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NOW PICTURE THIS WITH TREES The Bears and Pandas have been practicing up for the CIS qualifier meet at Hawrelak.

Memorial meet matters to U of A

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As they run through the trees in Hawrelak Park this weekend for the Stewart Memorial Cup, the U of A's cross-country athletes will have dual motivation to do their best. Not only is it the selection meet for the national championships, but it's also in memory of two Alberta cross-country athletes.

Former Golden Bear Brian Stewart, and his brother Gerry, who competed at U of C, died in a 2003 mountaineering accident. The Stewart Cup has been run every year since in their honour, alternating between the two schools. Because of that connection, it's always a special event on the U of A cross-country schedule, even though the current athletes will likely never have met the brothers.

"They know there's something special about the Stewart Cup," head cross-country coach Georgette Reed said. "It's an honour to be a member of the program and the legacy that these athletes have added to the program."

"Every athlete on the team wants to run in the Stewart Cup. Whether they've made the travelling squad before or not, if they've come and worked hard in practice, we'll put

every athlete in to run."

This year, the event has more pragmatic importance as well. Placement this weekend will determine who the Bears and Pandas send to CIS nationals two weeks from now in Victoria.

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ALBERTA HEAD COACH

That's where Alberta was last weekend, and Reed said that the results were encouraging. She has high hopes for both her teams in terms of results—the Pandas in particular. They were ranked tenth nationally, and managed to beat the fourth-ranked UVic women.

Reed is enthusiastic about how her athletes have been performing so far this year. Both the men's and women's teams are young—none of them have been with the U of A more than two years—but she sees that as a benefit and is happy with their progress so far.

"We're getting results from our teams right now that we didn't really expect," Reed said. "They're doing better than what we had planned,

so we're looking at definitely having some positive results this year, and then it's just going to get better and better in the next couple of years as they get more and more experienced.

"With all these guys being at most two years with the program, we've got a different attitude. It's fresher; it's more focused; it's really team-oriented. I'm really pleased with that, and I think the sky's the limit with this program."

On Alberta's side will be the fact that they know the terrain very well. They train at Hawrelak Park regularly, and know what to expect from the route.

"We know the trails at Hawrelak Park, and we run them, and so being able to plan and put together a course that's going to be challenging and competitive could be taken as a home-field advantage," Reed said.

But she emphasized that familiarity with the course was just one part of the equation.

"It's mostly just going out there and running hard, and whether it's a trail you've run 100 times or you're running it for the first time, you're still attacking it by sticking with your race plan and doing what you have to do to get ahead of your competitors."

The Bears and Pandas will try to do just that this Saturday at Hawrelak Park. The race begins at 10am.

SPORTS SHORTS

By Robin Collum

End of the line for football Bears

Well, that's the season for the Golden Bears football team (2-6). The Green and Gold, like their professional colour counterparts, lost another game on the weekend. And though the Eskos are still (slightly) in the running for the post-season, the Bears' 28-13 home loss to second-place Saskatchewan (5-2) in their last game of the year last weekend was the final nail in their playoff coffin.

Probably the biggest highlight for Alberta from Saturday's game was Tendayi Jozzy's career-high 51-yard touchdown run in the second-half. The Bears were laid low by Huskies quarterback Laurence Nixon, who completed 33 passes for 342 yards.

That bus back home'll be a downer

They started the season with a pair of losses, but the Bears hockey team (4-1-1) are back on the winning wagon. The Lethbridge players were hanging their

horns on the long ride home after the Bears beat them 8-2 on Friday and 8-3 on Saturday. Alberta scored four power-play goals on both nights.

High-scoring lines for Pandas

It was a bad weekend for skating Lethbridgians of both genders. Surprising no one, the Pandas hockey team swept another weekend, beating the 'Horns 7-1 on Friday and 4-1 on Saturday in Lethbridge. The Pandas, ever democratic, spread scoring around the team, though Jen Newton and Miranda Miller each scored two goals on Friday.

Pandas celebrate Hoopfest

The basketball Pandas got some good experience this weekend, hosting teams from across the country for Hoopfest, not to be confused with the much beerier Octoberfest. The Pandas—reigning CIS silver-medallists—defeated Waterloo, Bishop's, and Concordia to sweep the tourney.

