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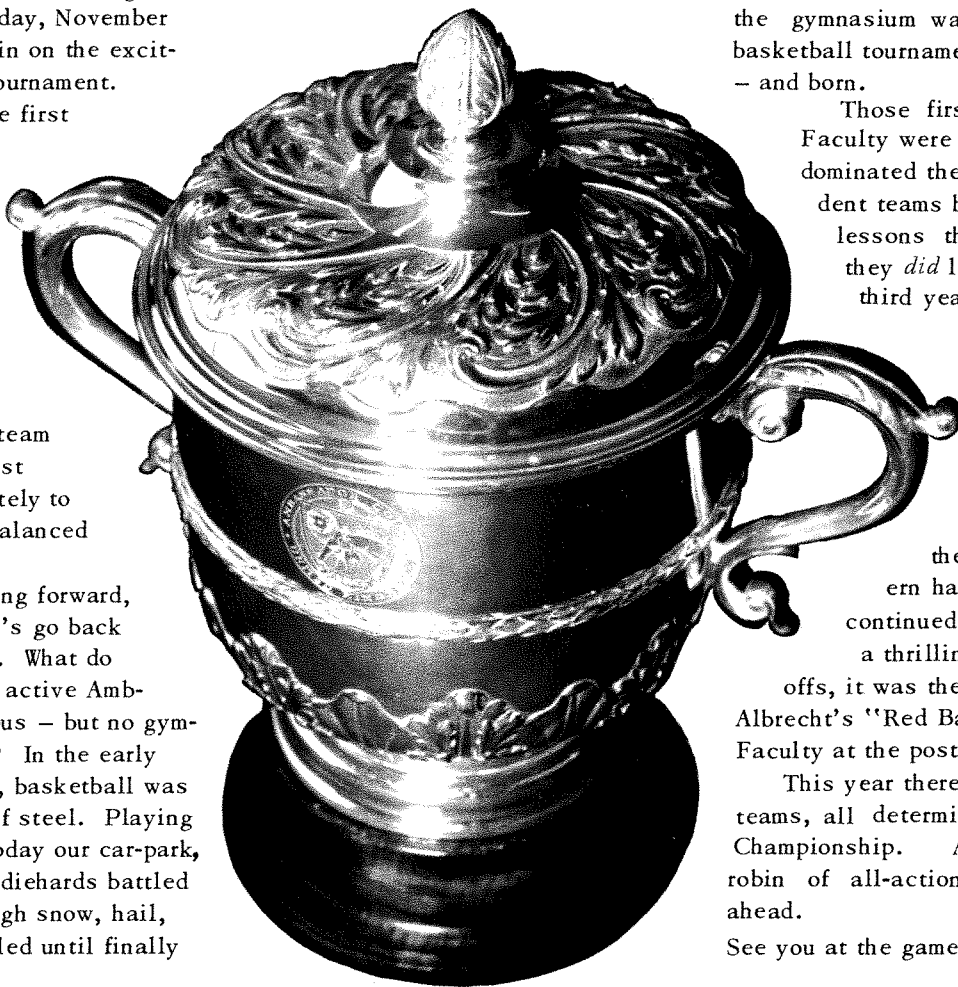
## '69 - 70 WHOSE TROPHY?

By Tony Morrell

Basketball has come of age at Bricket Wood. Saturday, November 8th, raises the curtain on the exciting 4th year of the tournament.

This year for the first time five teams will compete for the trophy. Tonight sees four of those teams take the floor for an action-packed opening to the season. The Seniors tackle an energetic Freshman team while the Juniors must hit top form immediately to stop a determined, balanced Faculty team.

But before looking forward, let's look back. Let's go back just four short years. What do we find? We find an active Ambassador College campus - but no gymnasium. Basketball? In the early years of the College, basketball was a game for the men of steel. Playing outside on what is today our car-park, a handful of faithful diehards battled the elements! Through snow, hail, rain and fog they toiled until finally



their dreams came true. In May, 1966, the gymnasium was completed. A basketball tournament was conceived - and born.

Those first two years the Faculty were invincible. They dominated the tournament. Student teams had to learn their lessons the hard way. But they *did* learn! And in the third year of the competition the Faculty fell!! Under the captaincy of Mr. Robert Mitchell the Seniors stormed their way to the trophy. A pattern had been set and it continued last year. After a thrilling series of play-offs, it was the turn of Mr. Greg Albrecht's "Red Barons" to pip the Faculty at the post.

