

SPORTS

"Hello, Snake, this here's the Duck"

It seems that nearly all the fans that have been attending the Golden Bear basketball games this year have been watching the players without really knowing who they are. Sure you can look in the program and see names like Doug Baker, Dave Holland and Len Davidiuk but what about their real names, the names they're tagged with by their teammates.

One thing that always comes about from playing on a team is the comradery and kidding that goes along with the sport of tagging nicknames on one another, some complimentary others not so complimentary.

There are two categories when it comes to nicknames. The first are nicknames derived from a player's name. The players who fall into this category don't need an explanation behind their pseudonyms. For example captain Dave Holland is "Dutch", Len Davidiuk is "Duck", and Colin Fennell, is "Fin". They don't have to be unique either, one that has stood the test of time is "Smitty" which Keith Smith goes by. Bob Baker is "B.B." while Bain McMillan has two names, three if you count his proper name. Bain is known as "Bainer" or "Old Man" since at 25 Bain is the senior citizen on the team.

The second category are players named for an unusual mannerism, resemblance to someone or a unique incident on the court. This category is less common and usually more colourful and explanations are necessary to catch the implied meaning. So the explanations given after each name will be the player's story (believe it or not).

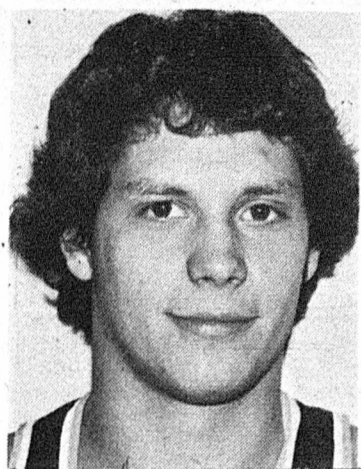
Doug Baker is known throughout Alberta as "Snake", a name he picked up while playing at Mount Royal College in Calgary. "I used to play real loose, with my arms flailing around and people said it reminded them of a snake." Lowell Neumann is referred to as "The Shadow", named by the rest of the team since the 6'5" rookie is usually seen by the players in the form of a shadow because of his habit of walking a few steps behind everyone else.

Doug Lucas is "Dip" named so by the coach during a practice when he attempted a shot that resembled a dip, which was anything but successful but certainly amusing, needless to say he hasn't tried out it's effectiveness in league play. Brent Patterson is "Bert", a name he picked up in high school because of his resemblance to the sesame street character. Finally we come to Mike Abercrombie who is affectionately known as "Zee" by his comrades. The tag was originally given to him by "Snake" (Baker) and it stands for zombie or dozy and after seeing Mike make an entrance down a set of stairs in a matter of seconds, ignoring the usual mode of conveyance we call walking, the nickname isn't all that inappropriate.

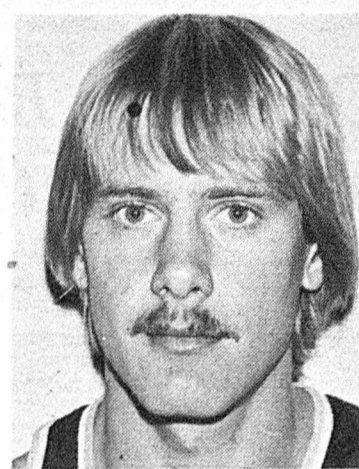
Nicknames don't stop with the players, even the coaches, Barry Mitchelson and Tom Kendall aren't immune from the name game. Mitchelson is "The Bear" or "Mitch" and Kendall is "T.K.". Finally manager Steve Hoffart is called Sherlock because he tells me of his initials S.H. but it could be because of his keen sense of direction which he's demonstrated on several occasions without the aid of his glasses in a dark motel room.



