# Grizzly Basketball Schedule 1979-80

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*Big Sky Games

**FRONT COVER:** A packed Dahlberg Arena, a typical basketball scene at Montana. From left, returning Grizzly starters John Stroeder, Craig Zanon and Blaine Taylor. Cover design by Mary Beth Percival, UM Information Services.

**BACK COVER:**

1. Tim McCauley
2. Marc Glass
3. Blaine Taylor
4. Richie Edwards
5. Craig Zanon
6. Marty Green
7. Tim Knight
8. Brian Morris
9. Greg Crutcher
10. Derrick Pope
11. Jim Caler
12. Dave Johnson
13. Craig Larsen
14. John Stroeder
15. Rod Brandon

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UM Quick Facts

Location: Missoula, Montana 59812
Chartered: Feb. 17, 1893
Enrollment: 8,376
President: Dr. Richard C. Bowers
Athletic Director: Harley Lewis
Basketball Coach: Mike Montgomery (406) 243-5331
Assistant Coaches: Stew Morrill and Scott Hollenbeck
Home Court: Adams Fieldhouse (9,329)
Nickname: Grizzlies
Colors: Copper, Silver and Gold
Conference: Big Sky
Commissioner: Steve Belko
Faculty Representative: Dr. Evan Denney
Sports Information Director: Dave Guffey
(406) 243-2522—office
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The University of Montana in Missoula is located in a mountain forest setting in beautiful Western Montana. It is halfway between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks.

Four wilderness areas are located nearby Missoula. The natural surroundings offer excellent opportunities for hunting, fishing, backpacking, river floating, camping and other outdoor recreational pursuits. Two excellent winter ski areas are located within minutes of the University. Several other ski areas are only a couple of hours away by car. UM owns and operates its own golf course adjacent to campus.

The University of Montana is one of the West's pioneers in education and was chartered February 17, 1893. The school opened in September, 1895, with fifty students enrolling the first day. Located on 201 acres at the base of Mount Sentinel, UM has grown from fifty students and seven faculty members to a present enrollment of 8,376 and approximately 450 fulltime state supported faculty positions.

Throughout its history, the University of Montana has sustained a high standard of academic excellence in teaching, research and service. UM offers associate of arts degrees in two areas and bachelor's degrees in 58 fields. It offers master's degrees in 54 programs and doctoral degrees in 13.

The College of Arts and Sciences, which is the core of the University, includes a full range of programs and courses in the life sciences, physical sciences, social sciences and humanities. The College also offers curricula in interdisciplinary fields ranging from ethnic studies to interdepartmental studies.

Seven professional schools complete the academic program—Business Administration, Fine Arts, Journalism, Education, Forestry, Law, Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

The aim of the University is to provide its students with a relaxing and meaningful learning experience with the best facilities possible. The administration, faculty and staff strive for this goal.
A Player To Remember

His shot was as straight as his character. Allan "Westby" Nielsen was a winner both on and off the court.

Al was a second team All-Big Sky Conference pick both his junior and senior seasons at the University of Montana.

It was a fatal summer morning which took Al away from his wife Vicki, friends, family and young son, Jesse. He was killed in a construction accident near St. Regis, Montana. He died Saturday, June 30th, 1979.

Nicknamed "Westby" by his teammates and the Grizzly coaching staff, UM's 1978-79 Most Valuable Player finished his four-year career as one of the top career and single season scoring leaders.

He finished his career with 774 points, ranking him 16th. His 375 points last season ranked him among the conference leaders, and first for UM.

UM's co-captain last season along with center John Stroeder, he came to Montana after an outstanding prep career at Westby High School. He averaged 30 points and 20 rebounds a game, leading Westby to the State Class C title. He was an all-state, all-conference player that season (1974-75).

Among other honors he earned while wearing the copper, silver and gold of the Grizzlies were being selected: All-Big Sky Conference tourney team and all tourney in the KOA Classic played in Billings.

Al, who played at 6-6, 195 pounds, was planning to finish his Health/Physical Education major at UM during the fall quarter of 1979.

In his memory, Stroeder will wear his old number — 32. UM coach Mike Montgomery has renamed the "Coaches' Award" which goes to the player who best represents Grizzly basketball, "The Allan Nielsen Award."

It will be an award any Montana player will be proud to receive.

DEDICATION

In our day-to-day dealing with athletes we meet all types of people. I had the pleasure of traveling with the Grizzly basketball team and got to know several members of the team. Allan Nielsen was one of them. He could play the game of life as well as he could shoot a jump shot. It was a privilege to have known the athlete, student and person. I wish to dedicate this media guide to his family, friends, and especially to his wife Vicki and son, Jesse.

Dave Huffery
UM Sports Information Director
President Richard Bowers

Dr. Richard C. Bowers assumed duties as the 13th president of the University of Montana 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 Northwestern 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.
A 1964 graduate of UM with an M.S. in health, physical education and recreation, Lewis became track and cross country coach at UM in 1966. Prior to assuming coaching responsibilities at UM, the 1959 graduate of Butte High School coached two years at the University of Portland.
Lewis served as cross country coach until 1976 and won nine Big Sky titles until resigning the position. He served as track coach through the 1978 season. While track coach, Lewis won the conference title in 1972. He has been named Big Sky Coach of the Year in cross country and track, ten times. He has served on numerous national committees, worked with the U.S. Olympic endeavors and cochaed several All-American performers in Montana.
Mike Montgomery begins his second season as head coach at the University of Montana. He served as assistant coach to Jim Brandenburg for two seasons at UM.

Prior to coming to UM, Mike spent three years as assistant at Boise State University. He has nine years of major college experience.

Montgomery has also served in coaching stints at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Colorado State University, the Citadel and the University of Florida.

