

# Lebuke swims to FISU Games

by Carolyn Aney

The Pan-Am Pool in Winnipeg was a flurry of energy and excitement from Jan. 29 to Feb. 3, as it was the site of the 1987 Canadian Winter National Swimming Championships.

This meet was also used as a trial for university student swimmers to make the Canadian team for the F.I.S.U. Games (Universiade) in Zareq, Yugoslavia in July. There are expected to be in excess of 6000 competitors attending the games.

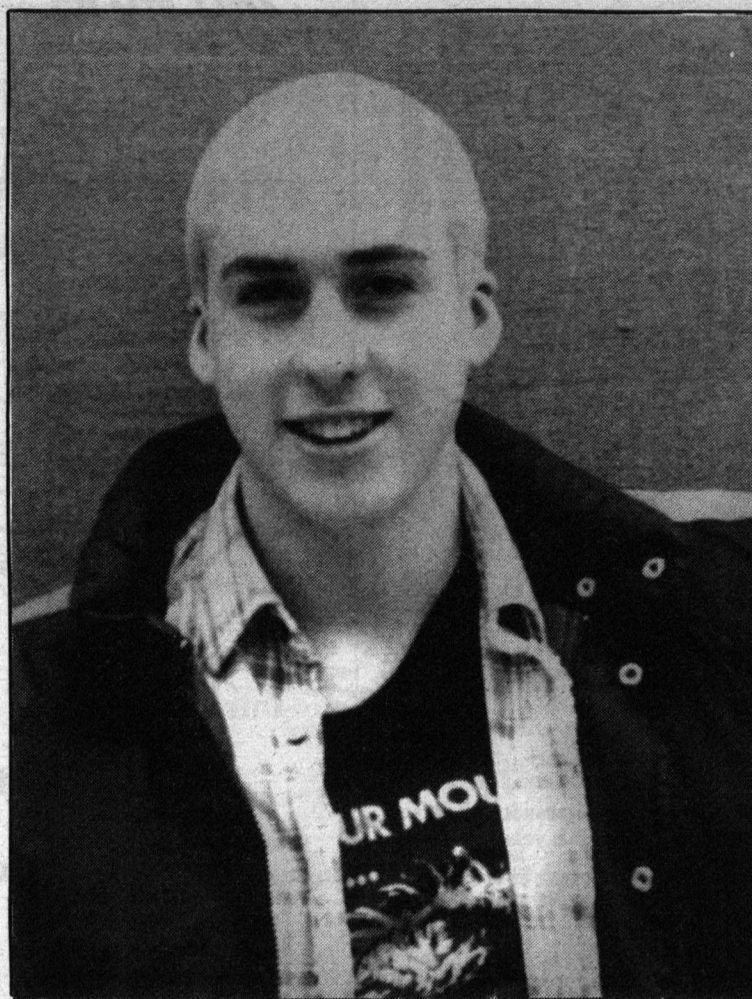
The U of A sent nine swimmers to the meet and produced some excellent results, with two swimmers qualifying for the F.I.S.U. Games in Scott Lebuke and Scott Flowers. However, Flowers elected not to attend the Games in Yugoslavia because training for the meet would interfere with his training for the 1988 Olympics.

Lebuke, who placed 5th in the 400m I.M., swam a 4:33.38 — a lifetime best. He qualified as the fastest eligible university student.

Two high school swimmers finished ahead of him, as well as Alex Baumann and Jon Kelly, who will be going to the Pan Pacific Games in Australia the week following the F.I.S.U. Games instead. Lebuke will also be swimming in the 200m I.M. as well as the 4 x 200m freestyle relay. He may also get to swim in the 200m free, depending on the scheduling of events.

"It was boss!" stated Lebuke when asked about his performance. "Before I went to the meet I thought if I didn't come home on the team I would die. I was surprised that I made it, but I sort of knew that I would. I expected it."

He's hoping that the European team competing in Yugoslavia will be small. The European Championships are only one month later and it is a very important meet for European swimmers, so some might



Bears' Scott Lebuke earned a spot in the World Universiade Games in Zareq, Yugoslavia, by recording a personal best in the 400m I.M. at the FISU trials.

elect not to go to F.I.S.U.'s.

Following Universiade, Lebuke is anticipating the Pan-American Games in Indianapolis, July 23-26. Regarding his immediate plans, he admits, "I hope my hair grows back soon. People look at me like I'm weird."

Other U of A placings at the meet were turned in by Flowers: 5th in 400m free, 6th in 200m free, 9th in 200m fly, and 13th in 100m fly.

Howie Ewashko placed 10th in the 100m breast and 15th in the 200m. Regan Williams placed 10th in the 400m free, while Judy Cowan placed 10th in the 400m I.M., missing the F.I.S.U. Games as the 3rd placing university student.

The Edmonton Keyano Swim Team won the 4 x 200m free relay. The relay was 3/4 U of A swimmers: Flowers, Williams, Lebuke, and a Keyano swimmer.

# Hoop Pandas pressed, still handle Huskiettes

by Tim Enger

Pandas 56 Huskiettes 52

It was really a no-win situation for Alberta, as they had defeated the Huskiettes by 44 points in the season opener in January.

Even if the Pandas won by a bunch Saturday, it would be looked upon as a moral victory for Saskatchewan. As long as the point differential was not 20 or more.

What resulted was a moral rout for the Huskiettes, as the Pandas survived a scare and came away with a four point win, 56 to 52.

"They really surprised us," said forward Kathy Keats. "I guess deep down we kind of expected them to roll over and die, but they came out flying and applied some tough pressure that was hard to get used to."

That was obvious, as seven minutes had gone in the game when Alberta found themselves at the wrong end of a 15-6 score.

"It was almost the opposite of the last time we played them," said head coach Diane Hilko. "This time everything went their way and their shots were going in while we struggled." So, for the rest of the first half, Alberta was forced to play catch-up, climbing to within one point at the half, 32-31.

The second half saw the Pandas full-court press finally take effect, as they quickly built a nine point lead. They were to hold that margin until the Huskiettes staged a quick comeback to draw themselves within one, with less than seven minutes left.

The remainder of the game was a rollercoaster ride that saw Alberta's lead go from one point to as high as ten, back down to two with 54 seconds left. Alberta finally settled at four on Keats' buzzer beater at the end of the game.

"It got a little tense there in the

last minutes," admitted rookie guard Patti Smith. "That's the time we like to go to Lisa (Janz) because she's always there in the crunch."

Indeed, Janz, the fifth year forward, playing in her last game in front of a home crowd, contributed six of the Pandas' last 13 points, adding one blocked shot to secure the victory.



"It was unfortunate that we let down a bit near the end," added Janz, "but we did the right things when it counted and as a result we came out on top."

The win over Saskatchewan combined with UBC's losses to Calgary and Lethbridge, clinches a playoff berth for Alberta for an unprecedented 14th straight time. In two weeks they will travel to the Canada West Conference Championship Tournament, hosted by Victoria who clinched first place over the weekend.

**Press Breaks** — Modesty will get you everywhere with the Department of Athletics as they showered the attention-shy Janz with several gifts, including a huge action shot of her on the event of her last home game as a Panda. "It's a very nice goodbye," said Janz, "they do so much for you in the time you're here, and they finish it off with saying thank you. That makes it very special."... Alberta finishes up its season next weekend on the road against UBC and Victoria... Janz and Keats tied for the leading scorer spot in the game with 14 points each.

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