This year there are five exciting teams, all determined to take the Championship. A double round-robin of all-action basketball lies ahead.

See you at the games!

## Basketball Preview Issue

# FACULTY

By Bob Geringer

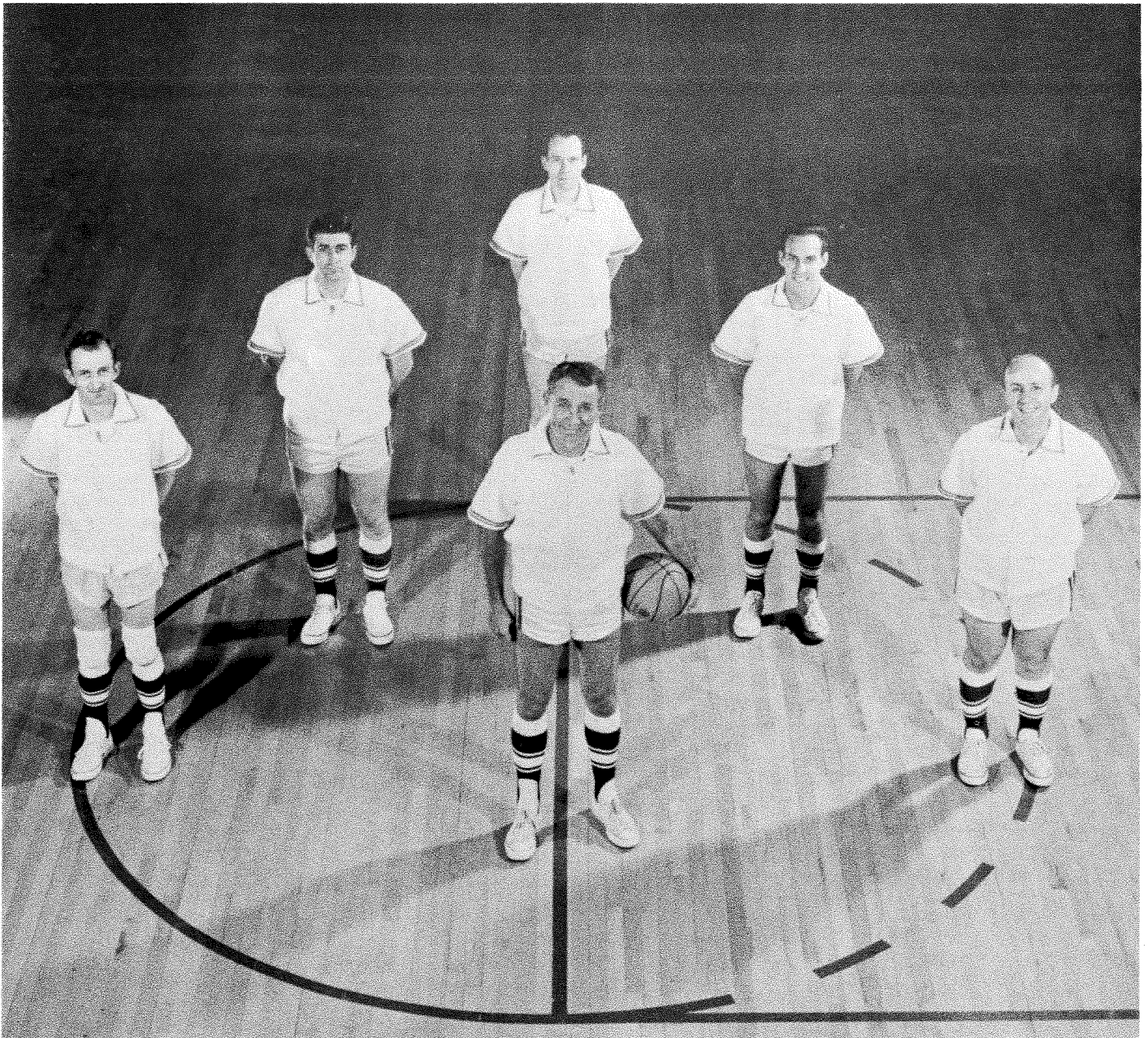
You guessed it! Again this year the Faculty will definitely be "the team to beat." If any of the student basketball squads have visions of winning the tournament, the most dangerous and explosive team with which they will have to reckon will be the "old men" (with age comes wisdom!).

