# 1977-78
## Grizzly Basketball Schedule

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*Big Sky Conference game

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## Cover

The cover photo for the 1977-78 Grizzly basketball media guide was done by Bill Sallaz of Rosenblum Gallery in Missoula. The cover features All-America candidate Michael Ray Richardson in multiple exposures.
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UM Quick Facts

Location: Missoula, Montana 59812
Chartered: Feb. 7, 1893
Enrollment: 8,250
President: Dr. Richard Bowers
Athletic Director: Harley Lewis
Basketball Coach: Jim Brandenburg (406) 243-5331
Assistant Coaches: Mike Montgomery and Phil Rosemurgy
Home Court: Adams Field House (9,329)
Nickname: Grizzlies
Colors: Copper, Silver and Gold
Conference: Big Sky
Commissioner: Steve Belko
Faculty Representative: Dr. Charles Bryan
Sports Information Director: Bob Rosenthal
(406) 243-2522—office
(406) 728-0406—home
The University of Montana at Missoula is located in a mountain forest setting in Western Montana. Camping, backpacking, river floating, hunting, fishing and skiing are popular outdoor activities. Four wilderness areas are located nearby Missoula, and Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks are within a short driving distance. The University maintains a Campus Recreation Service to promote recreation. Travel in the area is facilitated by major airline service, the Amtrak railway system and a major east-west freeway.

The University of Montana was chartered February 17, 1893, and opened in September, 1895, with fifty students enrolling the first day.

Throughout its history, the University has sustained a high standard of academic excellence in teaching, research and service. Today the campus has an enrollment of 8,250, approximately 450 fulltime state-supported faculty positions and more than 38,000 alumni. The University of Montana is one of six units in the Montana University System and has been designated the state's most comprehensive institution of high learning.
President Richard Bowers

Dr. Richard C. Bowers assumed duties as the 13th president of the University of Montana on July 4, 1974. Bowers came to UM from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, where he served as vice president and provost, and professor of chemistry.

As Northern Illinois' provost, he was chief academic officer of the University and had overall responsibility for many other university activities, including computer services, admissions and records, and the library. He also represented Northern Illinois University to the Illinois Board of Regents, the Board of Higher Education of the State of Illinois, and the State Legislature.

Prior to being named vice president and provost in 1969, Bowers served as the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at NIU from 1965-69.

Bowers received his B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan in 1948 and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1953. He taught at Northern University in Evanston, Ill., beginning in 1954 and became Director of Chemical Laboratories and associate chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Northwestern in 1963.

Athletic Director Harley Lewis

Harley W. Lewis was named athletic director at the University of Montana, effective April 14, 1976. He had served as acting athletic director from July 1, 1975.

Lewis also serves as the University’s track and field coach.

A 1964 graduate of UM with an M.S. in health, physical education and recreation, Lewis became track and cross-country coach at the University in 1966. Prior to assuming coaching responsibilities at UM, the 1959 graduate of Butte High School coached two years at the University of Portland.

Montana’s cross-country teams have won seven Big Sky Conference championships and the UM track teams have captured one Big Sky title and placed second six times with Lewis as head coach.
Jim Brandenburg moves into his second season as head coach of the Montana Grizzlies. For six years, Brandenburg served as assistant coach to Jud Heathcote. Since 1970, Jim Brandenburg has been a major contributor in molding the Grizzly basketball program. Montana's basketball fortunes are in experienced and capable hands.

A dedicated student of the game, Brandenburg has enjoyed tremendous success with every team he has directed. He coached UM's 1971-72 and 1972-73 freshman teams to a combined 28-8 record. The 1971-72 frosh team was 17-1, the best first-year record in the school's history. Before coming to Montana, he led Flathead Valley Community College to a 23-4 record in the school's first season of competition. Prior to that, he established a 150-42 record at Hinkley High in Aurora, Colorado, and at Burbank High in San Antonio, Texas.

Much of Brandenburg's success can be attributed to his encompassing philosophy of the game. "We coach the kids to be able to play at different tempos," he explains. "We feel that a good ball club has to be able to control the tempo of the game to their advantage against any particular opponent."

Offensively, Brandenburg stresses, "poise, patience, and shot selection, with the constant threat of the fast break," as key elements. He employs multiple offenses and likes to use a variety of play patterns against his opponents.

A staunch believer in tough defense, Brandenburg also employs multiple defensive tactics. "Our main emphasis is on defense. In most cases we'll substitute for defensive, not offensive, reasons." Brandenburg considers intensity, team approach, consistency and patience as the major components of a successful defensive unit.

A letterman in basketball and track, Brandenburg graduated from Colorado State in 1958 with a B.S. in physical education. In 1966 he received his M. Ed. in physical education from CSU.

Jim and his wife Jan have three children. They are Gaye (17), Shannon (14) and Bart (6).
Mike Montgomery begins his second season as assistant coach at the University of Montana. Mike spent three years as an assistant at Boise State University before joining the Grizzly basketball program. He brings youth and seven years of major college experience to UM.

Montgomery has also gained valuable coaching experience at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Colorado State University, the Citadel and the University of Florida.

“One of the major pluses about Missoula,” Montgomery says, “is the basketball enthusiasm. I’m very happy to be involved with the program in this community.”

In addition to assisting with floor coaching, Montgomery is recruiting coordinator and scheduling supervisor. He feels that he can continue to upgrade the program and the University will continue attracting quality student-athletes.

The personable young coach attended Millikan High School in his hometown of Long Beach, California, where he participated in football and basketball. He continued his education at Long Beach State where he played basketball for four years and spent two years competing in rugby and volleyball. He graduated in 1968 with a B.A. in Physical Education. He earned his Masters Degree in Physical Education from Colorado State University.

He remains active in sports and is involved with the Missoula community.

Mike Montgomery
Assistant Coach

Phil Rosemurgy
Assistant Coach

Phil Rosemurgy is the newest addition to the Grizzly coaching staff. An assistant coach at the University of Washington the past three years, Phil joins the UM program as assistant varsity coach and junior varsity coach.

Rosemurgy earned a B.A. degree from Western Washington State College in 1969 after attending Yakima Valley College. He participated in basketball and rugby there.

