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**TAKING AIM AT A TITLE**—The four members and coach of the University of Alberta's women's curling team draw aim above, on the Western Canadian intercollegiate championship. The team is, left to right, lead Mabel Lewis, skip Nancy

Robb, coach Richard Price, third Elaine Souness and second Carolyn Dyck. The team began play in the championships at Saskatoon Thursday. Alberta, under Price's coaching, has won the Western title the past two years. Elaine and Carolyn were both members of last year's team.

## Rock Trial Next Week

University of Alberta students are again reminded that entry deadline in the men's curling playdowns (Western intercollegiate trials) is Feb. 6.

All entries must be posted in the main office of the Physical Education Building. Only complete rinks will be accepted. Entry fee is \$6 per rink.

The playdowns are slated for Feb. 13-14 at the Sportex. Winner of the bonspiel will represent Alberta at the WCI-AA championships in Regina Feb. 26-27.

# Wrestlers Honey, Meet The Golden Bear Icers

By Alex Hardy

Coach Gino Fracas and his U of A wrestling team take to the road again today.

Fracas' Bears compete today and Saturday in the University of Saskatchewan invitational tournament at Saskatoon.

Tonight they tackle Saskatchewan in a meeting of last year's conference co-champions. Saturday afternoon the two schools join with Regina College in a triangular meet.

Golden Bears returned Monday from Vancouver, where they split in meets against University of British Columbia and Western Washington State at the weekend.

They whipped UBC 25-13, then bowed 24-11 to the U.S. school, which had earlier upset the University of Washington varsity.

"Washington told us we gave them their stiffest competition of the year," Fracas said.



**WILTON LITTLECHILD**

One of Alberta Golden Bear coach Drake's brightest hopes for the future is Wilton Littlechild.

A well-built 20-year-old from Hobbema, Littlechild is playing his first season with the defending Canadian intercollegiate hockey champions.

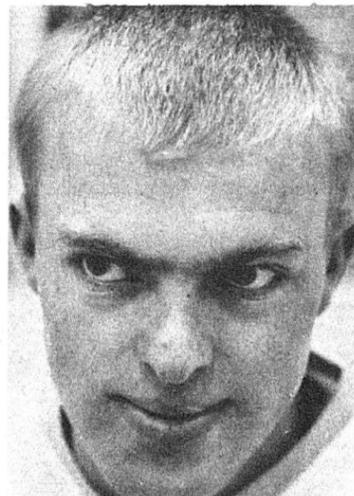
Drake figures Littlechild is one year away from being a solid intercollegiate performer, but recognizes his fine potential. Wilt has also been spending some time with Brian McDonald's junior varsity Bearcats.

Standing five-foot-eight and weighing 151 pounds, Littlechild doesn't have the size to mix it up along the boards with some of the large-sized defensemen in the league. But he does have finesse, and can skate and stickhandle with the best.

A first-year physical education student, Wilt is unmarried and says he's "playing the field."

He hopes to continue playing hockey after university, but says his ambition is to become a physical education teacher. He tries his hand at several sports, but says baseball is his best outside of hockey.

He lists drawing (sketch work) as his primary hobby.



**ED WAHL**

Watching Ed Wahl perform with a puck, a casual observer might think the high-scoring University of Alberta Golden Bear centre was born with a hockey stick in his hands.

Wahl currently leads the Golden Bear scoring parade with eight goals and 13 assists. In addition to his scoring prowess, he's one of the club's strongest skaters.

He's also a fast man with a quip. As a result he's been tabbed "the poor man's Jack Benny."

An exceptional penalty-killer, Ed showed this aspect of hockey at its best during last year's Canadian intercollegiate championships at Kingston.

A 21-year-old from Calgary ("And don't forget that," he says), Wahl is playing his third season with Golden Bears. He is a fourth-year education major.

He hopes to continue playing hockey when he graduates from university. He also expects to teach school. "I like kids," he says.

Besides hockey, Ed is a shuffleboard shark. "I'm king down at the Park Hotel," he quips. His studies and hockey leave him little time for hobbies, but he does manage to referee intramural hockey and basketball.

Regarding his status with girls, he says, "I'm unattached but available."



**BRIAN HARPER**

Ask a hockey scout to pick the most likely professional prospect on the University of Alberta Golden Bear roster, and chances are he'll choose 21-year-old Brian Harper.

Harper, whose brother Terry is a regular defenseman with Montreal Canadiens, attended Les Habitants' pre-season camp himself last fall.

Canadiens wanted to send him to Omaha Knights of the Central Professional League, but Brian elected to continue his education instead. At present he's not certain he wants to try a career as a pro.

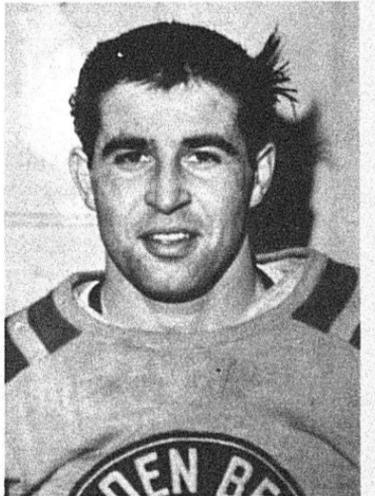
"I'm more interested in finishing school," he says. "My first ambition is to get a teaching job."

A left-winger from Regina, Harper is a second-year physical education student.

Sharp around the net, he leads Bears in goal production with nine in six conference games.

Harper was stricken with hepatitis last season. Now fully recovered, he is a key to Golden Bears' Canadian title aspirations.

Tall, dark and handsome at 6'1" and 184 pounds, Brian lists turtle-racing as his main hobby. He has a steady girlfriend. "But don't put that in the paper," he warns. So pretend you didn't read it girls.



**OREST SWYRIPA**

It took Orest Swyripa less than a game to show University of Alberta hockey coach Clare Drake he could be counted on in the clutch.

Swyripa was shoved in the nets in the third period of Golden Bears' Jan. 30 game against University of Saskatchewan Huskies. It was his first intercollegiate start, and he couldn't have picked a more tense time to make his debut.

Saskatchewan had beaten Golden Bears 5-3 the night before, and were leading the Bearmen 4-3 when Swyripa stepped between the pipes.

He proceeded to shut out the Huskies through 30 full minutes as Alberta tied the game in regulation time and went on to win 5-4 in overtime.

Just who is Orest Swyripa? He's a 20-year-old education student from Myrnam, Alta., via the Regina Pats juniors. Swyripa played two years at Regina before coming to Alberta, where he's currently in his second year.

Standing 5'9" and tipping the Toledo's at 165 pounds, Orest says he's not keenly interested in a hockey career.

My education comes first," he maintains.

Single, he plays almost every sport, with baseball his favorite. He has no steady girl friend.



**LARRY SPEERS**  
... beats Yankee

Two Albertans, 177-pound Bruce Switzer and 191-pound Larry Speers, won bouts against their American opponents.

Speers also defeated his BC opponent. Switzer drew, while other Alberta winners were Mas Kinoshita, Dennis Christianson, Dennis Nelson, and Brian Heffel.