Offensively, Montgomery likes to employ the fast break, “and use a structured, early offense, designed for people who can shoot the ball. I stress high-percentage shots, tough rebounding and a disciplined style of play.”

On the defensive side, Montgomery likes his players to play a tough, physical style, “and make the offense beat us, and not help them by breaking down to give up the easy shot.”

Montgomery uses several defensive looks, depending on his opponent’s strong and weak points.

The 32-year-old is especially excited to start this season in Adams’ Field House. “The Grizzlies have great fan interest, the best in the Big Sky and I’m anxious to get the season underway, as I’m sure our ‘sixth man’ — the fans are.”

A native of Long Beach, California, Montgomery went to Long Beach State where he played basketball for four years and volleyball and rugby for two years. He graduated in 1968 with a degree in Physical Education. He earned his Master’s degree in Physical Education from Colorado State University.

Mike remains active in sports and enjoys golf, racquetball and tennis. He recently married the former Sarah Browne.
Stew Morrill came to the University of Montana last year from Gonzaga University, where he was an assistant coach for three seasons.

As a player at Gonzaga he was named first team All-Big Sky Conference his senior season in 1973-74. He was also picked as Gonzaga’s team captain and most valuable player. Prior to playing at Gonzaga he played at Ricks College, where he scored 23 points a game as a sophomore, and was a Junior College All-American.

Morrill, 26, will assist in scheduling and recruiting as well as aid coach Mike Montgomery in coaching duties.

Prior to coming to UM, Morrill was coach Adrian Buoncristiani’s first assistant and recruiting coordinator at Gonzaga. He was a graduate assistant in 1975-76.

Morrill played one season of professional basketball for a Division I team in Bordeaux, France. After a few months with the team, he was named player-coach.

Stew earned nine letters in basketball, football and track at Provo High School in Provo, Utah.

He is single.

Scott joined the University of Montana basketball staff last year after three successful seasons of coaching at the high school level.

As a head basketball coach at Frenchtown High School in Frenchtown, Montana, Hollenbeck, nicknamed “Holly,” compiled a 55-20 record. His prep team made two appearances in State tournaments. In 1977 his Frenchtown High team placed fifth in the Class “C” tourney held in Helena.

Not only did Scott organize and coordinate the high school program at Frenchtown, but he also served as athletic director, which involved scheduling, travel arrangements and budgeting.

Scott played for the Grizzlies from 1970-74 at forward, and was UM’s backup center, playing primarily in a reserve role.

His function as assistant basketball coach at UM is to serve as junior varsity head coach, as well as aid in recruiting and assisting in scheduling along with coach Morrill.

Last year his JV team had a 9-7 record.

He is a 1974 graduate of UM, with a degree in Physical Education.

Scott, 27, is married, and his wife’s name is Jody.
Marshall's job at UM is three-fold. He serves as assistant athletic director in charge of business affairs as well as head track and cross country coach for the men. This is his second year at Montana, coming from Stanford where he was head cross country coach and assistant track coach for men for the past ten years. He is a 1957 graduate of USC where he lettered in both track and cross country. He earned a master's degree from USC in 1958. He is considered one of the nation's outstanding distance coaches.

Dick joined the UM staff in July of 1979. Seaman has lived in Missoula since 1949. He spent all most 24 years in the United States Marine Corps, before retiring in 1966. His last eight years in the service he was in charge of physical conditioning and all athletic equipment. A veteran of World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars, Seaman played varsity football for the Marines. He played halfback and end. Originally from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Seaman is married to a Missoula native (Nina).

Naseby is the only men's athletic trainer Montana has known. A month after his graduation from UM in 1935, he was appointed Montana's first athletic trainer. He was a standout athlete while attending high school in Milwaukee and became one of Montana's finest all-around athletes earning nine varsity letters in football, basketball and track. He has received many honors and accolades during his 44 years at Montana, including the Grizzly Cup, which he won in 1935 and his son Pete won in 1958.

Gary has been ticket manager at UM since 1966. In 1978 he was also appointed fieldhouse manager. He schedules all events in Adams Fieldhouse and at Dornblaser Stadium in addition to handling ticket distribution. He is a native of Ronan, Montana and graduated in accounting from the Missoula Business College in 1962. He gained extensive experience in accounting and auditing before assuming his responsibilities at Montana.
Improved team speed and overall depth should make the Grizzlies contenders in the Big Sky Conference once again this season.

Second-year coach Mike Montgomery guided his University of Montana team to a 14-12 regular-season record, and 7-7 in the conference, which was good enough to qualify them for the postseason, four-team playoffs.

UM finished the season ranked fourth nationally in total defense, allowing only 60.3 points a game.

The defensive-minded Grizzlies set a Big Sky record in defense, breaking their own mark of 62.2, set in 1972-73. Montana had led the conference in defense the last eight seasons in-a-row.

Montana will also be making a bid at breaking the BSC record in most consecutive conference wins at home. The Grizzlies have won 17 straight. The record is 20, set by Weber State (1967-68 to 1968-69).

Montgomery, 32, thinks his young team, which has only two seniors on it, will once again be in the playoff picture.

"Basically, I expect to be in the thick of it as far as the playoffs are concerned," he said. "The conference will once again be well-balanced, especially with the addition of Nevada-Reno. But, I expect to be able to compete with everyone."

The reason for Montgomery’s optimism is three returning starters, six returning lettermen, and a fine crop of recruits.

At the forward spot, veterans Rod Brandon and Marty Green, along with redshirt Tim Knight, are expected to provide a solid front line along with Stroeder.

Add to that forward-guard Craig Zanon, and the depth of the 1979-80 Grizzlies underneath looks solid. Zanon was the recipient of the "Coaches Award" given to the player who plays the best in every phase of the game. Brandon received the Best Defensive Player award last year.