He taught and coached at Central Kitsap Junior High in Silverdale, Washington and led his team to the conference championship in his first year. He served as an assistant coach at Mercer Island High School from 1971-74. That team was league champion each of those three seasons and finished third, eighth and fifth in the state AAA tournament.

While at the University of Washington, Rosemurgy was involved in recruiting, scheduling, scouting and coaching among other responsibilities.

He has coached numerous other youth teams including high school all-star teams that have toured Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands.

Although he’s only been in Missoula for a few months, Rosemurgy is already impressed with the enthusiasm for basketball and feels he can contribute to the already successful Grizzly program.

A newlywed, Phil is married to Geri Cooper Rosemurgy.
Athletic Personnel

Gary Hughes  Ticket Manager

Bob Rosenthal  Sports Information Director

Earl Martell  Business Manager

Naseby Rhinehart  Athletic Trainer

Dr. Charles Bryan  Faculty Representative

Chuck Burgess  Equipment Manager
1977-78 Grizzlies

1 Craig Henkel
2 Marty Green
3 Michael Ray Richardson
4 Craig Zanon
5 Allan Nielsen
6 Rodney Brandon
7 Rick Zanon
8 Dennis Gay
9 Rick Nelson
10 Tim McCauley
11 Blaine Taylor
12 Jim Molloy
Not pictured:
John Stroeder
Charlie Yankus
Moving into his second season as Grizzly head basketball coach, Jim Brandenburg has set several goals for this basketball season. “Once again we’ll shoot for the top four in the Big Sky and be competitive throughout the season,” Brandenburg said. “Last season we gained confidence in our ability to win on the road and we established ourselves as a consistent winner. To attain our goals, we must get help on the front line and improve our outside shooting.”

The only proven starter returning to the Grizzly camp is 6-5 senior co-captain Michael Ray Richardson. “Sugar Ray” saw action mostly at forward last season, but will move back to the guard spot where he played as a freshman. Richardson averaged 19.2 points per game last season, grabbed 8.6 rebounds a game and handed out 3.6 assists. He’s a two-time all-Big Sky first team choice, two-time team most valuable player and enters this season as the fifth highest scorer in UM history. Considered by many to be the outstanding player in the Big Sky conference this season, Michael Ray Richardson is a candidate for All-America honors.

“Michael Ray has played the entire cycle,” Brandenburg said. “As a freshman, he was a defensive specialist at guard. As a sophomore he became an offensive threat at guard and forward. Last season he scored and rebounded with the best in the league playing mostly at forward. He’s seen all kinds of defenses the opposition has come up with in an effort to stop him. I think he’s matured now to where he can handle anything on the court.”

Moving Michael Ray back to guard is a big step and Brandenburg has reservations about it. “With M.R. back at guard and Michael John Richardson graduated, we’ve lost our top two inside rebounders. Our ability to control the boards is now somewhat of an uncertainty,” Brandenburg said. “Who will materialize to play inside and the other guard spot are two big question marks.”

The Grizzlies must get front line help from juniors Craig Henkel (6-7), Charlie Yankus (6-6) and Allan Nielsen (6-6). All three saw quite a bit of playing time last season. Henkel started the last half of January and most of February.

“For our team to be successful this season the three juniors must show vast improvement and become major contributors to the program,” Brandenburg said.

Senior co-captain Jim Mollov (6-2) is a contender for the other starting guard spot. His experience and backcourt savvy are major pluses.

Two redshirt players, freshman Blaine Taylor (6-1) and sophomore Rick Zanon (6-0) are also contenders for starting spots. Both were sidelined last year with injuries.

Sophomore Tim McCauley (6-1½) gained valuable experience last season with the junior-varsity squad and will also be contending at guard.

A lot of weight falls on the big shoulders of sophomore center John Stroeder (6-9½, 238) this year. Stroeder is being counted on heavily to play the post position like a seasoned veteran. Backing him up will be freshman Marty Green (6-9).

Sophomore Rick Nelson (6-6) is working hard to battle for a place at forward.

Three freshmen will also see playing time this year. Rodney Brandon (6-6), Craig Zanon (6-6) and Dennis Gay (6-2½) could figure into immediate court plans.

“There’s no doubt that our freshmen are going to play this year,” Brandenburg said. “Rodney Brandon, Craig Zanon, Dennis Gay and Marty Green are outstanding additions to our basketball program and they will definitely be challenging our returning lettermen.”

The Grizzlies lost two fine seniors in guard Ben DeMers and forward-center Michael John Richardson. “It will be a most difficult task to replace Ben and Michael John,” Brandenburg said. DeMers was an outstanding defensive player with fine outside shooting ability. Richardson was the Big Sky’s leading rebounder (11.3 per game) and leading field goal shooter (56%) last season.

“With only two seniors on the team, we are still a relatively young and inexperienced ball club,” Brandenburg said. “Therefore, we can expect the team to improve as the season progresses. We hope this improvement will not be too late.”

Brandenburg said the team must establish itself as a winner on the road and be able to win some early conference road games. Five of Montana’s first six Conference games are on the road.
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Grizzly Basketball Roster

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Head Coach: Jim Brandenburg
Asst. Coaches: Mike Montgomery
Phil Rosemurgy

Trainer: Naseby Rhinehart
Manager: Mark West
Michael Ray Richardson
All-America Candidate
Michael Ray Richardson
Co-captain, 6-5, 186 lbs., Guard
Senior from Denver, Colorado

honors last January. He finished third in the Big Sky Conference scoring race with a 19.2 point per game average, just behind seniors Steve Hayes of Idaho State and Stan Mayhew of Weber State. He finished seventh in conference rebounding with 8.6 boards a game playing both guard and forward. He's been UM's MVP for the past two years.

"Michael Ray is the most complete player in the Big Sky Conference," according to Jim Brandenburg. "He plays tough defense, he's an excellent passer, he can score big, he rebounds from either forward or guard and he's unselfish. He takes pride in the amount of assists he'll hand-out. But most importantly, he's a team player and he puts team performance ahead of individual performance. Michael Ray is a winner in every sense of the word."

Michael Ray is used to winning. As a prep standout at Manual High School in Denver, his team lost only one game in his last two seasons. He earned all-Conference, all-City and all-State honors at Manual and was coached by Floyd Theard. As a freshman starter on the 1974-75 Grizzly team, he played on a conference championship club that lost only one league game all season and finally left the NCAA regional tournament when the eventual champ—UCLA—beat Montana by just three points.

