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MISSOULA--

University of Montana basketball coach Bob Cope has signed a center for his 1968-69 basketball team, saying the newcomer is "the kind of center we hoped to find for the coming season."

The newest addition to the Grizzly basketball program is George Yule, a 6-8, 230-pound pivot man from Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Yule started at center for Orange Coast, which won the California Eastern Conference basketball championship last season.

Cope, who has coached in the California junior college ranks, says the Eastern league is one of "the strongest junior college conferences in the country."

Continuing his comments on Yule, Cope said, "He's an outstanding prospect of the caliber necessary to compete in the rapidly improving Big Sky Conference."

Yule will be a junior when he enrolls at the University this fall.