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**YOU LIKE MONEY, RIGHT?** Athletics director Dale Schulha says that although the U of A is one of the top schools for scholarship dollars, the Bears and Pandas aren't able to offer everything they'd like to for new recruits coming to Alberta.

# Top recruits following dollar signs to University programs

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With three national championships under their belt this season and another pair of silver medal finishes, the University of Alberta has once again had one of the most successful athletics seasons in CIS. While athletes choose the U of A for a variety of reasons—academic record and past success among them—it also helps that the Bears and Pandas also offer among the most financial assistance in the country.

“When you talk to our coaches, their number one priority is scholarship and awards, because it's so competitive [for athletes],” Alberta athletics director Dale Schulha explained. “At this point in time, because it is such a high priority in recruitment to be able to have scholarships and awards available, there are alumni awards available from all of our alumni groups.”

In 2004/05, Alberta led the country by having their student athletes receive \$808 900. Despite this sum increasing in 2005/06 to \$833 900, Schulha still desires that CIS schools have the ability to offer more, with a scholarship system comparable to that of American universities. While the NCAA can provide a full-ride scholarship for four years, CIS limits universities to providing only tuition and fees for student athletes—and Ontario University Athletics (OUA) caps their

financial awards at \$3500 per athlete. Though the U of A is allowed cover a player's entire tuition, the money simply isn't there to do so for every player, according to Schulha, and most athletes have to settle for much less.

“We've got close to \$1 million that we give out, and it's not enough by any means; we need a lot more than that. My goal ultimately would be to see each student athlete have their tuition covered,” Schulha said. “We're a long way from that, but it would be a great goal for us to get to down the road at some time.”

Both Pandas hockey goaltender Holly Tartleton and Pandas basketball guard Ashley Wigg noted that they had up to half their tuition paid in some years, adding that it was a significant amount, which helps in recruiting new athletes.

“When I was making my decision to go to school, I wanted to go to a good school and a good hockey team, and money was a major determining factor because the U of A could provide a lot more than any other Canadian school,” Tartleton said.

While they may not have the money to offer full scholarships to all their athletes, Canada West schools have still been pushing for less stringent rules on financial awards, according to the conference's executive director, Val Schneider. However, their attempts have been shut down by the

other schools in the country—specifically in Ontario, which has the most universities.

“In order to get an award, [an entering student] must have an 80 per cent average. Our feeling is that perhaps if they're legitimate students of a university and they meet the acceptance requirements of the university—if, say, they have a 75 per cent average—it has been our position that they should be eligible. But we haven't been able to get that kind of support across the country,” Schneider explained.

The OUA's position is the opposite. As a conference, they're in no hurry to alter either the CIS' scholarship restrictions or their own, according to OUA President Lorne Adams.

“There are a couple of schools that would like to align themselves with the CIS, but the bulk of the [universities] around the [OUA] indicate they were happy to look into a more phased-in approach to increasing the amount [Ontario schools can offer],” Adams said, but noted that because they aren't allowed to offer as much as schools in other parts of the country, Ontario teams may be losing out in recruiting.

“The argument is that if we can't offer the same as everybody else, kids are going to go East or West. From the coaches' perspective, that doesn't put [Ontario universities] on a level playing field.”

SFU, Manitoba, Winnipeg, UBC and Calgary—came from Canada West.

• Despite having the most CIS athletes in the country in 2004/05 with 429, the University of Guelph contributed only \$3500 in awards, relying on \$308 957 in third-party dollars.

• Although they have 101 CIS athletes, Trent University didn't award a dime of their own money or that of a third-party in 2004/05. They were the only school in CIS to do so, though Royal Military College only gave out \$1000.

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## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

• Of the \$833 900 awarded last year by the U of A, only \$314 700 came from the University. The rest came from other sources that aren't institution-specific, such as the Western Hockey League scholarships—the league pays for one year's tuition for every year spent in it—and Jimmy Condon awards—\$900 bursaries given per semester by the provincial government to Albertan residents in postsecondary athletics.

• The U of A leads the country in these third-party awards with \$519 200 in 2005/06, and \$479 700 in 2004/05.

• The university-awarded scholarships at the U of A come mainly from alumni and individual donations for bursaries or endowments. These are often made team- or faculty-specific, depending on the wishes of the donor.

• Regina led the country in university-given awards in 2004/05 by awarding \$478 616, which is \$149 416 more than Alberta, the next closest institution.

• Of the 16 universities that awarded over \$100 000 in 2004/05, half of them—Alberta, Saskatchewan, Regina,