More than 9,000 fans watched M.R. score 40 points against Montana State in the last game of the 1975-76 season, setting a UM Field House record. For two years he has been among the statistical leaders in the Big Sky.

Michael Ray's skill and determination earned him an invitation to the 1976 United States Olympic tryout camp for the eventual gold medal basketball team. A pulled hamstring, however, forced him to leave early.

As added incentive this season, M.R. has been nominated for a spot on the annual Pizza Hut All-Star ballot. Balloting is done by the public for the outstanding senior players in the country.

His mother is Mrs. Luddie Hicks of Denver.

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Michael Ray Richardson begins his fourth and final season as a starter on the University of Montana basketball team. To say his presence has been felt would be an understatement.

In three years of playing on the UM court, "Sugar Ray" has developed into one of the outstanding college basketball players in the Northwest. His final season as a Grizzly promises to be better than ever.

Michael Ray is a team leader by performance, experience and attitude and is a candidate for ALL-AMERICA honors in 1977-78.

Richardson earned all-Big Sky first team honors last season for the second straight year and was named to the American Association of Basketball coaches District 7 first team. He was named to the all-tournament team at the Pillsbury Classic in Minneapolis last season and earned player-of-the-week
As co-captain of the Grizzlies, Jim Molloy will be counted on to provide confidence and leadership on the court. Jim played well in a reserve role last season and is vying for a starting guard spot this year.

Coach Brandenburg thinks Molloy will continue to develop in all areas of play. “Jim worked hard this summer to improve his game and it should pay off,” Brandenburg says. “He is an intelligent player with good ball handling skills.”

Jim played for the Malta High School basketball team that was state class B champion in 1972. An all-around athlete, he captained the Malta basketball and football squads and received all-conference honors in both sports. He also lettered in track three years.

Jim's high school basketball coach was Bill Ryan.

Jim majors in Political Science and Social Work at UM, carrying a 3.82 GPA. He is a Rhoades Scholar applicant and hopes to enter Law School next year. Currently he works as a volunteer with the Missoula Youth Court Probation Department. In his spare time, Jim enjoys skiing, backpacking and music.

Jim's parents are Dr. and Mrs. D.T. Molloy of Great Falls.

Birthdate: September 27, 1955.

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Jim Molloy
Co-captain, 6-1¾, 169 lbs., Guard
Senior from Malta, Montana

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Craig Henkel is expected to mature into one of the best Big Sky forwards this season. Henkel possesses all the raw materials to accomplish this. He has good hands, a fine shooting touch and can adjust quickly from offense to defense. He is a good passer and likes to run.

Jim Brandenburg believes Henkel has the potential to develop into a major college forward. “Henkel should be a bigger factor on the boards and a bigger scorer this year.” However, Brandenburg feels that Craig must perform more consistently on defense.

Craig was a first team class AA all-state selection at Libby High School where he was coached by Bill Anderson. He led all of class AA in scoring and rebounding during his senior year and was a unanimous choice for the state tourney team in 1975.

Craig hopes to contribute to the team with some key rebounds each game and maintain a good shooting percentage. His goal for the Grizzlies is “to win the Big Sky.”

He is an Elementary Education major at UM and would like to teach math. Craig also enjoys playing golf, pool and tennis.

He is the son of Mr. Wallace Henkel of Libby.


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The Grizzlies are looking to Charlie Yankus for rebounding strength this year. His varsity experience and hard work should pay off as Charlie vies for a starting spot on the UM squad.

“Charlie’s aggressiveness around the basket is a definite asset to the team,” says Jim Brandenburg. “However, he needs to change his own priorities to defense and rebounding,” Brandenburg adds.

Charlie was an all-around athlete at Medical Lake High School in Washington. He lettered in basketball, track and cross country, earning all-conference and all-state honors in basketball. He set tournament and single game rebounding records in Washington’s class AA state tournament as a high school senior in 1975. Captain of his team and coached by Jerry Skaife, he was also named most valuable player.

An art major at UM, Charlie enjoys woodworking and plans to open a cabinet shop. His goal for the season is “to be part of the team that will take it all in the Big Sky.”

Charlie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yankus of Colville, Washington.

Birthdate: April 21, 1956.

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Allan Nielsen is a junior who saw valuable playing time last year. His varsity experience and scoring ability make him valuable to the Grizzlies. Jim Brandenburg praises Allan’s ballhandling and shooting skills but says he needs to improve in other areas. “Allan is a good outside scorer and passes well. He does need defensive work and aggressiveness around the boards.”

Nielsen was Montana’s premiere class C player during the 1974-75 high school season. He averaged 30 points and 19.6 rebounds per game while leading his Westby team to the state championship. He also lettered in football and track and captained both the football and basketball teams at Westby. He was named all-conference and all-state in basketball and all-conference in football. His coach at Westby was Dick Norden.

Allan is a Physical Education major and enjoys hunting, fishing and softball.
His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nielsen of Westby.
Birthdate: April 17, 1957

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John Stroeder comes into this season as the leading candidate for the starting center position. With more experience and playing time, John could become a fine Big Sky center.

“John is in excellent shape and shows a lot of improvement,” Brandenburg says. “He worked hard all summer and is in good condition. He’s quicker, jumping better and shows more confidence in his offensive skills.”

Stroeder was a standout basketball player at Port Townsend High School in Port Townsend, Washington where he was captain of his team. He was coached by Jim Kearns. He also lettered in track.

John enjoys hunting and fishing and he plans on going into the construction business after college.

Brandenburg says “John is a good outside shot and has always been a better than average passer.” He warns that Stroeder’s “lack of experience could lead to foul trouble.”

John’s own goal for this season is to lead the team in rebounds, an ambition the coaching staff would like to see him reach.

His father is Mr. Tony Stroeder of Port Townsend, Washington.
Birthdate: July 24, 1958.
Rick Nelson  
6-6, 211 lbs., Forward  
Sophomore from Libby, Montana

"Rick Nelson is a strong, aggressive player and could fill a need for rebounding," says Jim Brandenburg. "He needs experience and playing time so the year of inactivity hurt him somewhat."