Returning starter Blaine Taylor is back at his guard spot, as is letterman Tim McCauley. Newcomers Marc Glass and Brian Morris played well in early practice sessions, and should see a lot of action.

Junior college transfer Greg Crutcher and prep recruits Jim Caler, Dave Johnson and Derrick Pope, along with walk-on Richie Edwards, are all very talented players.

"We should be as aggressive and competitive as any Grizzly team," Montgomery said. "With CZ (Zanon) swinging back at guard and forward, Knight coming off a redshirt year, and veterans Brandon and Green, we should have excellent front line depth."

"The entire program will benefit with the addition of our new players," Montgomery continued. "It gives us excellent overall depth and creates an extremely competitive practice situation, all of which will help us be successful."

Montgomery said, "We will use the fast break, with a structured, early offense, which is designed for the high percentage shot. We will also stress rebounding and a disciplined style of play."

Montgomery said, "defensively we expect to be stronger than last year. Defense has won a lot of ballgames over the years for Montana, and this year will be no exception."
Back row, from left, Assistant Coaches Stew Morrill and Scott Hollenbeck, Jim Caler, Derrick Pope, Marty Green, Dave Johnson, Craig Larsen, John Stroeder, Tim Knight, Rod Brandon, Brian Morris, Craig Zanon, Head Coach Mike Montgomery. Front row, from left, Marc Glass, Richie Edwards, Blaine Taylor, Tim McCauley, Greg Crutcher, Manager Steve Robertson.

### 1979-80 Grizzly Basketball Roster

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- Head Coach: Mike Montgomery
- Assistant Coaches: Stew Morrill/Scott Hollenbeck
- Trainer: Naseby Rhinehart
- Manager: Steve Robertson
John Stroeder will be counted on heavily in the middle this season. He was once again named to the second team All Big Sky Conference for the second straight season.

As a junior, “Strodes” was one of the top rebounders in the conference, averaging 7.8 points a game. He was a second leading scorer on the team last year, and the top returnee in that category. He averaged 13.8 points a game, and his high game was a 27-point effort against Idaho State.

Last year he was the teams’ leading rebounder in 17 of 27 games, and pulled down 10 or more rebounds seven times.

“John has been working hard this year, and we need a big year from him for a good season,” said coach Mike Montgomery. “He could be one of the better centers in the West this year, and has shown tremendous improvement year after year.”

Stroeder was a star basketball player at Port Townsend High in Washington, where he was captain of the team. He also lettered in track and was the state titlist in the discus. He was a prep All-American in basketball. His high school basketball coach was Jim Kearns.

Also an all-state basketball player at Port Townsend, his ambition is to play professional basketball. He is one of the nominees for the prestigious Pizza Hut All-Star Classic this year.

Stroeder led the Grizzlies in blocked shots with nine in 1978-79. He is one of the top UM scorers in one season, scoring 368 last year. He needs only 66 more points to become one of the top 20 career scorers in Grizzly history.

He was named UM’s Most Inspirational Player last year.

A Health-Physical Education major, John has shot more than 50 percent from the field the past two seasons.

His hobbies are hunting, fishing and backgammon. His father is Mr. Tony Stroeder of Port Townsend, Washington.

Birthday: July 24, 1958.
A walk-on two years ago, Tim McCauley played in all 27 games last year for the Grizzlies, starting in 10 of them.

One of only two seniors on the young UM team this year, McCauley scored 131 points last year for a 4.9 average. He was also one of the leaders in assists, dishing out 56 for a 2.1 average.

"Tim is a steady lead guard," Montgomery said. "He shoots high percentage shots, and has good range. He also is a steady ball-handler, and doesn't give the ball up much. He could start at lead guard for us."

"Mac" displayed his shooting ability in the record-setting, four overtime game against Idaho State in Pocatello last season. He made eight-of-eight crucial free throws in the contest.

As a senior at Sun Prairie High School in basketball he was team captain, MVP, all-conference, and the Player of the Year in his conference. He was also an outstanding volleyball player, and was team captain, MVP and all-state in that sport.

His high school coach was Dave Genzmer.

Last season he made 50 percent of his field goal attempts, and was third on the team for the Grizzlies. He also had 14 steals.

He is a Business Administration Management major, with emphasis on insurance and marketing. He was an All Big Sky academic pick last season.

Tim's hobbies are all outdoor-related activities. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roland McCauley of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

Craig Zanon
6-6, 190, Forward-Guard
Junior from Kalispell, Montana

A returning starter, it will be hard to keep Craig Zanon out of the lineup again this season, despite the improved overall depth of the Grizzlies.

"CZ" played big guard for the Grizzlies last season, and started 11 of 14 conference games. He scored 187 points, averaging 7.2 a game. He averaged 2.7 rebounds a game, totaling 70.

"Craig is an extremely hard worker, who should have benefited from playing guard last season," Montgomery said. "He came on very strong for us at the second half of the season. He is a potential All-Big Sky pick this season, and has worked hard to improve his outside shooting."

Zanon was rewarded for his hustling play last season, receiving the Coaches' Award, recently renamed the Allan Nielsen Award.

He shot 52 percent (65 of 126) from the floor last year, and a lofty 69 percent the previous year in limited playing time.

He played for Flathead High School in Kalispell, where he lettered three times in basketball and twice in football. His prep team was the Western Conference champ in basketball in 1977, when he was the captain. That season he was first team all-state, all-conference and all-tourney and MVP in the state tournament. He was also all-state and all-conference as a junior. In football in 1977 he was all-state and all-conference.

Coached by Jack McWhorter, Craig's older brother, Rick, lettered twice for the Grizzlies in basketball.

