

# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

U of A's Golden Bears basketball coach Barry Mitchelson returned from a year's sabbatical to find that his team had won the Canada West University Athletic Association championship under his replacement, Bob Bain.

No wanting to be outdone by Bain, Mitchelson took



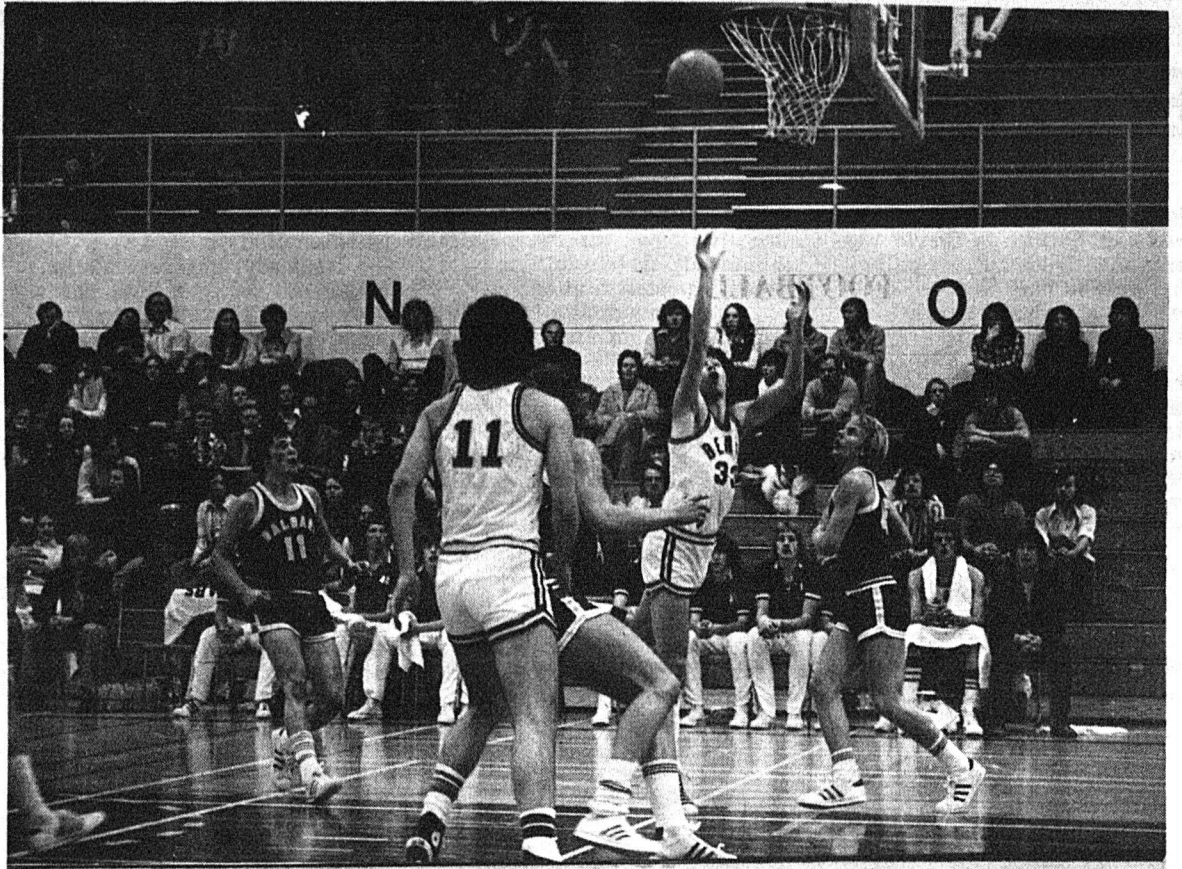
CWUAA all-stars Mike Frisby, Wally Tollestrup, Tom Solyom, Terry Valeriot, and Steve Panteluk, added a few good rookies like Len Davidiuk and Rick Johnson plus a couple transfers from Ontario's Waterloo University, Steve Ignatavicius and Bill Hamilton, and coached them to a 17-1 record and another title.

Bears' spot at the top of the standings was never threatened throughout the season as their talent proved too much for the rest of CWUAA. They led the league from opening night to the end of the season.

In a best-of-three series with the young University of British Columbia Thunderbirds, U of A won the first game 79-70, lost the second 66-62, and came back to take the rubber match 59-51 for the league title.

In the national finals Bears' season ended abruptly with losses to Waterloo, 88-54 and Manitoba, 77-69.

But with everyone but Tollestrup likely to return, U of A can look forward to a chance to redeem themselves in next season's national playoffs.



## Pandas

The Pandas basketball team began their season in great form. They took the early lead in the Canada West University Athletic Association by winning their first four games. But a pair of losses to Saskatchewan Huskiettes in December dropped them out of first place and they never made it back to the top.

Nevertheless the Pandas, under coach Kathy Broderick, turned in a good season, finishing fourth in the CWUAA with a 9-11 record. That was no trifling performance considering that their conference is one of the toughest in Canada with three other excellent teams, including national champions British Columbia crowded at the

top of the standings. Pandas record was also a good improvement on their 4-16 standing of the previous year.

Wendy Martin led Alberta all season long. U of A's outstanding women athlete finished as the league's second highest scorer and was selected to the all-star team.

