

U of A sends coaches for cash

by Jerry Mathers

Drowning in a sea of red ink, the U of A Golden Bears hockey team has to "dispose of our most valuable asset," according to Dr. Bob, Athletics chairman.

In order to finance an upcoming trip to Lethbridge, the team sold the contract of longtime coach Clear Lake to the Minnesota North Stars for \$10,000 cash.

"Yeah, well we kept hearing these rumors about Clear retiring, so we figured we should get rid of him while he still had some value," said Dr. Bob. "Actually, it was the Gretzky trade that gave us the idea."

Lake was unavailable for comment, but is rumored to be somewhat upset at the idea. "It's not so much getting sold that bothered him," said a family friend, who asked remain anonymous, "but

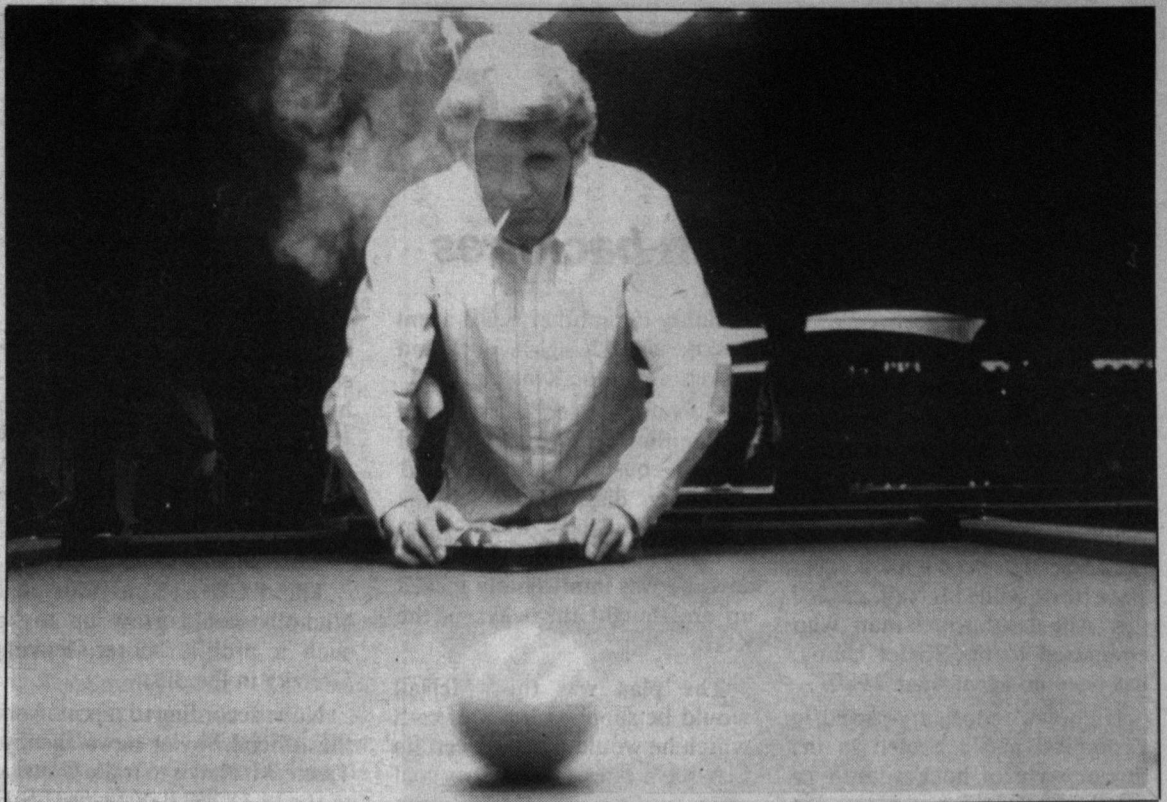
he was really hoping the new team's colors wouldn't be green and gold."

The team members are contemplating a holdout in protest of the mood. "I came here to play for Coach Lake," said star rookie Doug McMimmac, "and halfway through the season, they ship him out. I'm really mad."

The worst part, according to team captain Sid Cramsome, is Lake's replacement. "I don't want to be seen as hostile to the new coach," he said, "but I'm not sure GUBA's fully qualified."