An accounting major, he wants to be a CPA. He was an All-Big Sky academic pick, and will be a candidate for Academic All-American honors this year. He was an eighth team pick last season.

His hobbies are tennis and water skiing.

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

Birthdate: March 14, 1959.

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Blaine Taylor is another returning starter, and will be vying for a berth at lead guard this season. "Blaine is a very intelligent player, who has good leadership abilities," Montgomery said. "He really came on the second half of last season. He has steadily improved, and should help us be successful this year."

Taylor started in all but one game last season. He averaged 5.9 points a game, scoring 159 points. He led the Grizzlies in steals with 19. He was also the team leader in assists with 84.

He had an exceptional game against Boise State in Missoula last season, scoring a season’s high 18 points. He was named the Big Sky Player of the Week for his performance in the win.

He feels this year’s Grizzly team, “with hard work, and a few breaks, that when this team jells there’s no limit to how far our ballclub can go.”

A standout for the Hellgate Knights in Missoula, he was all-state three times, and the MVP in the state in 1976. He captained the Knights in basketball his junior and senior seasons. His coach was Russ Sherrif.

He averaged 18 points a game as a prep. His senior year Hellgate was fourth in Class AA. He participated in the Montana-Wyoming basketball all-star game, and lettered in football.

Blaine, nicknamed “Tails” by his teammates, is a Business major.

His hobbies are softball, water skiing and hunting.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon B. Taylor of Missoula.

His wife’s name is Annie.

Birthdate: January 14, 1958.

**Blaine Taylor**

6-1½, 175 lbs., Guard

Junior from Missoula, Montana

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An exciting, extremely quick player, Rod Brandon started a few (five) games for Montana last season, and ignited many a Grizzly rally coming off the bench. He scored 107 points for a 4.1 average, and had 67 rebounds for a 2.9 average. He also had 17 steals and three blocked shots. He was selected as the Grizzlies top defensive player last year.

"Rod is a very aggressive, emotional player," Montgomery said. "He helped us off-and-on during the season. He had a great summer, playing summer league in Los Angeles against some of the best players in college. That should help his confidence. We look for a good year from him, and expect him to come into his own for the Grizzlies."

At Gahr High School in Norwalk, California, he was all-conference, all-CIF, team and league MVP and All-Southwest. He averaged 22 points and 14 rebounds per game. His coach was Tom Pryor.

Rod’s hobbies are hiking, fishing and tennis.
He is a Business Management major.
His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandon of Norwalk, California.
Birthdate: January 1, 1959.

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A local product, as are three other Grizzlies, Marty Green has shown steady improvement the past couple of seasons. Now that he has been moved back to forward, he should feel more confident.

"Marty has a great deal of ability," Montgomery said. "He needs confidence to reach his potential. He’s been getting better every year, and is a strong rebounder and shot blocker. He can score well against zone defenses."

He played in 17 games last season, scoring 21 points. He had a very good game against Northern Colorado, grabbing a team-high 9 rebounds. He finished the season with 24 rebounds.

Green was a first team all conference player, and second team All-State pick in 1977, while playing for the Hellgate Knights, where he was coached by Russ Sheriff. He averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds per game as a senior.

His hobbies are hiking, fishing and hunting.
He is majoring in General Studies.
Marty’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Green of Missoula.
Tim Knight
6-7, 200 lbs., Forward
Junior from Riverside, California

Knight adds a double dimension to the UM basketball team. At 6-7, Tim was an outstanding forward at Santa Barbara (Calif.) City College in 1976-77 and 1977-78. Tim redshirted last year.

A rare JC recruit, Knight said, "I was impressed with Monty (coach Montgomery), and the whole program. I was awed by the fan support and enthusiasm. This is a big-time program and institution."

Tim’s JC team won the Mission Conference championship his freshman and sophomore seasons. As a prep his Ramona High (Riverside, CA) team won the league title his senior year, and he was the Ivy League MVP, All-County, All-C.I.F. and his team’s captain. His high school coach was Paul C. Smith.

"Tim is an excellent athlete, and has the ability to play four positions on the court," Montgomery said. "He is very active, and shows a lot of desire to sacrifice for team success. He may be one of the biggest surprises on the Grizzly team this year."

Knight calls UM’s Adams Field House fans the zoo, which "is the most incredible group I’ve ever seen. I’m an emotional player, and they will really turn me on. I only hope I can turn them on with hustle."

He is an Education major. He participates in bicycling and most outdoor activities.

Tim’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Knight of Riverside, California. Birthdate: December 14, 1957.

Craig Larsen
6-11, 220 lbs., Center
Freshman from Aurora, Colorado

Craig is a key member of the Grizzly program, and is needed as a backup at center. The big man was an all-conference and all-state player while at Aurora Central High School in Aurora, Colorado. He redshirted last season at UM.

"Craig is an excellent big man," said Montgomery. "He is a fine prospect, is active, runs well, and has a good shooting touch. He also has a tremendous willingness to improve his game any way possible, and could be a factor for us. He has added strength and maturity, and made tremendous progress in a year."

Larsen said he decided to come to UM over a host of other collegiate offers, "because of fan support, and the school’s reputation for team basketball."

Coached by Byron Brookhart as a high school player, Larsen said, "I have never played before a crowd as large as UM gets, but the crowd has pulled out some close games. I’m really looking forward to the experience of playing for them."

He is a pre-Law student. His hobbies are fishing, backpacking and racquetball.

Craig’s parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Larsen of Aurora, Colorado. Birthdate: April 1, 1960.
Marc Glass

A quick learner, Marc Glass could see a lot of action in his initial season as a Grizzly.

"Mark is a very intelligent player, who averaged 26 points a game in high school and made 60 percent of his shots," Montgomery said. "He can play lead or big guard, and should be a great player in our program."