Pandas had several good rookies this year, including Amanda Holloway, who was chosen a second team all-star, Glenda Leach and Charlotte Shmyr. With these and most of the other players eligible to return next year, U of A should be looking for continued improvement.

## WRESTLING

Bill Hallett's Golden Bear Wrestling squad was a young team this year but they came up strong and surprised everyone.

They won every tournament in which they were entered this year with the exception of the Canada West Tournament in which they succumbed to the UBC squad by one point.

John Barry, CIAU 126 lb class champion, is finished this year after five years in University competition. He came to U of A two years ago after three years at University of Waterloo.

He was the Canadian college champion in 1970, 71 and 73, Canadian Open champion in 1971, 72 and 73, a member of the Pan American team that went to Colombia in 1971 as well as the FISU (World Student Games) team that travelled to Moscow in 1973.

## HOCKEY

While this was not what one would be inclined to call one of the Golden Bears' more successful years, we were still given some pretty good hockey here at home.

Bears came up strong against league-winning University of Calgary to hand Dinosaurs two of their four defeats over the season. Bears eventually went on to take second place in the league.

Despite the result of the CWUAA All-Star voting, we had the best two goaltenders in the league in Dale Henwood and Barry Richardson. Defensively, the team came up stronger this year as two rookies, Abby Hebert and John Simkin, looked good all season. Brian Middleton was a definite asset to the team as well as he improved a great deal over his last year's performance.

Forwards John Horcoff, Dwayne Bolkoway, Clarence Wanchulak and Marcel St. Arnaud provided most of Bears' scoring punch.

Bolkoway and Hebert were voted the team's most improved players by their team mates.

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Jerry LeGrandeur, this year's captain, is the first to admit that he did not have his best season to finish out his university career, but the other Bears voted him Most Valuable Player all the same. Coach Clare Drake probably described the team's feelings better than anyone else could when he presented the MVP award at Colour Night. He said simply, "Jerry is one of the best captains we've ever had."

That came from someone who has seen eighteen Golden Bear captains as a coach.

There are no less than eight players leaving this season: Rick Wyrozub, St. Arnaud, LeGrandeur, Bob Beaulieu, Wanchulak, Richardson, Bolkoway and Henwood. Some may recall what happened the last time Drake had to put together a new team almost from scratch. Those rookies won the National championship.

## JUDO

For the ninth year in a row, the U of A Judo team retained possession of the Kabuto Trophy - which is awarded to the Canada West Championship team.

K.C. Van Kooten maintained his unbeaten record, winning his fifth light-heavy weight championship in a row to

finish out his illustrious university judo career.

Ron Cousins won the heavy weight division.

Guy Sunada won his third featherweight championship.

All three men are leaving after this year - Sunada is graduating and Ron Cousins is retiring from competition.

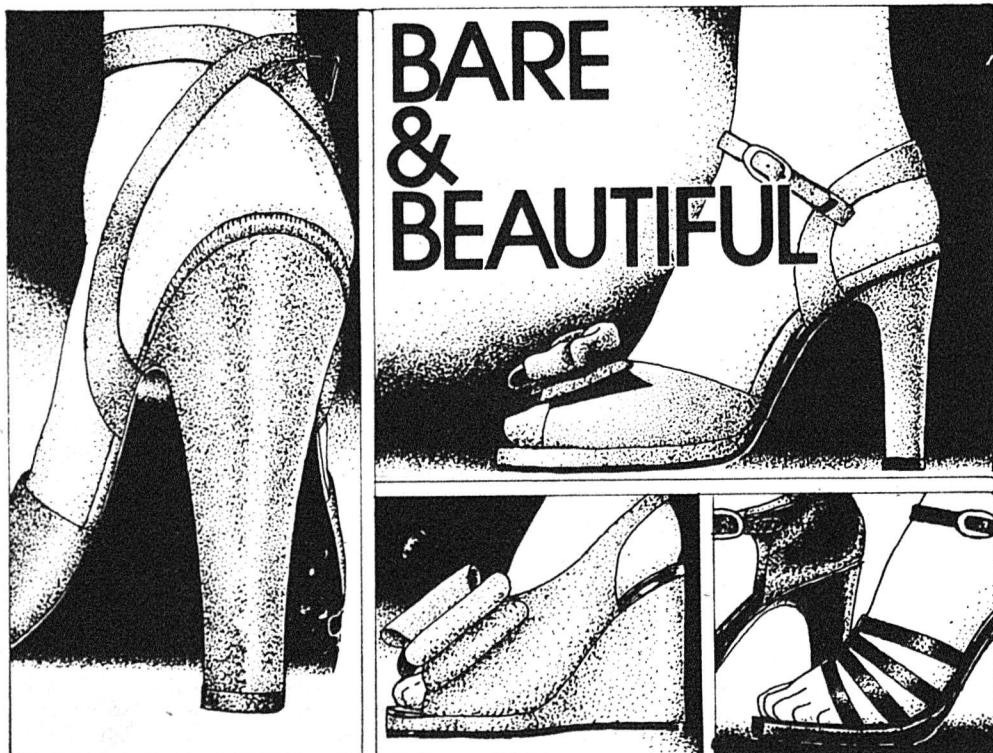
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