The familiar giant bear will not only be coaching, but maintaining his job as mascot. "Mmmph, mm-haann Glen Lather mmpaph both jobs too," he mumbled.

Dr. Bob has denied rumors there will be more such deals in



Sport Quiz

Is this a picture of (a) Morton Downey Jr. looking at the world's largest ash tray; (b) Donald Trump bussing the tables of Trump Towers; (c) Behind the scenes at the World Snooker Championships; (d) A Tide laundry commercial?

Another full-contact sport on campus!

by Mac Husqvarna

The U of A will introduce labteksab, a new Australian game that has similarities to basketball, as an intervarsity sport for the 1989-90 academic year.

It uses the same rim and backboard as basketball does, but the netting is suspended upwards instead of downwards, as in basketball.

Other changes from basketball are the full body contact, much like in hockey, the lack of boundaries, allowing players to body-check opponents into the walls, and the biggest difference, once

you get a chance at putting the ball into the basket, the ball must be punted upwards into the basket.

"It uses the physical style of hockey, the skill of basketball and the kicking skills of football, rugby and soccer," said labteksab coach Bruce Brareton. Brareton, an Australian, believes the game is so popular there because the lack of gravity on the "underside of the world."

"That's why Aussie rules balls travel so far," claims Brareton.

Canadians, however, have taken coolly to the sport.

the near future, although basketball coach Don Horwoud's name has been mentioned in a deal that would see him going to the Sacramento Bees for twenty-five

bucks and two backboards.

Football mentor Jim-Don Levy is rumored to be going to Lower Mudbuck High in Lower Mudbuck, Texas for two first-round

picks and a pair of snakeskin Tony Lamas. "We're holding out for handmade iguana, anyways," said Dr. Bob. "We have no intention of giving our staff away."

"I bet Dr. Naismith is turning over in his grave," said sports historian Leo Leclerque. "This isn't a sport. All this sport does is give kids a reason to boot the ball around the gym."

Since every gym isn't the same, there are no official court sizes. Thus Alberta's team would be tailored to the large Varsity Gym, while teams like Lethbridge and Calgary would be tailored to their own gyms.

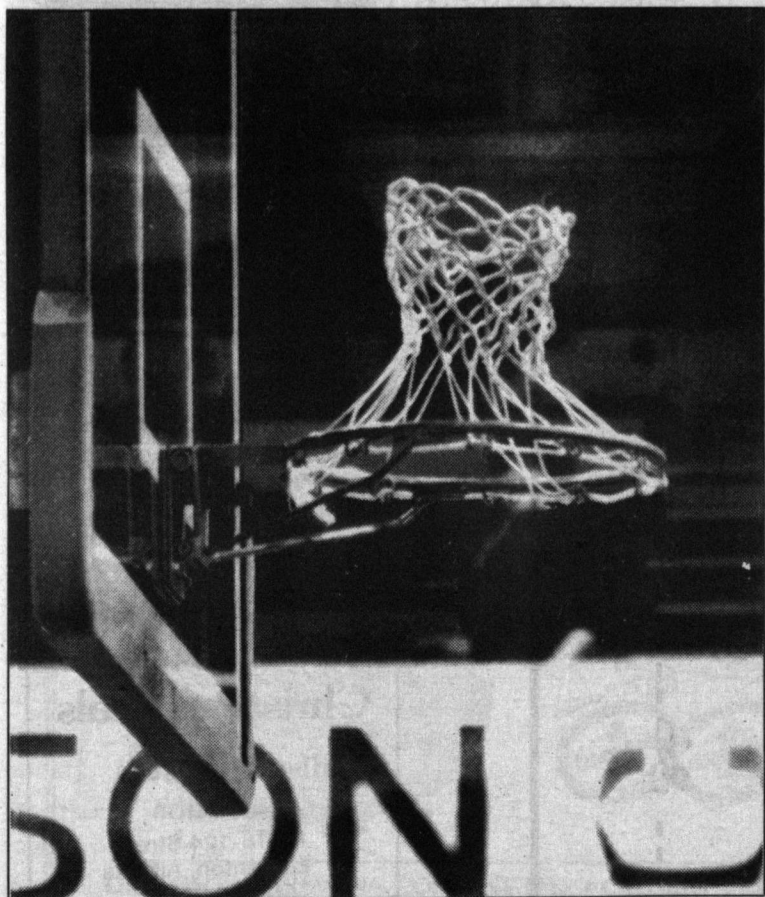
Notice how this "call-out" takes up oodles of space. Now you know how to do a campus sport section, too!