He was a three-year letterman for Battle Ground High School in Battle Ground, Washington. He also lettered in golf four times and cross country once. He was the captain of the golf team his final three years.

He was team captain in basketball in 1978-79, as well as all-state, all-conference, team and league MVP and team captain. He was also all-conference his junior season. His sophomore team was the conference champion in basketball in 1976-77.

His high school coach was Butch Blue.

Marc is a Business Administration major.

His father is Mr. Earl Glass of Battle Ground, and his mother is Mrs. Joanne Tarmichael of Vancouver, Washington.

Birthdate: November 22, 1960.

Greg Crutcher

An unbelievable leaper with excellent quickness, Greg Crutcher could play either tall guard or small forward for the Grizzlies.

As a starter for Cincinnati Tech he jumped center for his team, and played all three positions for them. He led Tech in scoring (17.8), rebounding (10.0), steals and blocked shots. Needless to say, he was voted his team's MVP, and is Tech's all-time leading scorer.

He was a two-year letterman in junior college and team co-captain. As a prep at Withrow High School in Cincinnati he was coached by Junian Holland.

"Greg is a tremendously talented athlete," said Montgomery. "He can run and jump well, and has an explosive first step. He could be a great tall guard or small forward for us. He is a very good open court player, and needs to learn our system.

Greg's hobbies are jazz, racquetball and all kinds of music.

He is a Radio-TV major, and hopes to become a producer.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Crutcher of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brian Morris
6-6½, 175, Guard-Forward
Freshman from Missoula, Montana

A local product, Brian Morris was one of the top two players in Montana last season. He was all-state and all-conference for Missoula's Sentinel High School his junior and senior seasons, where he was coached by Bob Luoma. He averaged 19.3 points and 12.7 rebounds per game for the Spartans.

He was the state's leading scorer in 1978-79 in AA, and was a member of the National High School Coaches Association All-American team in 1978-79, and played for the Montana All-Stars last season also.

"We are happy to continue the Grizzly tradition to try to get the best Montana athletes available," Montgomery said. "Brian gives us a lot of flexibility because of his ability to play tall guard and quick forward. He has genuine guard skills, based on his quickness and his ability to handle the ball. It's not often a 6-6 player has those abilities."

A three-year letterman for the Spartans, he was team captain in 1979. Brian's hobbies are water skiing, photography and golf.

He is an accounting major, and hopes to become a CPA after graduating. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Morris of Missoula.


Derrick Pope
6-6, 190, Forward
Freshman from Aurora, Colorado

A very young player, Derrick Pope had not turned 18 when he began practicing with the Grizzlies in mid-October.

An all-state, all-conference (two years) player for Smoky Hill High School in Aurora, Colorado, there is no telling how far Pope can go for UM.

Named to the all-state team by the Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News and Colorado Sidelines, he was the conference MVP, and led the league in rebounding and blocked shots. Pope, who averaged 13 rebounds a game as a prep, was chosen most improved player his last two years in high school. His coach was Richard Cozza.

"A very young player with extremely long arms, Derrick must learn to play the forward position after playing center in high school," Montgomery said. "He has a lot of talent, but must learn to adjust to our system. He has only played organized ball for two years."

Derrick's hobbies are reading and attending movies. His major is undecided at this point.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cesar S. Pope of Aurora, Colorado.

Jim Caler is the type of shooter the Grizzlies need at forward. He was all-state, MVP of the Jefferson County League, a member of the Colorado All-Star Team, and All-Metro at Bear Creek High School in Lakewood, Colorado.

"Jim is another player who had to make the move from high school center to a college forward," Montgomery said. "He has a fine shooting touch. Like all players right out of high school, he needs to learn the system."

Caler averaged 20.1 points a game, and made 53 percent of his shots, to lead the league in scoring. An all-state selection by two publications in Colorado, he was a tri-captain for the North All-Star Team. His coach was Gary Goings.

He was a two-year letterman in basketball, as well as track, where he ran the 220 and 180-yard low hurdles.

His hobbies are water skiing, tennis and listening to music.

He has not declared a major, but is leaning toward Business.

Jim's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James L. Caler of Lakewood, Colorado. Birthdate: February 10, 1961.

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Another big man in the Grizzly program, Dave Johnson could be a standout in the future for UM.

He was the main reason his Rowland High School (Rowland Heights, California) was undefeated and the Montview League champion.

Johnson was team MVP, All-Valley (San Gabriel Valley), and All-Sierra League. His coach was Cris Ritchey.

"Dave is a 6-10 player who needs to add strength," said Montgomery. "We plan to bring him along slowly. With development and steady improvement he could be a great asset to the Grizzly program."

A two-year letterman in basketball as a prep, he was also a letterman in track. He averaged 15.7 points and 13 rebounds per game.

A Business Management major, he hopes to go into business for himself after graduation. He was student body president at RHS.

Dave's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Johnson of Rowland Heights, California.

Richie Edwards 6-4, 180, Guard
Sophomore from New York, New York

A walk-on a year ago, Richie Edwards can play the big guard or small forward for the Grizzlies.

He was all-state for AA runnerup Great Falls High School in 1977, as well as all-conference. He lettered three times in basketball, twice in baseball and once in track at GFHS. His prep basketball coach was Gene Esplend.

"Richie is a fine athlete and jumper," Montgomery said. "He needs to learn the fundamentals better to play in our program. As he develops he could be a good player for the Grizzlies."

He was a one-year letterman in basketball and track at Frank Phillips College in Borger, Texas, as well as all-conference in the Southwest Junior College Conference. He sat out last season at UM.

Richie is a History/Political Science major.

His mother is Mary Edwards of Staten Island, New York.


The 6th Man

The crowd and University of Montana basketball are one and the same. This is just a few of the screaming Grizzly faithful who are on hand for basketball games in Dalhberg Arena.

