

Mitchelson's Golden Bear B'ballers open camp

Squad much improved over last season

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He shoots! Squish! Two Points!
Yes, it's that time of year again. It's basketball season!

The Golden Bears, basketball variety, opened their training camp two weeks ago and had 56 hopefuls try out for the team.

This presented Head Coach Barry Mitchelson with a difficult but rather pleasant problem. Which players was he going to recruit for the squad? The rule book states that he is allowed only 12 players on the roster.

WHAT TO DO

What to do? First, Mitchelson had a good look at all the prospects by dividing them into two smaller and more workable groups.

Second, out came a bottle (of aspirin tablets) and several sleepless nights.

Third, out came another bottle (of decision pills) and magically 12 names appeared on the roster.

This doesn't end Mitchelson's problems, but, it does end his reliance on the bottle. He still has to come up with a starting lineup, but this decision he is leaving to the players themselves. In his words, "It's going to be a dog-fight for the starting five positions." May the better men win.

Regardless of who wins the starting positions, this year's squad has to be an improvement over last year's.

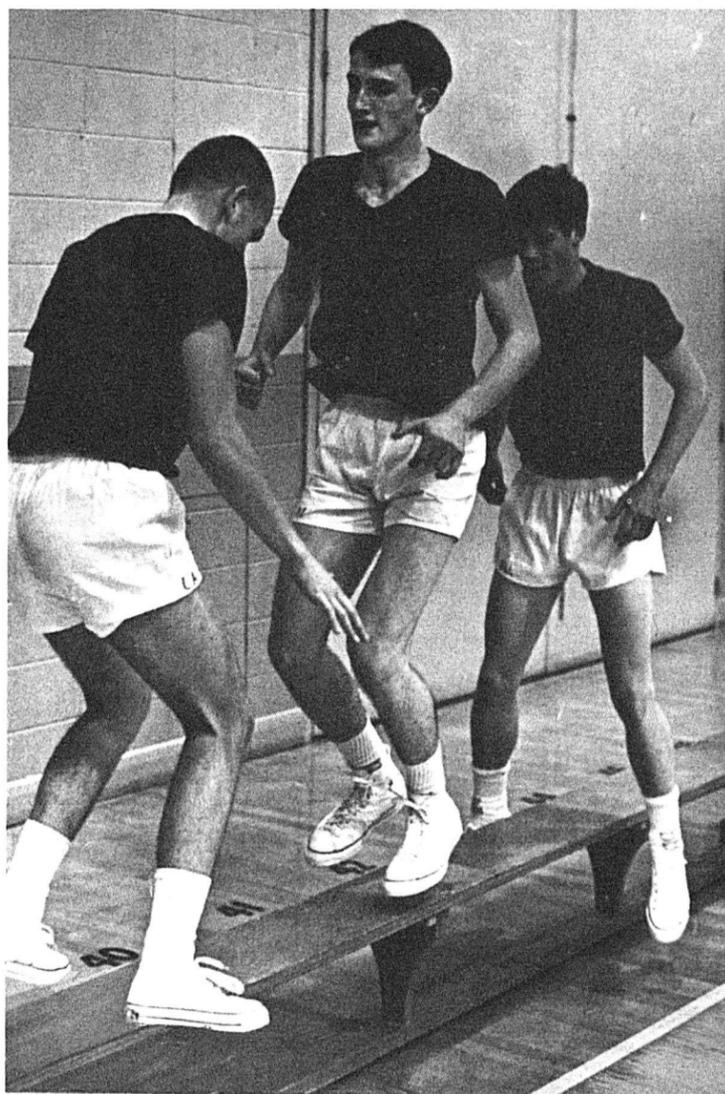
Mitchelson has six returnees from last season in Larry Nowak, Brian

Rakoz, Dave Swann, Ian Walker, Al Melnychuk and Warren Champion. Most of them were rookies last year and a season's experience under their belts should produce dynamite (No, it doesn't work in chemistry, but then basketball isn't chemistry).

Also returning are Don Melnychuk (right, they're brothers) and Andy Skujins who were on a leave of absence last year. Both have previous experience with the Bears.

Add three promising rookies to this squad, Paul Pomietlarz, Dick DeKlerk and Bobby Morris (top Bearcat scorer last year), and you have what should be a **TEAM**.

Their testing period will begin on Nov. 2 when the Bears meet the Edmonton Chieftains in the main gym of the phys ed bldg at 8 p.m.