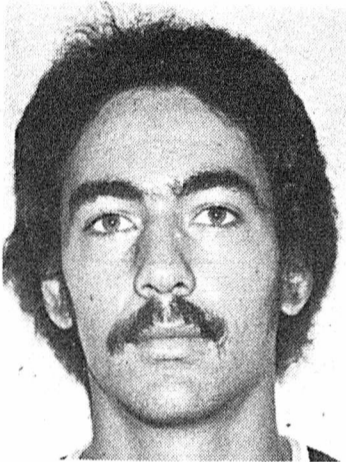
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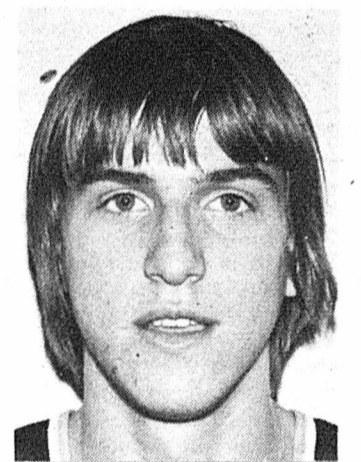
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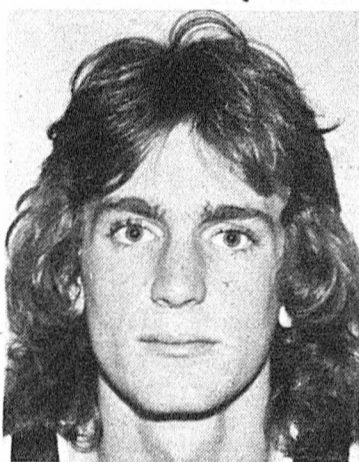
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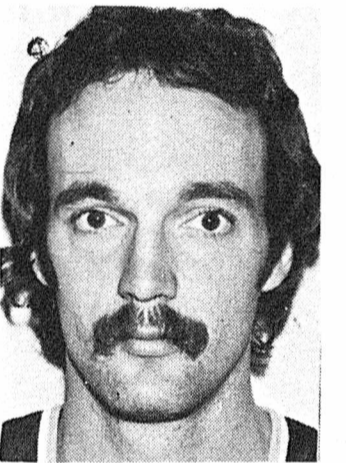
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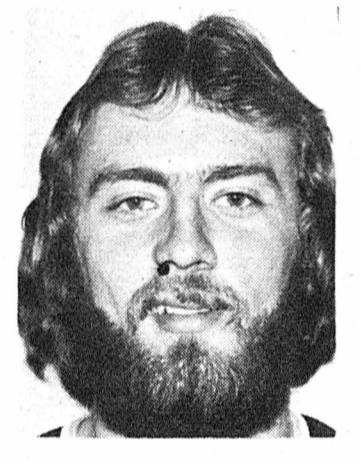
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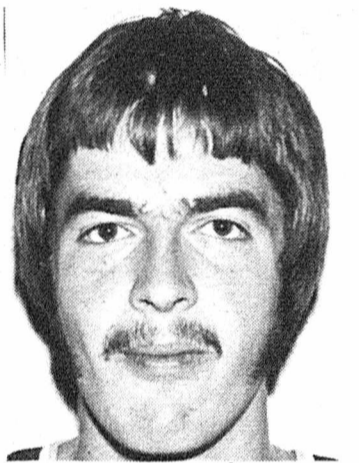
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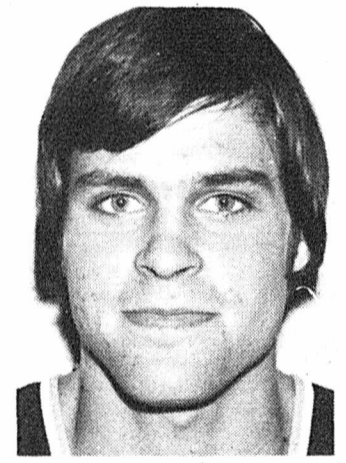
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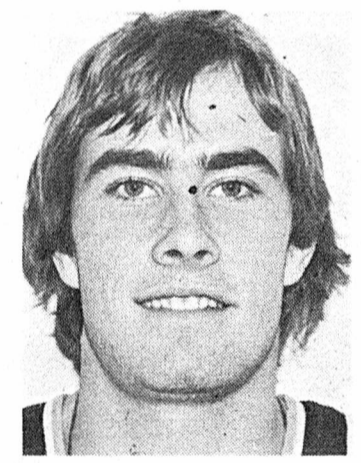
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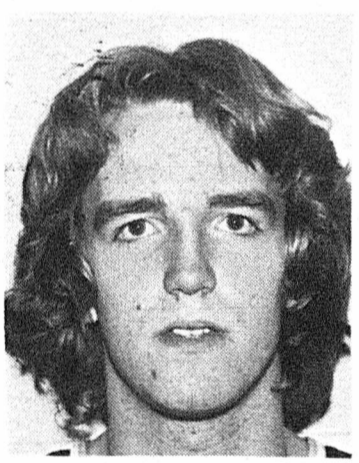
The Shadow