"It sounds like an army in here when they get going," said coach Mike Montgomery. "I love it. They are an important part of our program, and mean a lot to the coaches and the players."

More than 100,000 fans braved the chilly Montana winters last season. The Grizzlies averaged 8,268 fans in Big Sky Conference games. UM was one of the top-drawing basketball teams in the nation last year.

The players know what fans like the ones in Missoula do for the Griz basketball program. Some examples:

TIM McCABELEY: "The Grizzly fans distinguish this program from any other in the conference, if not the nation. As a player the crowd is inspiring, and gives me a unique feeling of motivation that makes all the hard work worthwhile."

JOHN STROEDER: "As long as I have been here the crowd has made it worthwhile to play for, and be a part of, the University of Montana."

TIM KNIGHT: "After watching the Griz fans all last year, I'm looking forward to playing in front of them. They are the best fans I've ever seen, or been associated with."

CRAIG ZANON: "The Grizzly fans are the most important part of the entire program. They are the greatest fans anywhere."

BLAINE TAYLOR: "I feel it is a privilege to play before such an enthusiastic crowd."

CRAIG LARSEN: "After seeing the fans back the Grizzlies in the past, I think it's time we brought a Big Sky Championship back here to Missoula."
THE 6TH MAN . . .

... IS A PART OF THE GRIZZLIES’ WINNING TRADITION
### Doane College
- Location: Crete, Nebraska
- Nickname: Tigers
- Enrollment: 700
- Colors: Orange/black
- Head Coach: Bob Erickson
- Conference: NCAA C
- Athletic Director: Bob Erickson
- SID: Ben McDowell (402) 826-2169
- Career Record: 263-220 (18 yrs.)
- 1978-79 Record: 13-15 (6-4 conf.)
- Ret. Starters: 7
- Ret. Lettermen: 4
- Key Players: Jon Parker (6-9, C); Gary Stubbefield (6-1, G); Ray Montgomery (6-2, G)
- Home Court: Fuhrer Fieldhouse (3,000)
- Series Record: 1st Meeting

### Stout State
- Location: Menomonie, Wisconsin
- Nickname: Blue Devils
- Enrollment: 7,278
- Colors: Blue/white
- Head Coach: Dwain Mintz
- Career Record: 454-195 (2-4 yrs.)
- 1978-79 Record: 14-12 (7-9 conf.)
- Ret. Starters: 2
- Key Players: Harvey Pearson (6-5, F); Mike Devney (6-3, F)
- Home Court: Johnson Field House (3,500)
- Series Record: UM 4, Stout 0

### Air Force Academy
- Location: USAF Academy, Colorado
- Nickname: Falcons
- Enrollment: 4,400
- Colors: Silver/blue
- Conference: Western Independent
- Athletic Director: Col. John Clune
- SID: Hal Bateman (303) 472-2313
- Head Coach: Maj. Hank Egan
- Career Record: 105-95 (8 yrs.)
- 1978-79 Record: 12-13
- Ret. Starters: 3
- Key Players: Tim Harris (6-6, F); Reggie Jones (6-7, F)
- Home Court: Cadet Field House (6,600)
- Series Record: UM 2, AFA 2

### San Jose State
- Location: San Jose, California
- Nickname: Spartans
- Enrollment: 28,000
- Colors: Royal blue/gold/white
- Conference: PCAA
- Athletic Director: John Crosby (interim)
- SID: Dennis Snyder (interim) (408) 277-3296
- Head Coach: Bill Berry
- Career Record: 1st year
- 1978-79 Record: 7-20 (4-10)
- Ret. Starters: 11
- Key Players: Wally Rank (6-6, F); Mickey Jackson (6-7, F); Mike Mendez (6-1, G)
- Home Court: San Jose Civic (2,500)
- Series Record: UM 1, SJ 3

### 1979-80 Schedule
- Nov. 23 Doane Tourney
- Nov. 27 at Kearney State
- Nov. 29 at Great Falls College
- Nov. 30 at Montana
  - Dec. 1 at Montana State
  - Dec. 3 at Boise State
  - Dec. 6 at Northern Arizona
  - Dec. 10 Peru State
  - Dec. 15 at Univ. Nebraska-Omaha
- Dec. 25 Regis College
- Dec. 29 Regis College
- Jan. 5 Tarkio College
- Jan. 7 Wayne State
- Jan. 9 at Hastings College
- Jan. 12 Kearney State
- Jan. 14 at Wayne State
- Jan. 16 at Mount Marty College
- Jan. 19 at Midland Lutheran College
- Jan. 22 at U.S. Air Force Academy
- Jan. 26 at Concordia College
- Jan. 30 at Hastings College
- Feb. 1 Colorado College
- Feb. 2 Nebraska Wesleyan Univ.
- Feb. 6 at Dana College
- Feb. 9 at Midland Lutheran College
- Feb. 13 Concordia College
- Feb. 16 Hastings College
- Feb. 20 at Nebraska Wesleyan Univ.
- Feb. 23 Mount Marty College
- Feb. 27 Dana College

### Dec. 1st in Missoula
- Location: Missoula
- Nickname: Tigers
- Enrollment: 3,000
- Colors: Orange/black
- Head Coach: Jon Parker
- Career Record: 1st year
- 1978-79 Record: 1-2
- Ret. Starters: 2
- Ret. Lettermen: 4
- Key Players: Jon Parker (6-9, C); Harvey Pearson (6-5, F); Mike Devney (6-3, F)
- Home Court: Mont/Alberta (3,500)
- Series Record: UM 4, Stout 0

