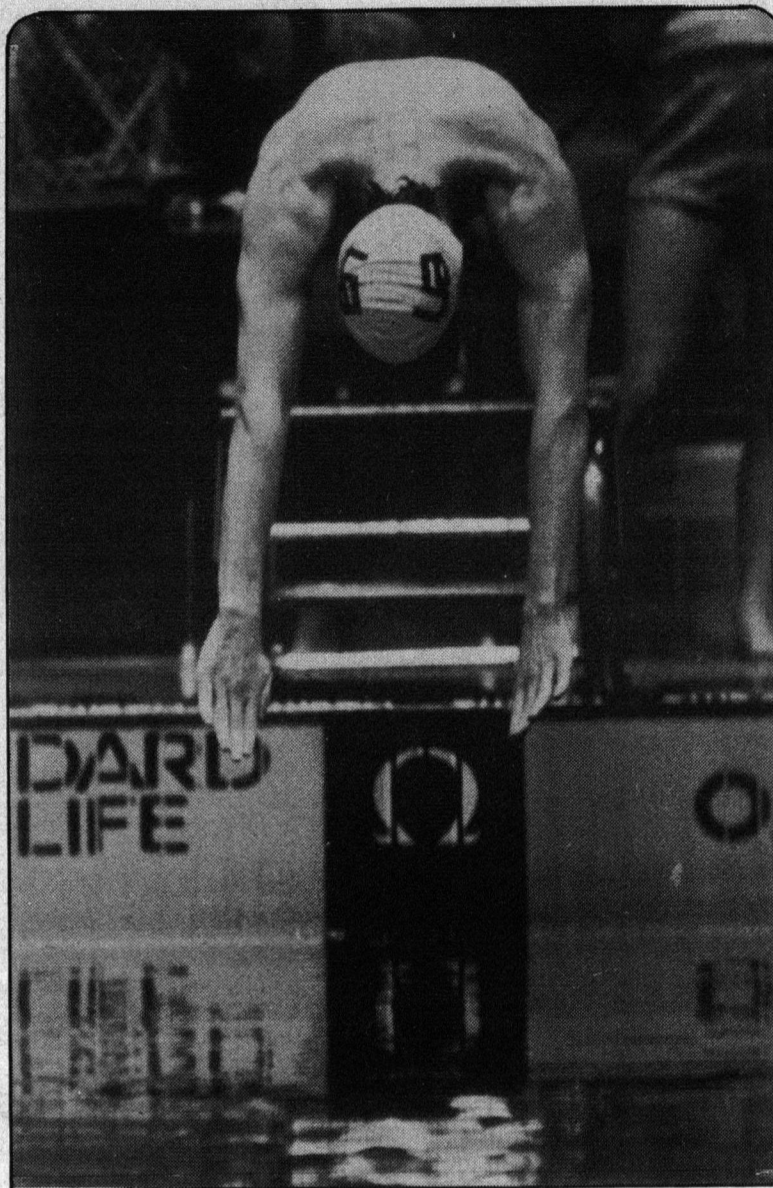


photo Bill Ingles

Bruce Berger and the rest of the Golden Bears swim team will take on the USC Trojans Friday, 7:00 at the West Pool. Theoretically, a true-blue University sports fan could watch a track meet, a swim meet, a hockey game and a basketball game Friday night without ever going outside. He'd probably get as much exercise as any of the competitors.



### CAMPUS SPORTS WEEKEND



**GOLDEN BEAR HOCKEY**  
vs.  
**SASKATCHEWAN HUSKIES**  
Fri. - Sat. January 20-21  
7:30 p.m. Varsity Arena  
and vs.  
**LETHBRIDGE PRONGHORNS**  
Sunday January 22  
2:30 p.m. Varsity arena

U of A students admitted free with current I.D. card.

**SWIMMING ACTION!**  
**GOLDEN BEARS & PANDAS**  
vs.  
**U.S.C. TROJANS**  
11 Time NCAA Champions!  
Friday, January 20  
7:00 p.m. West Pool  
and vs.  
**WASHINGTON HUSKIES**  
Saturday January 21  
4:00 p.m. West Pool

**GOLDEN BEARS BASKETBALL**  
**CANADA WEST SEASON OPENER**  
vs.  
**SASKATCHEWAN HUSKIES**  
Friday, January 20  
7:30 p.m. Varsity Gym

## TRAVEL SPECIALS

### AIRFARES: Edmonton to

Vancouver	from	<b>\$114.00</b>
Toronto	from	<b>\$219.00</b>
Montreal	from	<b>\$249.00</b>
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Houston	from	<b>\$359.00</b>

\* Valid for travel between Jan. 16 and Apr. 30/84. Non-refundable. Full payment at time of booking.

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