At Flathead County High School, Rick captained the basketball and football teams during his senior year. He was named to all-state teams in both sports in 1974 and was team MVP in basketball in 1973 and 1974. His basketball coach at Flathead was Jack McWhorter.

Rick is a Business Administration major at the University of Montana. He also participates in golf and softball.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zanon of Kalispell.

Birthdate: November 22, 1957.

Rick Zanon  
6-0, 168 lbs., Guard  
Sophomore from Kalispell, Montana

Rick Zanon is healthy and ready to play for the Grizzly cagers this season. He played during the 1975-76 season on the freshman team and showed the ability to become a solid basketball performer.

Redshirted last season because of a viral foot infection, Rick is now ready to play. "Rick is a steady performer with good speed and an accurate outside shot," Brandenburg says. "He needs experience and playing time so the year of inactivity hurt him somewhat."

At Flathead County High School, Rick captained the basketball and football teams during his senior year. He was named to all-state teams in both sports in 1974 and was team MVP in basketball in 1973 and 1974. His basketball coach at Flathead was Jack McWhorter.

Rick is a Business Administration major at the University of Montana. He also participates in golf and softball.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zanon of Kalispell.

Birthdate: December 14, 1956.
**Tim McCauley** 6-1 1/2, 169 lbs., Guard
Sophomore from Des Moines, Iowa

Tim McCauley is a walk-on player who saw action on the Grizzly JV squad last year. He should bolster the UM guard contingent this season.

"If Tim continues to improve as much as he did in his freshman year, he should make a valuable contribution to the varsity," says Brandenburg.

Tim is from Sun Prairie High School in Wisconsin where he was captain of the conference championship team, coached by Dave Genzmer. He was named conference player of the year and garnered second team all-state honors. Tim also lettered in baseball and volleyball. He lived in Helena before moving to Des Moines and Sun Prairie.

McCauley is a team-oriented player and looks forward to the 1977-78 season. His goals are "to help out the team and get as much playing time as possible."

Tim is a Business Administration major.
His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roland McCauley of Des Moines, Iowa.

**Blaine Taylor** 6-1, 177 lbs., Guard
Freshman from Missoula, Montana

Blaine Taylor enters this season hoping to regain the form that earned him first team all-state guard honors at Missoula Hellgate High School. Blaine sat out last year due to back problems and is now recovering from a broken finger. However, according to Jim Brandenburg, "he should be ready for action."

The Grizzly coach anticipates good things from Taylor. "If he can shake injury problems, Blaine can give us immediate help at the guard position," says Brandenburg, "Taylor is a good shot and ballhandler. He is an excellent passer, picks defenses apart and hits the open man."

Blaine averaged 18 points per game from Hellgate in 1976, leading the Knights to the number four spot among state AA teams. He was the most valuable player in the class AA state tournament that year and was outstanding in the Montana-Wyoming high school all-star series. Taylor also lettered in football at Hellgate. His high school basketball coach was Russ Sheriff.

Blaine looks forward to playing this season and has an optimistic outlook. "I hope to stay healthy and contribute in some way to the success of this year's team," he says.

Blaine plans to major in History or Political Science at UM.
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon B. Taylor of Missoula.
Birthdate: January 14, 1958.
Rodney Brandon should see quite a bit of playing time as a freshman at UM. The 6-6 forward is that good.
Brandon was a standout forward for his Garfield High School team in Norwalk, California, where he was coached by Tom Pryor. He averaged 22 points per game and 14 rebounds a game last season at Garfield. A fifty percent field goal shooter, Rodney captained his team, was named most valuable player in the San Gabriel Valley League, was all-league first team and all-Southwest.
A good student in addition to being a fine young basketball player, Rodney was recruited by several highly regarded schools.
“Rodney displays excellent high school coaching and could develop into one of the best defensive players we’ve had in recent years,” Brandenburg says. “He has good speed and quickness which is enhanced by his tremendous playing intensity. He’s also an excellent passer and gives up the ball well.”
Rodney plans to major in Accounting at UM. He enjoys tennis, swimming and bike riding in his spare time.
Rodney’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandon of Norwalk, California.
Birthdate: January 1, 1959.

Craig Zanon 6-6, 183 lbs., Forward
Freshman from Kalispell, Montana

Flathead County High School basketball standout Craig Zanon is one of three outstanding Montana prepsters to join the UM basketball program this year.
The 6-6 freshman played center for Montana’s third place team at the class AA state tournament last year. He was named to the all-tournament first team in addition to being a first team all-state and first team all-conference selection. He was also an all-conference basketball selection in 1975-76.
Zanon averaged 20.2 points per game last season, scoring 524 points in 26 games. He’s a 54 percent field goal shooter and 70 percent shooter from the charity stripe. He averaged 15.7 rebounds per game during his team’s 21-5 season under Coach Jack McWhorter.
Craig was an “A” student at Flathead County High and plans to major in Accounting at UM. He joins his older brother Rick in the Grizzly basketball program. Craig will see varsity playing time this year.
“Craig is an exciting player and is sure to please Grizzly fans with his intense style,” Brandenburg says. “With his size, speed, quickness and ball handling ability, we will be assured of having a young, quality swingman in our program. Craig is a major addition to our squad.”
His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zanon of Kalispell, Montana.
Birthdate: March 14, 1959.
**12 Dennis Gay**  
6-2½, 159 lbs., Guard  
Freshman from Glasgow, Montana

This 6-2 athlete from Glasgow, Montana was the only guard recruited by the UM coaching staff this season. Dennis Gay completed a very impressive career at Glasgow Senior High School this past spring, leading his team to a 17-7 mark in class A competition.

He averaged 20.8 points per game last season and handed out about five assists a game. He pulled down 7.6 rebounds a game from his guard spot, shot 51 percent from the field and 65 percent from the free throw line.

Dennis was a starter at Glasgow since his freshman season and was coached by Cactus Warner.

In addition to being a basketball standout, Gay was also one of the top track competitors in class A last year. He's the state class A champ in both the high jump and triple jump with bests of 47-9 and 6-8½. He's also a 23 foot long jumper and finished second in the 440 in last spring's class A state track meet. He was a four-year basketball and track letterman.

"Dennis has the speed, quickness and shooting ability to develop into a major college guard," Brandenburg says. "He must improve his guard skills and his intensity of play. When he does, he'll be a major contributor to our program."