### Dec. 3rd in Colorado Springs
- Location: Colorado Springs
- Nickname: Falcons
- Enrollment: 4,400
- Colors: Silver/blue
- Conference: Western Independent
- Athletic Director: Col. John Clune
- SID: Hal Bateman (303) 472-2313
- Head Coach: Maj. Hank Egan
- Career Record: 105-95 (8 yrs.)
- 1978-79 Record: 12-13
- Ret. Starters: 3
- Key Players: Tim Harris (6-6, F); Reggie Jones (6-7, F)
- Home Court: Cadet Field House (6,600)
- Series Record: UM 2, AFA 2

### Dec. 5th in San Jose
- Location: San Jose, California
- Nickname: Spartans
- Enrollment: 28,000
- Colors: Royal blue/gold/white
- Conference: PCAA
- Athletic Director: John Crosby (interim)
- SID: Dennis Snyder (interim) (408) 277-3296
- Head Coach: Bill Berry
- Career Record: 1st year
- 1978-79 Record: 7-20 (4-10)
- Ret. Starters: 11
- Key Players: Wally Rank (6-6, F); Mickey Jackson (6-7, F); Mike Mendez (6-1, G)
- Home Court: San Jose Civic (2,500)
- Series Record: UM 1, SJ 3

- Nov. 24 August
- Nov. 28 at East Montana
- Nov. 30 at Montana State
- Dec. 1 at Montana
  - Dec. 7 at Oshkosh
  - Dec. 8 at Stevens Point
  - Dec. 12 at River Falls
  - Dec. 15 at La Crosse
  - Dec. 19 Hamline
  - Dec. 21-22 Red Cedar Classic
- Jan. 5 Lewis University
- Jan. 7 at Winona
- Jan. 9 at Northland
- Jan. 14 at Eau Claire
- Jan. 18 at Platteville
- Jan. 19 at Whitewater
- Jan. 26 at Superior
- Feb. 2 at Eau Claire
- Feb. 4 at La Crosse
- Feb. 8 at Oshkosh
- Feb. 9 Stevens Point
- Feb. 12 at River Falls
- Feb. 15 at Platteville
- Feb. 16 at Whitewater
- Feb. 23 Superior

### 1979-80 Schedule
- Nov. 30 Missouri Western State
- Dec. 3 at Arizona
- Dec. 5 Montana
- Dec. 7 Portland
- Dec. 15 at Stanford
- Dec. 18 at St. Mary’s (CA)
- Dec. 21 at Cable Car Classic
- Dec. 22 at Cable Car Classic
- Dec. 26-29 at All-College Tournament
- Jan. 3 Sacramento State
- Jan. 10 Pacific
- Jan. 13 Fresno State
- Jan. 17 Cal State-Long Beach
- Jan. 19 at UC Santa Barbara
- Jan. 24 at Utah State
- Jan. 27 Utah State
- Jan. 31 UC-Irvine
- Feb. 2 Cal State-Fullerton
- Feb. 7 at Cal State-Fullerton
- Feb. 9 at UC-Irvine
- Feb. 14 UC-Santa Barbara
- Feb. 16 at Cal State-Long Beach
- Feb. 21 at Fresno State
- Feb. 23 at Pacific
Dec. 7th in Missoula
Location: Carson, California
Nickname: Toros
Enrollment: 7,500
Colors: Cardinal/gold
Conference: NAIA (Div. Ill)
Athletic Director: Dr. Robert Pastoleni
SID: Ben Kass (215) 515-3892
Head Coach: David Yanai
Career Record: 33-24 (2 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 21-9
Ret. Lettermen: 5
Ret. Starters: 1
Key Players: Darry Williams (5-10, G), Darryl Wheeler (6-5, F)
Home Court: Gary Main Gym (3,700)
Series Record: First Meeting

Dec. 10th in Missoula
Location: Helena, Montana
Nickname: Fighting Saints
Enrollment: 1,260
Colors: Purple/gold
Conference: Frontier
Athletic Director: Tom Kelly
SID: Kim Phillips (406) 442-3450
Head Coach: Jim Trudnowski
Career Record: 129-12 (11 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 11-14
Ret. Lettermen: 9
Ret. Starters: 4
Key Players: Mike Shea (6-5, F); Mike Kelley (6-1, G); Randy Trinastich (6-6, C-F)
Home Court: Carroll Gym (4,000)
Series Record: UM 16, CC 4

Dec. 15th in Missoula
Location: Denver, Colorado
Nickname: Pioneers
Enrollment: 11,000
Colors: Purple/gold
Conference: NAIA (Dis. Ill)
Athletic Director: Bob Otto
SID: Rob Schabert (507) 389-2625
Head Coach: Butch Raymond
Career Record: 143-95 (6 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 23-6 (14-2 conf.)
Ret. Lettermen: 6
Ret. Starters: 3
Key Players: Roy Groce (6-8, F); Dan Carpenter (6-7, F)
Home Court: Highland Arena (5,200)
Series Record: First meeting

1979-80 Schedule
Dec. 1 Grand Canyon College
Dec. 7 at Montana
Dec. 8 at Boise State
Dec. 11 at Whittier College
Dec. 14 at Alaska-Anchorage
Dec. 15 at Alaska-Anchorage
Dec. 21 at San Francisco State
Dec. 22 at California State, Hayward
Dec. 29 Southwest Missouri State
Jan. 2 at Montana-Fairbanks
Jan. 3 at Chapman College
Jan. 6 at Grand Canyon College
Jan. 10 at Cal State, Northridge
Jan. 12 at Cal State, Los Angeles
Jan. 17 UC Riverside
Jan. 19 at Cal Poly, Pomona
Jan. 25 Cal State, Bakersfield
Jan. 26 at Cal Poly, SLO
Jan. 29 Athletes In Action
Feb. 1 Chapman College
Feb. 5 California Lutheran
Feb. 8 at Cal Poly, SLO
Feb. 9 at Cal State, Bakersfield
Feb. 14 Cal Poly, Pomona
Feb. 16 at UC Riverside
Feb. 21 Cal State, Los Angeles
Feb. 23 Cal State, Northridge

