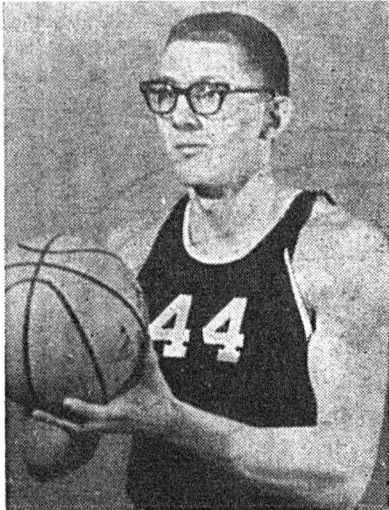


# '62 Golden Bears Have Talent, Need Time



**NESTOR KORCHINSKY**  
... centre

Coach Steve Mendryk's biggest problem each basketball season is producing a team to match the increasingly tougher WCIAA competition.

This year, with the T-Birds, perennial league power, the Huskies, the Bisons (returning to the league after a one year absence); and the UAC Dinosaurs (Gronk!—new arrivals to the conference) all fielding strong teams, his headaches are doubled.

Faced with the loss of three key veterans, Coach Mendryk has been forced to place Golden Bear hopes in the hands of inexperienced recruits, in a major rebuilding program.

### NEED TIME TO MATURE

It isn't that these freshmen are going to be a liability to the team in even the remotest manner for in this year's roster includes more than ample talent. But like seventeen-day-home brew, the team needs time to "mature". Once they jell as

a unit, the Bearmen will become a serious threat.

Coach Mendryk will be building the team around an all-too-small nucleus of veterans. There are only two third year basketballers offering their experience to the squad.

### TALENT AVAILABLE

But with the talent available in the first and second year players, Mendryk has enough to choose from. In fact, the first year men present a problem for the coach in that he has difficulty in choosing those who can't make a particular road trip because of the ten player limit.

Garry Smith, one of the two all-star Bearmen, heads the list of Golden Bear personnel.

Guard Garry Smith is in his third year with the Bears. A graduate of Bonnie Doon, he starred with the Lancers. Smith, the best Bearman under pressure, is a good all-round cager, and has very few off days. But, with Lloyd Harris now playing for UAC, he will have to improve defensively if he expects a position on this year's all-star team.

Another South-side graduate, guard Rod Esper is in his second year with the club. Starting late this season because of Bear football, Rod has been practicing for only two weeks. The 6'1" guard carries his own load on offense.

Ross Sheppard High School seems to be a good source of basketball talent, as that institution has provided the Bears with three cagemen.

Second year Bearman and third year plumber, 6'5" Jeff Hakeman expects to be back in action next week, after suffering torn knee ligaments three weeks ago against the Lethbridge Nationals. The quiet consistent centre has the best shot of the big men on the team and is a good rebounder.

John Hennessey, in his first year with the squad, is talented enough to displace one of the regulars, according to Mendryk. The 6'3" forward has a good shot and is a real

hustler. In the game at Vancouver last week-end John scored six points and had four rebounds in the first few minutes of play.

The third Ross Sheppard graduate is 6'5" forward Ed Blott. "Eddiebug" saw lots of action last year, and has good springing, rebounding, and bird-dogging abilities.

Darwin Semotuik, a Victoria Composite High School graduate has the best outside shot as a freshman. Lack of experience is the only thing keeping him from a first string assignment. Darwin jumps well, shoots well, and drives well.

Also graduating from Vic High and in his first year with the team is Irvin Strifler. The six foot forward hasn't played for the two years he was at the University of Oklahoma on a football scholarship. He is aggressive, reacts well, and is a good rebounder.

A third year Physical Education student, 6'4" forward Doug Hayes is playing in his second year with the Bearmen. Mendryk feels that Hayes is the most improved player on the squad. Doug is an aggressive rebounder and has a good jump shot. The ex-Eastglennite also has a very good left hand hook shot. But this to be expected, as he is left handed!

Jim Fisher, a 6'3" forward, is affectionately called "Slide-rule" by his teammates. The sophomore achieved an 87 per cent average in first year Honors Physics. His ability on defense and as a playmaker is an asset to the team. Fisher comes from Raymond, Alberta.

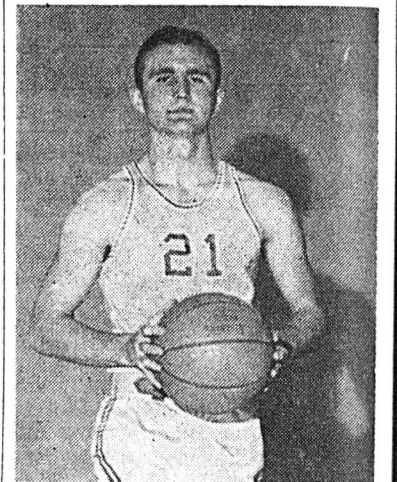
Another Bearman from Raymond is 5'8" guard Jim Walker. One of the best Bear defensive players, Walker has a good long shot, is a good dribbler, and really hustles.

Fred Shandro, who attended Campion College, is a first year guard. Shandro has a good jump shot and a good outside shot, is expected to

come along as the season progresses.