Alberta saw solid efforts from a number of their returning players, including high-scorers Kristin Jarock, Ashley Wigg, Katie Barrett, Trish Ariss. Newcomer Caitlin Stiksma also put on an impressive show.

At least they're better than the Oil

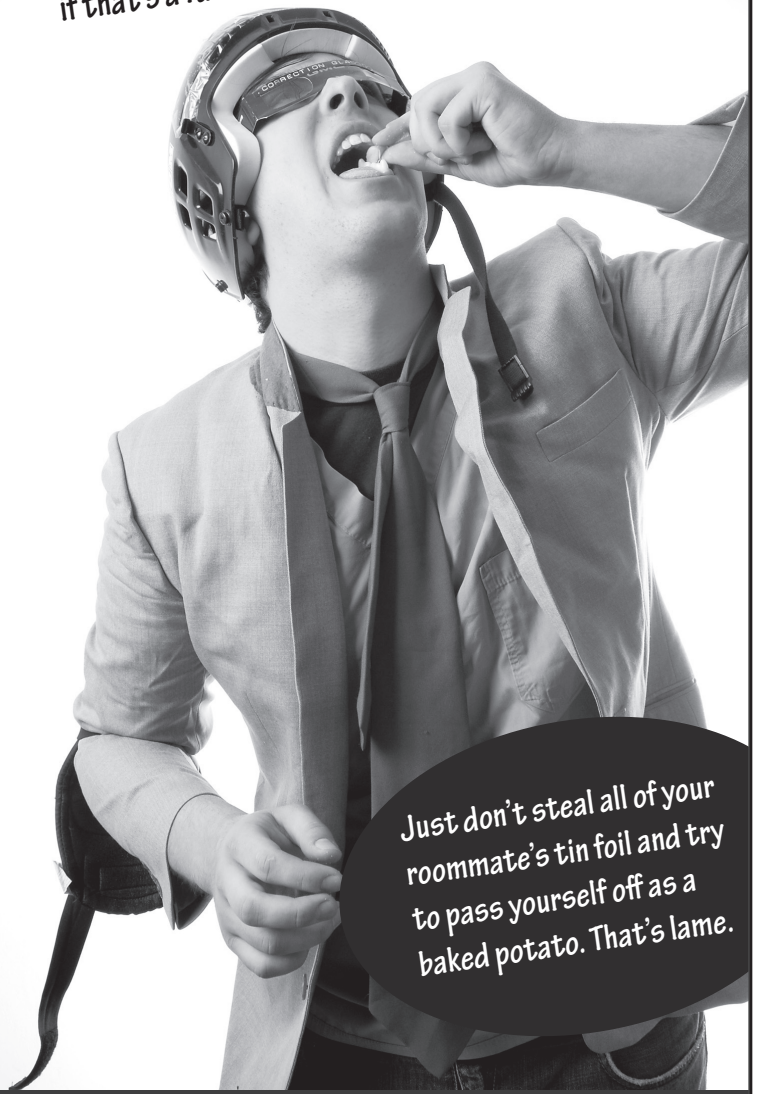
Another team that finished their season this past weekend is the field hockey Pandas, but they did it on a high note. Alberta, who finish the year placed third in Canada West and won't be advancing to CIS nationals, took out the conference-leading UBC Thunderbirds 2-0. Of course, since the Canada West standings had already been determined before the game, the 'Birds were using the match to give younger players some time, but it was still an accomplishment, not to mention a way to bring the Pandas season full-circle. They opened the year with a win against UBC as well.

Awards were handed out to Alberta this weekend as well: both Erin Mason and Jennifer Zwicker were named Canada West All-Stars, and Zwicker got the conference nomination for the Gail Wilson Award, a CIS prize given to the outstanding community contributor.

Shirts and skins

True story: Natalie was given a free pink lacy tanktop last night, only to find that she already owns a matching bra. She's wearing them both today and looks pretty.

Halloween is all about dressing up like a moron & getting free candy. That's why on 31 October—that's next Wednesday—we'll be giving away some sugary treats! You've got to be in costume though, so come on up to the Gateway office in 3-04 SUB between 2-10pm dressed as whatever you feel like being, even if that's a random assemblage of household items.



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