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the Bears

## Campus hockey squad enjoys another successful season



**TERRY CUTLER**  
... holds scholarship

By DON MOREN

Winning games has been the mark of the hockey Golden Bears in recent years.

In the eight years that Clare Drake has been coach of the club, the Bears have won five Western Intercollegiate Athletic Association crowns and reached the finals of the national championship two out of four years the championship has been put up for grabs.

This season is not much different as far as the won-lost columns go. At the time this was written, the Bears were in second place in the West with ten wins and one loss

for 22 points. The extra two points come from two three-point games won over the UBC Thunderbirds.

The Bears have the equivalent of two full games in hand on the front running Saskatchewan Huskies, who have twelve wins and two losses.

### WIN RIGHT

The University of Alberta also won the right to represent the Province of Alberta in the First Canadian Winter Games at Quebec City this week by dumping University of Calgary Dinosaurs four times.

The Games will feature a hockey tournament pitting the top university teams in Canada against each other.

The Bears were invited to the Centennial College Hockey Tournament at the Montreal Forum in early January. They made it to the semifinals before being downed by the top-ranked University of Toronto Blues 8-5.

Should the Bears win the western championship they will probably get another crack at the Blues in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union championships to be held here in Edmonton March 9 to 11 in conjunction with Second Century Week.

Players for the Bears see plenty of action. Alberta plays a 45-game schedule this year, counting the Montreal tourney and the Canadian Winter Games matches.

### SEE THE WORLD

Travel has been a significant part of the Bears' itinerary. The team has travelled to distant points such as Vancouver, Winnipeg, Montreal and are going to Quebec City and Denver, Colorado.

College hockey teams play a calibre much higher than the public is aware of. Several Golden Bears are considering playing for the pros or the national team.

Darrell LeBlanc, for instance, was out at the Los Angeles Blades' training camp last summer for a tryout. Brian Harper, Bear captain, is a top prospect for the National team.

The Bears' exhibition schedule includes such teams as the Edmonton Nuggets, Red Deer Rustlers, and Drumheller Miners of the Western Canada Senior Hockey League. The Miners are defending Allan Cup champions.

### HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIPS

A recent innovation in the Alberta collegiate hockey scene has been the Molson scholarships for Alberta boys entering university in the province who have shown exceptional ability in hockey as well as academic proficiency.

Twelve awards were made to Alberta students to cover tuition fees of recipients. Of the seven scholarships awarded to the University of Alberta frosh, one player, Terry Cutler, made the team.

The Bears play their home games in perhaps the best university arena in Western Canada. The University Rink has artificial ice, its stands are heated and has a seating capacity of 2,800. But at times 3,500 spectators have jammed the place.

With the coaching of Clare Drake and the attraction of top players to the university it is quite likely that the Bears will continue to finish on top for many years to come.

## Football team rebounds from tough season; eyes future

By LAWRIE HIGNELL

The football Golden Bears had their hands filled with bad luck this year, when the national ratings came out in the fall and Alberta was placed in third.

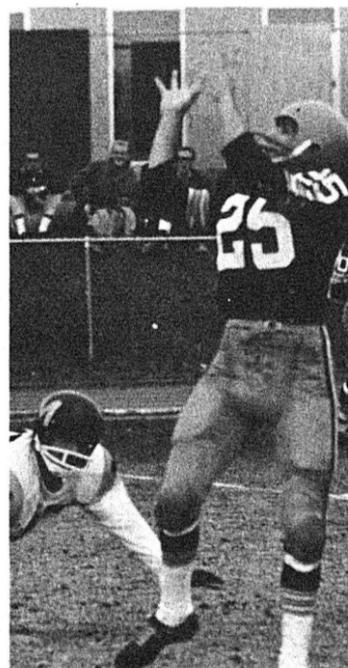
Even before the season started, the Bears lost an exhibition game to the Waterloo Lutheran University Golden Hawks 23-6 and trouble appeared in the Bears' hope for a return trip east to avenge last year's loss.

The season got off on the right foot, however, as the Bears smothered the Saskatchewan Huskies 21-0 in Saskatoon, and then travelled to Calgary to annihilate the Dinosaurs 44-7.

But the very next weekend, when the Bears were playing their first home game of the season, they escaped with a questionable 17-14 victory over the same Dinosaurs.

**FIRST LOSS**  
The Manitoba Bisons handed the Bears their first defeat of the season in Winnipeg 4-2 as the Bears failed to muster any defense, their only two points coming on a conceded safety touch.

On the Bisons' visit to Edmonton, they were rudely welcomed by the Bears and handed a convincing 33-9 defeat, keeping the Bears,



**JOHN VIOLINI**  
... sticky-fingered receiver

hopes for the national final open.

The offense once again went on strike in Vancouver as the UBC Thunderbirds upset the Bears 17-0 and the final game in front of the home town crowd was the last blow in a tough season. The Huskies revenged their first loss by crushing the Bears 40-7.

The season was not, by any means, an entire loss to the Bear squad, as they uncovered several rookie players who will undoubtedly help the team in the future.

### HOT PROSPECTS

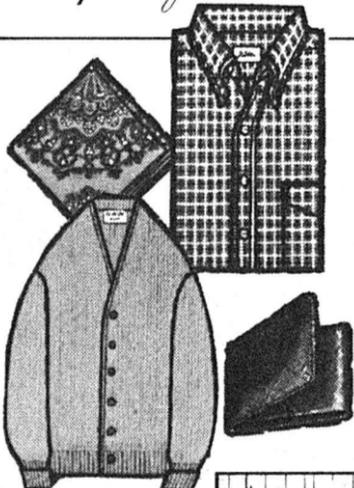
Dave Wray, offensive guard, (rookie trophy winner), Les Sorensen, fullback (backfield trophy winner), and Ludwig Daubner are only three of the hottest prospects uncovered this year.

With the loss of Willie Algajer at quarterback, the Bears were faced with a major rebuilding job from the first of the season, but the pivot position was capably handled by Gary Corbett (former Edmonton Huskie) and Terry Lampert.

Both offensive and defensive lines were spotted with rookies but the experience gained this year will give the 1967 Bears a good chance to regain the WCIAA crown.



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