Dip



Bert



Zee

Fencers skewer 3 team titles

U of A fencers captured three out of four team titles plus a gold, 2 silver and one bronze medal in individual events at the

Can-Am Collegiate Fencing Tournament February 14, 15 in Winnipeg.

Alberta won top honours in the Men's team Foil, Team Epee, and Team Sabre, and were runner up in Women's Team Foil. Alex Pozniak won the team's lone gold medal in Men's Individual Foil, plus the two silver medals in Individual Epee

and Individual Sabre. John Stothort took the bronze medal in Individual Epee. Bill Robertson, Stephen Leung, and Pozniak made up the men's team in Foil and Sabre while Stothort joined Pozniak and Leung for the Epee. The women's team was composed of Marga van der Lugt, Laura Sawyer and Mary Jane Henning.

Panda Gymnasts - 2nd best gymnasts

This past weekend, in rainy Vancouver, the Pandas placed second to BC in the UBC Invitational meet. The team totals were BC with 100.10 points and U of A with 94.25 points.

The presence of former international competitor Jennifer Diachun helped BC immensely as did Lenka Svatek, formerly of U of A. These 2 girls placed first and second respectively in every event and placed first and second all round with scores of 37.70 and 33.70.

The remaining 4 all round

places were taken by U of A competitors - Barb Rutherford 32.90; Peggy Downton 30.15; Wah King NG 29.60; and Yvonne Van Soest 29.50.

This coming weekend the Pandas travel to Calgary for the Western Canadian Finals. At this meet the top six all round competitors will be chosen. These six girls will then travel to Laval Quebec the following weekend for the National Championships. It would appear that the Pandas have a good chance to take 3 or 4 of the 6 spots.

Men's Intramurals

The Slalom Ski Race last weekend was participated in by 110 people, undoubtedly all enthusiasts. Ideal conditions were hampered by a lack of snow and the prevalence of ice. More than one ski was nicked by rocks although the wee pets did attempt to stay hidden. The Engineering Unit brought out the largest contingent although could place no one in the winners circle.

Tony Warren, A.A.A. was the "A" winner with a combined time of 39.6. In the "B" event, Bob Smith, Theta Chi won with a combined time of 39.8. The "C" event was won by D. McClelland of Deke's with runs of 29.0 and 28.6 for a combined time of

57.6. The Co-Rec event title was captured by Vickie Weixl and Igor Kacerik with a time of 38.0.

Moving on from the cold climate of ski racing to the relative luxury of the SUB bowling lanes, we notice that Dave Welsh, Phi Delta Gamma, won the Bowling title with a three game score of 680. Placing second and third respectively were A. Gullehais of Henday scoring 679 and Hauff of Law with a score of 657. We trust that everyone had a ball.

In Curling, Zen Chaba, Education, was the overall winner. Dupilka of Forestry and Richens of Dentistry won "A" and "C" events respectively. Congratulations to their team

members and for the other rinks keep trying. We hope you all had a good time.

Upon your return from "Ski Week" two intramural activities will be run. The Table Tennis tournament, March 4 and 5 will be run in the West Gym from 7:30 - 10:30 each night. Please show up for your matches on time as defaults are a drag. The annual Snooker tournament March 2, 3, 4 will be held in the SUB poolhall. Game times will be between 7:30 - 11:30 p.m.

The draws for both Table Tennis and Snooker will be posted at the intramural office by Friday, Feb. 20. Please check your individual match times. Have a good "Ski Week". Sun Valley here I come!