THREE BOUNCING B'BALLERS
... conditioning underway

Varsity curling revamped

The U of A Curling Club has come up with a new elimination system for determining the Alberta representative to play in the WCI-AA meet in Saskatoon, Feb. 20.

A series of five bonspiels will be held to determine the U of A representative. The first four of these spiels will be qualifying spiels with 16 rinks per spiel. The top four rinks from each spiel will be taken to play in the fifth and final spiel to determine the Alberta representative.

No rink or part thereof will be permitted to enter a second qualifying spiel unless there are less than 16 rinks and they have placed higher in their previous attempt than anyone else who wants to re-

enter. Qualifiers will not be permitted to re-enter.

This system has replaced the former marathon system in which one rink could play as many as 10 games in two and one-half days.

Entries for the spiels will be taken at the general office, phys ed bldg. The entry fee is \$10 per rink. All draws will be posted by 5 p.m., the Friday before the bonspiel.

The spiels are as follows:

Spiel No.	Date	Entry	Deadline
1.	Oct. 26, 27	5 p.m.	Oct. 24
2.	Nov. 9, 10	5 p.m.	Nov. 7
3.	Dec. 7, 8	5 p.m.	Dec. 5
4.	Feb. 8, 9	5 p.m.	Feb. 6
5.	Feb. 15	16—	

Sport shorts

There will be an organizational meeting of the Edmonton Basketball Officials Association at 7:30 p.m. Monday, in the phys ed bldg., rm. 124. Anyone interested in officiating basketball in Edmonton is invited to attend.

Cycle Drag

An ideal way to get warmed-up for the Bear-Husky football game tomorrow is to head out to Bonnie Doon School at 12:30 p.m. to watch the Mens' Intramural Cycle Drag.

The cycle drag is a team event in which eight man teams from the various units ride for 25 miles—100 laps of a 440 yard track—in a race against the clock.

The race features a traditional LeMans start in which riders must run to their bikes and then commence the gruelling pace. All bicycles must not have cables or gears. However, girls' or boys' bikes may be used.

Each of the eight riders must ride for at least one of the 100 laps—so theoretically one rider could go for 93 laps and the remaining seven do one lap each. In the past this has been found to be poor strategy, though.

Last year the Engineers managed to eke out a first place finish over Lower Res. The plumbers covered the distance in one hour and 20 minutes—amazing when you consider the Engineers are traditionally slow-movers!

All indications thus far show

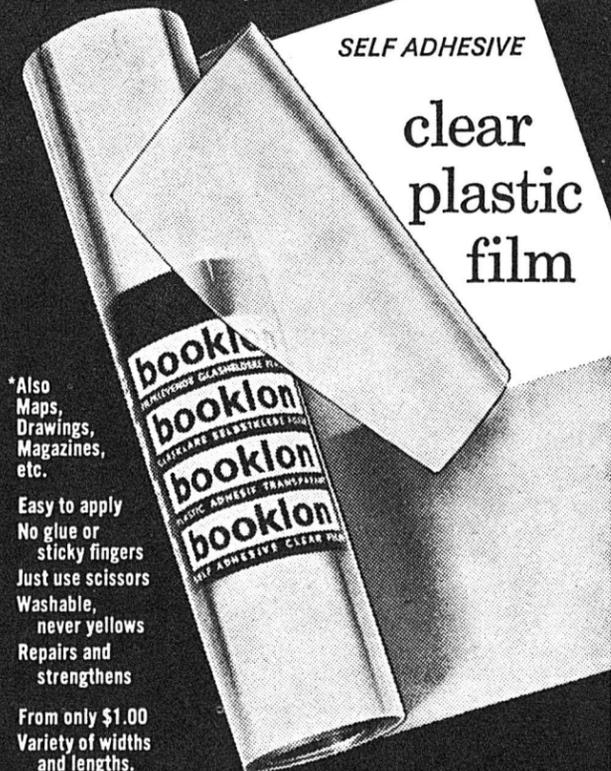
Recreation as the favorite this year. The "dark horse" entry has to be Dentistry—the tooth-pullers have had daily time trials and have come up with their best and fastest eight. If you want to see the greatest

race since the Klondike Trial 200, be at the Bonnie Doon school track at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow—admission is free and we guarantee the winner will be in doubt until the 99th lap.

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