Mr. Michel needs no introduction; with him comes the Faculty's hard-driving dependability. Mr. McMichael, not with us when last season began, will supply a great deal of their outside shooting skill. Then there is always the fast break at which they excel. And there is the "unknown quantity" of Mr. Mitchell, which

could prove a determining factor. Last, and most important, they have experience working together, and are able to play cool-headed, controlled ball.

Students: don't dismay, but just remember to be at your *best* when you confront the FEARLESS FACULTY!

*the team to beat!*



left to right — Mr. Michel, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Gould, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Haroutounian  
Centre Mr. Hunting. (Missing Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Nadim)



left to right — Victor Root, Pieter Tenty, Randy Dick, Mearl Bond, Paul Hunting, John Elliott, Ted Mann.

# FRESHMEN

*By John Meakin*

*Could* the Freshman team end up on top of the stack next semester? That's a question every Ambassador freshman has been asking. What do you think? Well. . .yes, by a *long shot* they *could* do it!! That's because success or failure this year will depend upon the outside sharp-shooting of Paul Hunting and newcomers Merle Bond and Randy Dick.

The team lacks height and stuffing power beneath the basket. The average height of other teams is against them. For success to come, they must hit those long shots and if they do, just watch those points begin to notch.

With determination from Victor Root and player/coach Stan Potratz under the boards, and accuracy from

the sharp-shooters it could happen. Effective screening will play a big part also. If this team clicks, we could see some exciting surprises.

Don't underestimate this youthful and agile team. Given "their" night, any opposition could succumb to Freshman flair.



# SOPHOMORES

By Peter McLean

The Royals are keen. They are united. They have a strong team spirit. But, it is going to be a tough fight for the Royals this year.

Experience means a lot in basketball, and all except Mr. Albrecht and captain Neville Benwell are relatively new-comers to the game.

But don't underestimate this fledgling team. The Royals are going to be stronger than most expect. This year, a lot will depend upon Neville's ability to get fired up; to fight for rebounds and to keep the score moving. However, as a team, the Royals' success will also lie in their

ability to keep up with fast-moving player-coach, Mr. Greg Albrecht.

Despite their limitations this team is out to win. Be sure to keep your eye on these new A.C. challengers.



left to right - (Back row - Andrew Silcox, John Buck, Malcolm Heap, ( Centre row - Tommy Crawford, Gary Gardner, Don Engle, ( Front row - Fran Ricchi, Sam Kneller, Lloyd Drover, Kneeling - Neville Benwell



left to right — Fred Martin, John Chirside, Tom Harrison, Roger Meyer, Bill Farr, Colin Cato, Bob Gerringer, Tom Zapacka, Chuck Zimmerman, — Kneeling — Steve Fallow.

# JUNIORS

*By Barry Short*

This year's free-moving Junior team is the hot favourite for honours. Their main strength lies in the thirteen-man back-up. Eight enthusiastic men on the bench spells danger for any team lacking stamina. This group will stay at full power when

sub-time comes because they can keep the pressure on all the time — a vital trump-card when the opposition starts to flag. On the other side of the balance, fouling is a problem which may tangle the team. Heightwise, they are fine and

although their field shooting tends to be poor they are decidedly the best rebound team. In summary, the Juniors are a tall, determined breed with the sort of zip that should make them a headache for the strongest opposition.



# SENIORS

*By Richard Elfers*

What chances do the Seniors have of winning the trophy this year?

The answer to this question lies in how many rebounds their forwards stuff back into the basket. To take the trophy, they are going to have to rebound consistently, especially against the Juniors, their toughest opponents on the boards.

Another problem that can hinder them is their tendency to bunch. Blocking up the key hinders the effectiveness of marksmen like Darr-ell and Jim in sinking field goals.

The Seniors don't seem to be plagued with excessive fouling, or allowing other teams easy points from fast-breaking. They have good

bench strength — good enough to do the job.

This season — watch for a more deliberate game with plenty of screening. If they're hitting, they're sure to give the Juniors and Faculty a hard run for their money!



left to right — Richard Elfers, Mike Ghourdjian, Ken Smylie, Bob Vischer, Chris Hunting, Dave Odor, John Meakin, Tony Morrell, Jim McNeese. Centre — Darrell Watkins