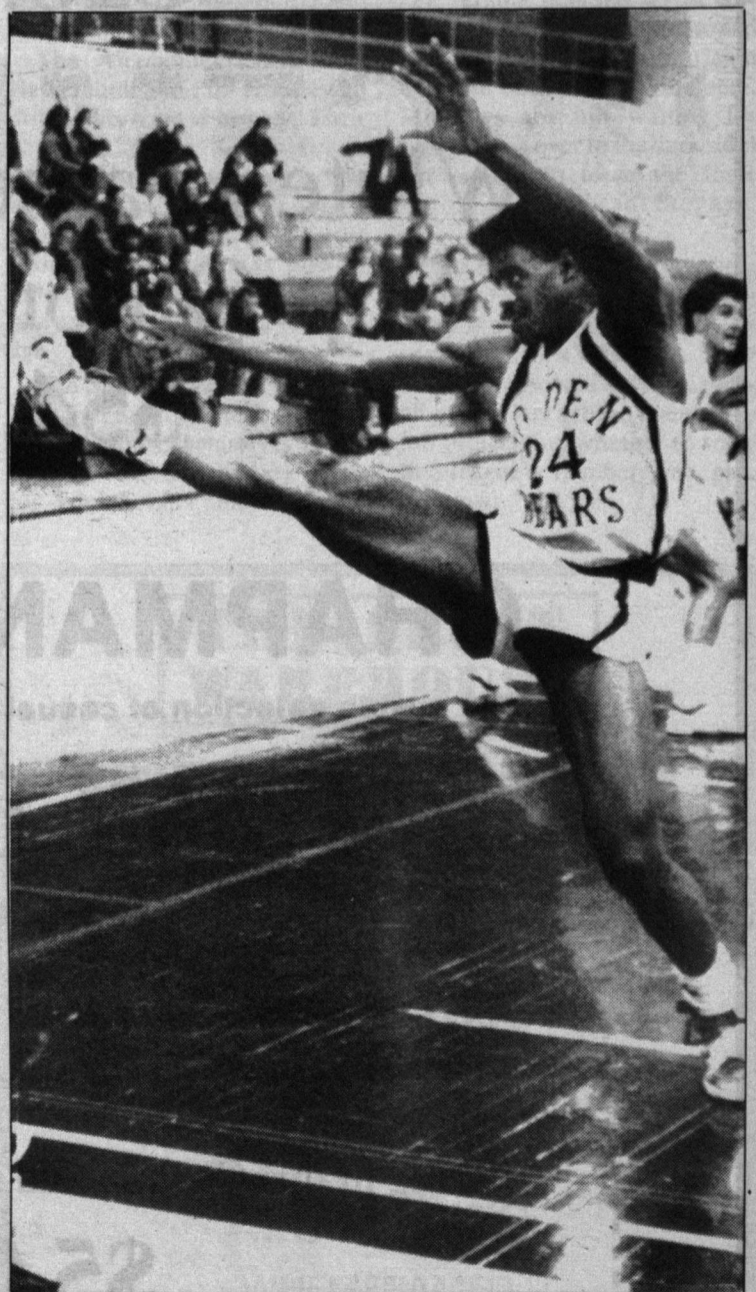
"It adds to the speculation and the hype," Brareton said, "and of course everyone knows that speculation and hype make the world go around."

The university labteksab will take place in March, so as to not compete with any of the established campus sports.

"We want to give the public a chance to experience the tradition of U of A labteksab," said Dr. Bob, the chairman of Alberta's department of Athletics.



No this photo isn't upside-down



It's up, it's good.

This Bear labteksab player punts a goal. The Bears won their exhibition game 6-2.