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Gay of Glasgow.


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**50 Marty Green**  
6-9, 186 lbs., Center  
Freshman from Missoula, Montana

At 6-9, Marty Green has the size to help the UM basketball program in the very near future. His potential and desire should pay great rewards.

Marty earned second team all-state and first team all-conference honors at Missoula Hellgate High School where he was coached by Russ Sheriff. In addition, he was named second team all-tournament at the Montana state tournament last spring.

Although Marty missed a portion of the 1976-77 season due to mononucleosis, he appeared in 19 games and averaged 14 points a game and nearly 10 rebounds per game.

"Marty needs to make the transition from high school ball to college ball," Brandenburg says. "To do this he must improve his strength and aggressiveness. He’s an excellent shooter and has good mobility for his size."

Marty’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Green of Missoula.

Birthdate: November 12, 1958.
November 26: Missoula
Location: Menomonee, Wisconsin
Enrollment: 6,400
Nickname: Blue Devils
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: Wisconsin State University
Athletic Director: Bill Burns
SID: Chuck Buelow
(715) 232-2425
Head Coach: Dwain Mintz
Career Record: 409-171
Home Court: Johnson Field House
Conference: Wisconsin State
Career Record: First Year
Head Coach: Ken Edwards

Series: UM 2-Stout 0

University of Wisconsin - Stout

Dwain Mintz
Head Coach

Larry Madsen
Forward

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 18 at Winona State
Nov. 21 at St. Mary
Nov. 25 at Montana State
Nov. 26 at Unv. of Montana
Nov. 28 at College of Great Falls
Dec. 3 St. Thomas
Dec. 6 UW-Superior
Dec. 10 UW River Falls
Dec. 17 at UW-Whitewater
Dec. 29 Holiday Tourney
Jan. 9 Mt. Senario
Jan. 16 UW-Stevens Point
Jan. 24 at UW-LaCrosse
Jan. 27 at Oshkosk
Jan. 28 at UW-Platteville
Feb. 1 UW-Eau Claire
Feb. 4 UW-Whitewater
Feb. 6 at UW-River Falls
Feb. 14 at UW-Superior
Feb. 17 UW-Oshkosh
Feb. 18 UW-Platteville
Feb. 22 at UW-Eau Claire
Feb. 25 at UW-Stevens Point
Feb. 28 UW-LaCrosse
Jan. 28 at UW-Platteville
Jan. 27 at Oshkosk
Jan. 24 at UW-LaCrosse
Dec. 29-30 Holiday Tourney

1976-77 Record: 10-16

Colors: Blue and White
Enrollment: 10,800
Location: Greeley, Colorado
Nickname: Bears
Series: UM 0-UNC 1

January 16 UW-Stevens Point
January 9 Mt. Senario
December 17 at UW-Whitewater
December 10 UW-River Falls
December 6 UW-Superior
December 3 St. Thomas
November 28 at College of Great Falls
November 26 at Univ. of Montana

University of Colorado

Thomas Wright
Dwight Montgomery
Head Coach
Guard

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 25 at Adams State
Nov. 29 Augustana (S.D.)
Dec. 3 Montana
Dec. 5 Boise State
Dec. 12 at Butler
Dec. 14 at Morning side
Dec. 17 at Colorado
Dec. 19 Whittier
Jan. 3 De Pauw
Jan. 4 Lewis
Jan. 7 Calif. Irvine
Jan. 13 U of San Diego
Jan. 16 Southern Colorado
Jan. 18 Denver
Jan. 21 at Eastern Montana
Jan. 23 at Montana State
Jan. 27 Central Oklahoma
Jan. 28 Western Illinois
Feb. 3 at Wisconsin/Milwaukee
Feb. 4 at Valparaiso
Feb. 7 Air Force
Feb. 10 at Seattle Pacific
Feb. 11 at Portland State
Feb. 14 at Denver
Feb. 20 at Southern Colorado
Feb. 27 at Regis

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 25 College of Santa Fe
Nov. 26 Nebraska Wesleyan University
Nov. 30 Northern Illinois University
Dec. 3 Boise State University
Dec. 5 Montana
Dec. 10 at Wyoming University
Dec. 12 Texas Arlington
Dec. 15 College of Great Falls
Dec. 17 at Iowa University
Dec. 20 Whittier College
Dec. 29, 30 at Pacemaker Clinic
Jan. 4 University of Wyoming
Jan. 12 at Tulane University
Jan. 14 at Samford University
Jan. 16 Madison College, Va.
Jan. 18 at University of Northern Colorado
Jan. 21 Cleveland State University
Jan. 24 Air Force Academy
Jan. 26 Central State, Okla.
Jan. 30 Western Illinois University
February 3 at Utah State
Feb. 10 at Pan American University
Feb. 11 at Oklahoma City University
Feb. 14 University of Northern Colorado
Feb. 18 Utah State
Feb. 25 at Air Force Academy

December 7: Missoula
Location: Portland, Oregon
Enrollment: 15,000
Nickname: Vikings
Colors: Forest Green and White
Conference: NCAA I Independent
Athletic Director: Ray Love
SID: Larry Selk
(503) 229-4400
Head Coach: Ken Edwards
Career Record: 8-0-50
1967-77 Record: 16-10
Home Court: PSU Gym (2,300)
Series: UM 5-PSU 8

University of Denver

Bill Weimar
Russell Swilley
Head Coach
Guard

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 26 Colorado State University
Dec. 2 at University of Portland
Dec. 5 Fresno State University
Dec. 7 at University of Montana
Dec. 10 at University of Idaho
Dec. 16-17 at Kentucky Invitational (St. Johns, Seattle U., Kentucky)
Dec. 19 at University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)
Dec. 27 St. Mary’s College
Jan. 3 Oregon Institute of Technology
Jan. 10 University of Idaho
Jan. 13 George Fox College
Jan. 18 at St. Mary’s College
Jan. 20 at University of Southern California
Jan. 21 at Pepperdine University
Jan. 27 at Oregon State University
Jan. 28 at Seattle Pacific
Feb. 3 Rocky Mountain College
Feb. 4 University of Puget Sound
Feb. 8 at Simon Fraser University
Feb. 11 University of Northern Colorado
Feb. 18 at University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Feb. 22 Seattle Pacific
Feb. 25 Utah State University
Feb. 27 at University of Puget Sound