Coach Mendryk sees Nestor Korchinsky as "one of the best prospects to come through in the last few years." The 6'6" Physical Education student has a very good attitude towards the game and has just the right amount of confidence, according to Mendryk. Korchinsky is tough on the board and is a really good rebounder. Apparently some teammates noticed that Nestor, a native of Vegreville, "has a habit of looking at tall buildings on road trips."

A first year man too, Mike Reitsma comes from Lacombe, where he played his only two years of organized basketball before joining the Bears. He has improved immensely since he started practising with the Bears this fall and with more experience, will become a concrete asset to the university team. As it is, the 6'4" forward is one of the Bear's leading rebounders.



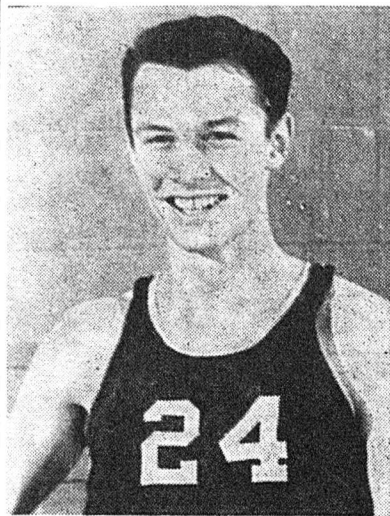
**GARRY SMITH**  
... guard

## UBC Turns Down Football Challenge

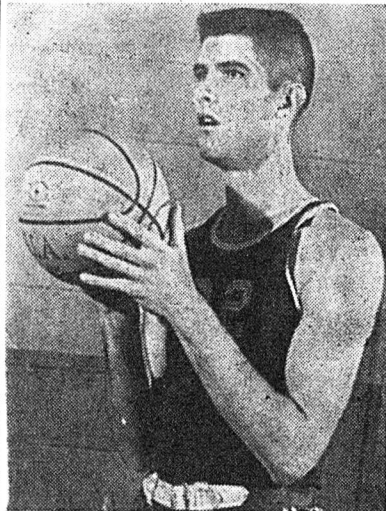
VANCOUVER (CUP) The University of B.C. football team has turned down a challenge from the University of Alberta for a Western collegiate playoff on the grounds that UBC does not have the money to spend on the final.

The two teams ended the regular schedule in a first place tie.

## WATCH FOR SHRUNKEN HEADS



**JIM WALKER**  
... guard



**ED BLOTT**  
... forward

## A Varsity Voice We Appreciate

To The Editor:

I would like to register a complaint against university students who take The Gateway for granted. These people, who are experts, of course, in each area covered by the paper, can announce by looking at the front page, (and maybe the back one) that "there isn't anything in it."

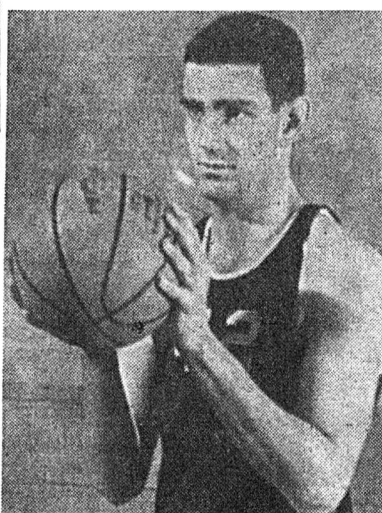
These people make me sick. They can have no possible idea of the work that goes into a bi-weekly paper. Assigning stories, attending concerts, sports events and interviewing is only part of the job—these stories must be handed in before deadlines on Sunday and Tuesday night. They must be typed, copy-read, and taken to the printshop so that galleys may be made up the next day. One set of galleys is proof-read; the other is used by the

make-up staff, whose job it is to arrange the stories, cartoons, features, pictures, and advertising on each page.

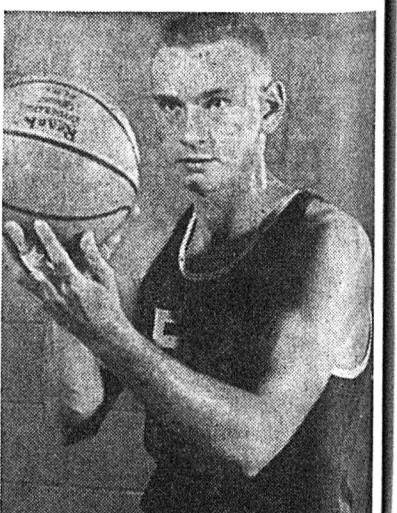
On press nights, when the features, stories, cartoons, etc, are handed in, The Gateway staff works as late as three o'clock in the morning. These people are students too—they have exams and assignments, the same as the rest of us. The only members of the staff who are paid are the proof readers and the ad manager; the rest work because—for some unknown reason—they enjoy it.

Let's have a little more appreciation for our Gateway—it's a very good and competent newspaper.

S.G.  
ED. NOTE: Whee, someone appreciates us. We're all up in the clouds tonight.



**DOUG HAYES**  
... forward



**MIKE REITSMA**  
... forward

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## Another Noisy Frat

VANCOUVER (CUP) A second fraternity at UBC has been blasted for noisy night-time activities.

Zeta Beta Tau has been charged by a neighbor with holding early morning parties, yelling and slamming car doors as the parties broke up.

Earlier this fall, neighbors complained of all-night drinking parties at Delta Upsilon fraternity house.

A spokesman for ZBT said attempts are being made to keep the noise down.