Portland State University

Ken Edwards
Freeman Williams
Head Coach
Guard

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 30 Northern Illinois University
Dec. 3 Boise State University
Dec. 5 Montana
Dec. 10 at Wyoming University
Dec. 12 Texas Arlington
Dec. 15 College of Great Falls
Dec. 17 at Iowa University
Dec. 20 Whittier College
Dec. 29, 30 at Pacemaker Clinic
Jan. 4 University of Wyoming
Jan. 12 at Tulane University
Jan. 14 at Samford University
Jan. 16 Madison College, Va.
Jan. 18 at University of Northern Colorado
Jan. 21 Cleveland State University
Jan. 24 Air Force Academy
Jan. 26 Central State, Okla.
Jan. 30 Western Illinois University
February 3 at Utah State
Feb. 10 at Pan American University
Feb. 11 at Oklahoma City University
Feb. 14 University of Northern Colorado
Feb. 18 Utah State
Feb. 25 at Air Force Academy
December 9-10: Provo, Utah

Cougar Classic

University of Montana
William and Mary
Cal State-Fullerton
Brigham Young (host)

St. Cloud State University

Noel Olson  Head Coach
Mike Morgan  Guard

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 30 at Gustavus Adolphus
Dec. 7 Augsburg College
Dec. 8-9 at St. John's Tournament
Dec. 13 St. John’s
Dec. 15 at Air Force Academy
Dec. 16 at University of Montana
Dec. 17 at Montana State University
Dec. 21 University of WI-Eau Claire
Dec. 28-30 Granite City Classic
Jan. 6 at Winona State
Jan. 7 at Mankato State
Jan. 11 Minnesota Duluth
Jan. 14 Michigan Tech
Jan. 18 at Moorhead State
Jan. 21 Bemidji State
Jan. 25 Minnesota Morris
Jan. 28 at Southwest State
Feb. 1 at Minnesota-Duluth
Feb. 2 at Michigan Tech
Feb. 9 Moorhead State
Feb. 11 at Bemidji State
Feb. 15 at Minnesota-Morris
Feb. 20 Southwest State
Feb. 22 Winona State

December 16: Missoula
Location: St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301
Enrollment: 11,000
Nickname: Huskies
Colors: Cardinal Red and Black
Conference: Northern Intercollegiate
Athletic Director: Noel W. Olson
SID: Bill Lynch (612) 255-2141
Head Coach: Noel W. Olsen
Career Record: 169-160
1976-77 Record: 8-19
Home Court: Halenbeck Hall (7,500)
Series: UM 1-SCS 0

Creighton University

Tom Apke  Head Coach
Rick Apke  Forward

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 25 Carroll College
Nov. 29 UNO
Dec. 2 Loyola (Homecoming)
Dec. 9 at University of Nebraska
Dec. 17 at University of Montana
Dec. 20 at Southwestern Louisiana
Dec. 27 at Wichita State
Jan. 7 Tulsa
Jan. 12 at New Mexico State
Jan. 14 at West Texas State
Jan. 17 Cleveland State
Jan. 19 Drake
Jan. 21 Southern Illinois
Jan. 26 at Bradley
Jan. 28 at Indiana State
Jan. 30 New Mexico State
Feb. 1 De Paul
Feb. 4 Bradley
Feb. 7 at Marquette
Feb. 9 Wichita State
Feb. 11 at Drake
Feb. 13 West Texas State
Feb. 16 Indiana State
Feb. 18 at Air Force Academy
Feb. 20 at Tulsa
Feb. 25 at Southern Illinois
Feb. 27 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament
March 1, 3-4
January 7: Boise
February 25: Missoula
Location: Boise, Idaho 83725
Enrollment: 11,300
Nickname: Broncos
Colors: Blue and Orange
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Lyle Smith
SID: Jim Faucher (208) 385-1288
Head Coach: Bus Connor
Career Record: 59-61
1976-77 Record: 10-16
Home Court: Bronco Gym (3,670)
Series: UM 6-BSU 9
January 14: Bozeman
January 21: Missoula
Location: Bozeman, Montana 59715
Enrollment: 9,800
Nickname: Bobcats
Colors: Blue and Gold
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Tom Parac
SID: Arnie Sgalo (406) 994-2721
Head Coach: Rich Juarez
Career Record: 31-46
1976-77 Record: 11-15
Home Court: MSU Fieldhouse (10,000)
Series: UM 86-MSU 116
January 27: Moscow
February 3: Missoula
Location: Moscow, Idaho 83843
Enrollment: 8,000
Nickname: Vandals
Colors: Silver and Gold
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Dr. Leon Green
SID: David Kellogg (208) 885-7901
Head Coach: Jim Jarvis
Career Record: 22-56
1976-77 Record: 5-21
Home Court: Kiddie ASU Dome (10,000)
Series: UM 40-UI 52
January 28: Spokane
February 4: Missoula
Location: Spokane, Washington 99258
Enrollment: 3,500
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Larry Koentopp
SID: Jim Olynn (509) 328-4220
Head Coach: Adrian Buoncristiani
Career Record: 64-67
1976-77 Record: 11-16
Home Court: Kennedy Pavilion (4,000)
Series: UM 83-GU 52
Boise State University
Montana State University
University of Idaho
Gonzaga University

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 19: Athletes in Action
Nov. 25: College of Great Falls
Dec. 1: at Colorado State
Dec. 3: at Denver
Dec. 5: at Northern Colorado
Dec. 9: Santa Barbara
Dec. 14: Chico State
Dec. 16: at Cal-Irvine
Dec. 17: at Fullerton
Dec. 21: Oregon State
Dec. 22-23: at Reno Tournament
Jan. 6: Montana State
Jan. 7: Montana
Jan. 14: at Idaho State
Jan. 20: Idaho State
Jan. 21: Utah State
Jan. 26: at Northern Arizona
Jan. 28: at Weber
Feb. 3: Northern Arizona
Feb. 4: Weber
Feb. 10: at Idaho
Feb. 11: at Gonzaga
Feb. 17: Idaho
Feb. 18: Gonzaga
Feb. 24: at Montana State
Feb. 25: at Montana

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 26: at University of New Mexico
Nov. 28: Seattle Pacific
Dec. 5: University of Alaska—Anchorage
Dec. 9: Whitworth College
Dec. 10: Portland State University
Dec. 12: Eastern Montana College
Dec. 16-17: at Cable Car Classic
Dec. 29-30: at Ski Country Classic
Jan. 6: Northern Arizona University
Jan. 7: Weber State College
Jan. 10: at Portland State University
Jan. 14: Gonzaga
Jan. 18: Washington State University
Jan. 27: University of Montana
Jan. 28: Montana State University
Jan. 30: Gonzaga
Feb. 3: at University of Montana
Feb. 4: at Montana State University
Feb. 10: Boise State University
Feb. 11: Idaho State University
Feb. 17: at Boise State University
Feb. 18: at Idaho State University
Feb. 23: at Northern Arizona University
Feb. 25: at Weber State College

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 26: at University of New Mexico
Nov. 28: Seattle Pacific
Dec. 5: University of Alaska—Anchorage
Dec. 9: Whitworth College
Dec. 10: Portland State University
Dec. 12: Eastern Montana College
Dec. 16-17: at Cable Car Classic
Dec. 29-30: at Ski Country Classic
Jan. 6: Northern Arizona University
Jan. 7: Weber State College
Jan. 10: at Portland State University
Jan. 14: Gonzaga
Jan. 18: Washington State University
Jan. 27: University of Montana
Jan. 28: Montana State University
Jan. 30: Gonzaga
Feb. 3: at University of Montana
Feb. 4: at Montana State University
Feb. 10: Boise State University
Feb. 11: Idaho State University
Feb. 17: at Boise State University
Feb. 18: at Idaho State University
Feb. 23: at Northern Arizona University
Feb. 25: at Weber State College

1977-78 Schedule
Nov. 28: Simon Fraser University
Dec. 1: Whitworth College
Dec. 3: at Eastern Washington University
Dec. 5: Portland State University
Dec. 7: St. Mary's College
Dec. 10: University of Portland
Dec. 13: at Washington State University
Dec. 17: University of Puget Sound
Dec. 19: Lewis and Clark College
Dec. 23: at Oregon State
Dec. 28: at Las Vegas Classic
Jan. 6: Weber State University
Jan. 7: at University of Idaho
Jan. 18: at Chaminade College of Honolulu
Jan. 20: at University of Hawaii
Jan. 21: at University of Hawaii
Jan. 27: Montana State University
Jan. 28: University of Montana
Jan. 30: University of Idaho
Jan. 18: at Chaminade College of Honolulu
Jan. 20: at University of Hawaii
Jan. 21: at University of Hawaii
Jan. 27: Montana State University
Jan. 28: University of Montana
Jan. 30: University of Idaho
Feb. 3: at Montana State University
Feb. 4: at University of Montana
Feb. 10: Idaho State University
Feb. 11: Boise State College
Feb. 17: at Idaho State University
Feb. 18: at Boise State University
Feb. 23: at Northern Arizona University
Feb. 25: at Weber State College

Bus Connor
Head Coach
Steve Connor
Guard

Rich Juarez
Head Coach
Craig Finberg
Guard

Jim Jarvis
Head Coach
Rodney Johnson
Forward

Adrian Buoncristiani
Jim DeWeese
Guard-Forward
Challengers

January 11 at Campbell College, N.C.
January 12 at E. Carolina Univ., N.C.
January 14 at North Carolina-Wilmington
January 19 at Mt. Mary College, S.D.
January 21 at S.W. Missouri State
January 23 at Knox College, I1.

February 6: Missoula
Location: Indianapolis, Indiana
Series: First Meeting
SID: B. B. Branton (714) 832-3260
Athletic Director: David Hannah
Conference: None
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Nickname: Challengers
Enrollment: 11,500
Head Coach: John Birkett
Career Record: 36-43
1976-77 Record: 19-14

February 7 at Montana Tech.
February 8 at University of Montana
February 10 at Weber State College
February 11 at Idaho State University
February 13 at Utah State University
February 15 at University of Idaho
February 17 at Montana State University
February 18 at Boise State University
February 19 at Montana State University
February 20 at University of Montana
February 22 at Grace College, Ind.
February 23 at University of Idaho
February 24 at Montana State University
February 25 at Gonzaga University
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Athletes In Action

Northern Arizona University

John Birkett
Head Coach
Wendell King
Guard-Forward

Weber State College

Neil McCarthy
Head Coach
Bruce Collins
Forward

Utah State University

Gordon "Dutch" Belnap
Head Coach
Mike Santos
Center
## UM All-Time Record

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*Seasons marked with *(W)* indicate (War) season.*
The Big Sky Conference was formed in February, 1963, when the presidents and athletic directors of six Rocky Mountain universities met in Spokane. The original conference members were Gonzaga, Idaho, Idaho State, Montana, Montana State and Weber. Gonzaga entered the conference as a non-football playing school.

The conference derived its name from a pair of Montanans and a Washington sports editor. A. B. Guthrie, Great Falls, Montana, wrote a novel entitled "The Big Sky" and Jack Hallowell, former Montana State Advertising director, promoted the Big Sky theme as a nickname for the state. Harry Missildine, Spokesman-Review sports editor, picked up the name and in a sports column promoted the name Big Sky as the name of the conference. On February 25, 1963, the conference adopted the name—Big Sky Athletic Conference.

In 1970 the conference expanded to include Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Ariz., and Boise State College, Boise, Idaho. Both entered as football playing schools.

Jack Friel became the first commissioner in 1963, and the offices were established in Pullman, Wash., Friel's home. Following Friel's retirement in July, 1971, the offices were moved to Boise, Idaho, and John Roning was named commissioner. Steve Belko was named commissioner and assumed duties July 1, 1977, following Roning's retirement.

Past Champs, Runnersup

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*Montana forfeited 11 games including conference games to Montana State (2) and N. Arizona (1) for use of an ineligible player.
1976-77 Grizzly Results

1976-77 All-Conference Team

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1Games ruled forfeitures. The Big Sky Conference ruled on Feb. 10, 1977 that Montana forfeit eleven wins, including three Conference wins, due to an NCAA player ineligibility ruling.
2Pillsbury Classic in Minneapolis.
3Big Sky Conference Game.

Grizzly All-Big Sky Selections

1977 ........................ 1st team: ..................... Michael Ray Richardson
1976 ........................ 2nd team: ..................... Michael John Richardson
1975 ........................ 1st team: ..................... Michael Ray Richardson
1974 ........................ 2nd team: ..................... Ken McKenzie and Eric Hays
1973 ........................ 1st team: ..................... Eric Hays and Robin Selvig
1972 ........................ 1st team: ..................... Mike Murray
1971 ........................ 1st team: ..................... Mike Murray
1970 ........................ 1st team: ..................... Dave Gustafson
1969 ........................ 1st team: ..................... Harold Ross
1968 ........................ 2nd team: ..................... Ron Moore
1967 ........................ 2nd team: ..................... Ron Moore
1966 ........................ 2nd team: ..................... John Holliday and John Quist
1965 ........................ 2nd team: ..................... Ed Samelton
1964 ........................ 2nd team: ..................... Tim Aldrich

1976-77 All-Conference Team

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Honorable Mention: BEN DeMERS, Montana; Danny Jones, Boise State; James Smith, Idaho; Bruce Smith, Montana State; David Henson, Northern Arizona; Willie Moss, Gonzaga; Mark Mattos, Weber State.
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**ASSISTS:** Ben DeMers 106; M. R. Richardson, 94; Kirk Rocheleau 78; Craig Henkel, 30; Jim Molloy, 28; M. J. Richardson, 22; Charlie Yankus, 10; John Stroeder, 8; Allan Nielsen, 8; Bill Hansen, 1; Others, 8.

**SCHOOL RECORDS:** Michael John Richardson—career field goal accuracy.—.610
Team—9,302 fans in attendance for Montana State game (capacity crowd)
Team—average attendance for 13-game home schedule—7,065

## Final Stats For Big Sky Games Only

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# The Grizzly Record Book

## Individual Records

### Single Game

**MOST POINTS**
- 40, Bob Cope vs. Gonzaga University, 1948 (Old Gym)
- 40, M. R. Richardson vs. MSU, 1976 (Fieldhouse)

**MOST FIELD GOALS MADE**
- 18, M. R. Richardson vs. MSU, 1976

**MOST FREE THROWS MADE**
- 20, Ron Moore vs. Gonzaga, 1968

**MOST REBOUNDS**
- 26, Russ Sheriff vs. Gonzaga, 1955

### Single Season

**MOST POINTS**
- 701, Bob Cope, 1949-50

**HIGHEST SCORING AVERAGE**
- 22.6, Bob Cope, 1949-50, 31 games

**MOST FIELD GOALS**
- 276, Bob Cope, 1949-50

**HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.**
- (min. 100 made)
  - .646 M. J. Richardson, 1975-76, 113-175

**MOST FREE THROWS MADE**
- 159, Chuck Davis, 1952-53

**HIGHEST FREE THROW PCT.**
- (min. 50 made)
  - .885, Eric Hays, 1974-75, 91-106

**MOST REBOUNDS**
- 393, Ray Howard, 1954-55

### Career

**MOST POINTS**
- 1808, Bob Cope, 1947-50, 4 seasons
- 1633, Bob Cope, 1948-50, 3 seasons

**MOST FREE THROWS MADE**
- 452, Bob Cope, 1947-50, 4 seasons
- 399, Bob Cope, 1948-50, 3 seasons

**HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.**
- 610, M. J. Richardson, 1974-77, 259-424

**HIGHEST FREE THROW PCT.**
- .809, Eric Hays, 1972-75, 182-225

**MOST REBOUNDS**
- 359, Ken McKenzie, 1972-75

### Team Records

**HIGHEST UM SCORE**
- 111 vs. Idaho State, 1966

**HIGHEST OPPONENTS SCORE**
- 124 by Idaho State, 1970

**HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.**

**MOST POINTS**
- 2,400, 1949-50 (31 games)

**HIGHEST SCORING AVERAGE**
- 83.6, 1965-66, 24 games, 2,006 points

**HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.**
- .505, 1975-76, 708-1401

**MOST POINTS BY INDIVIDUAL**
- 42, Wayne Estes of Utah State, 1964

**MOST POINTS BY UM PLAYER**
- 40, M. R. Richardson, vs. MSU, 1976

**MOST POINTS BY TEAM**
- 111 by UM vs. Idaho State, 1966
- 111 by Oral Roberts, 1971

**HIGHEST FREE THROW PCT.**
- .711, 1974-75, 313-440

**MOST REBOUNDS**
- 1,250, 1964-65, 26 games

**MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS**
- 13, 1941-42, 1973-74

**Field House Records**

**MOST POINTS BY UM**
- 111 vs. Idaho State, 1966

**ATTENDANCE**
- Game, 9,302 vs. MSU, 1976-77
- Season, 7,065 avg., 1976-77
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Grizzly Basketball Awards

C. R. DRAGSTEDT AWARD Most Valuable Player

1953—Chuck Davis
1954—Ed Anderson
1955—Ed Argenbright
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1957—Zip Rhoades
1958—Russ Sheriff
1959—Dan Balko
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1961—Bob O'Billovich
1962—Dan Sullivan
1963—Ray Lucien
1964—Tim Aldrich
1965—Ed Samelson
1966—Gary Peck
1967—Dennis Bletnikoff
1968—Dan Parsons
1969—Ron Moore
1970—Dave Gustafson
1971—Don Wetzel
1972—Ray Howard
1973—Mike Murray
1974—Ken McKenzie
1975—Ken McKenzie
1976—M. R. Richardson
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JOHN EAHEART MEMORIAL AWARD Outstanding Defensive Player

1961—Kay Roberts
1962—Bob O'Billovich
1963—Tim Aldrich
1964—Harold Fullerton
1965—Gary Meggelin
1966—Greg Hanson
1967—Greg Hanson
1968—Rick Johnston
1969—Dave Gustafson
1970—Howard Clark
1971—Mike Vernon
1972—Earl Tye
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1974—Robin Selvig
1975—Tom Peck
1976—Tim Stambaugh
1977—Ben DeMers

NASEBY RHINEHART AWARD Most Inspirational Player

1973—Dale Parker
1974—Eric Hays
1975—Eric Hays
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1977—Michael John Richardson

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### Field House Records

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