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Conference: NAIA (Div. Ill)
Athletic Director: Dr. Robert Pastoleni
SID: Ben Kass (215) 515-3892
Head Coach: David Yanai
Career Record: 33-24 (2 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 21-9
Ret. Lettermen: 5
Ret. Starters: 1
Key Players: Darry Williams (5-10, G), Darryl Wheeler (6-5, F)
Home Court: Gary Main Gym (3,700)
Series Record: First Meeting

Dec. 10th in Missoula
Location: Helena, Montana
Nickname: Fighting Saints
Enrollment: 1,260
Colors: Purple/gold
Conference: Frontier
Athletic Director: Tom Kelly
SID: Kim Phillips (406) 442-3450
Head Coach: Jim Trudnowski
Career Record: 129-12 (11 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 11-14
Ret. Lettermen: 9
Ret. Starters: 4
Key Players: Mike Shea (6-5, F); Mike Kelley (6-1, G); Randy Trinastich (6-6, C-F)
Home Court: Carroll Gym (4,000)
Series Record: UM 16, CC 4

Dec. 15th in Missoula
Location: Denver, Colorado
Nickname: Pioneers
Enrollment: 11,000
Colors: Purple/gold
Conference: NAIA (Dis. Ill)
Athletic Director: Bob Otto
SID: Rob Schabert (507) 389-2625
Head Coach: Butch Raymond
Career Record: 143-95 (6 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 23-6 (14-2 conf.)
Ret. Lettermen: 6
Ret. Starters: 3
Key Players: Roy Groce (6-8, F); Dan Carpenter (6-7, F)
Home Court: Highland Arena (5,200)
Series Record: First meeting

1979-80 Schedule
Dec. 1 Grand Canyon College
Dec. 7 at Montana
Dec. 8 at Boise State
Dec. 11 at Whittier College
Dec. 14 at Alaska-Anchorage
Dec. 15 at Alaska-Anchorage
Dec. 21 at San Francisco State
Dec. 22 at California State, Hayward
Dec. 29 Southwest Missouri State
Jan. 2 at Montana-Fairbanks
Jan. 3 at Chapman College
Jan. 6 at Grand Canyon College
Jan. 10 at Cal State, Northridge
Jan. 12 at Cal State, Los Angeles
Jan. 17 UC Riverside
Jan. 19 at Cal Poly, Pomona
Jan. 25 Cal State, Bakersfield
Jan. 26 at Cal Poly, SLO
Jan. 29 Athletes In Action
Feb. 1 Chapman College
Feb. 5 California Lutheran
Feb. 8 at Cal Poly, SLO
Feb. 9 at Cal State, Bakersfield
Feb. 14 Cal Poly, Pomona
Feb. 16 at UC Riverside
Feb. 21 Cal State, Los Angeles
Feb. 23 Cal State, Northridge

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 17 at Montana Tech
Nov. 26 Northern Montana
Nov. 30 at Whitworth College
Dec. 1 at Gonzaga University
Dec. 6 at College of Great Falls
Dec. 10 at Montana
Dec. 13 at Western Montana
Dec. 15 at Montana State
Dec. 21 at Idaho State
Dec. 22 at Lewis-Clark State
Dec. 24 at Idaho State
Jan. 3 at Lewis-Clark State
Jan. 10 College of Great Falls
Jan. 11 at Montana State
Jan. 18 at Eastern Montana
Jan. 19 at Rocky Mountain
Jan. 25 at Western Montana
Jan. 26 at Montana Tech
Feb. 1 Northern Montana
Feb. 2 at College of Great Falls
Feb. 8 Eastern Montana
Feb. 9 Rocky Mountain
Feb. 14 at Western Montana
Feb. 16 at Montana Tech

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 27 Rocky Mountain College
Nov. 30 at Graceland College
Dec. 4 Concordia College
Dec. 6 at Colorado State
Dec. 15 at Montana
Dec. 17 at McPherson College
Dec. 20-21 at Ski Country Classic
(Mesa College)
Dec. 28-29 at Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational
Jan. 5 at Western Montana
Jan. 6 at Montana State
Jan. 9 at Fort Hays State
Jan. 12 at Northern Arizona College
Jan. 17 at Portland State
Jan. 21 at Chadron State College
Jan. 23 at Northern Colorado
Feb. 4 at Regis College
Feb. 7 at Oklahoma City University
Feb. 9 at Pan American University
Feb. 11 U.S. International University
Feb. 12 at Pan American University
Feb. 14 at Southern Colorado
Feb. 16 at Chadron State College
Feb. 20 at Southern Colorado
Feb. 24 at Western State College
Feb. 28 at College of Santa Fe

1979-80 Schedule
Dec. 1 Augsburg College
Dec. 5 at Gustavus Adolphus College
Dec. 7 at Olaf College
Dec. 8 at Briarcliff College
Dec. 14 at St. Cloud State
Dec. 15 at Southwest State
Dec. 19 at Montana
Dec. 21 at Montana State
Dec. 27-28-29 at St. Cloud Tourney
Jan. 5 Michigan Tech
Jan. 7 at St. Cloud State
Jan. 12 Winona State
Jan. 16 at St. Cloud State
Jan. 19 Northern State
Jan. 25 at Bemidji State
Jan. 26 at Moorhead State
Jan. 30 at St. Cloud State
Feb. 2 at Southwest State
Feb. 9 at Michigan Tech
Feb. 11 at St. Cloud State
Feb. 16 at Winona State
Feb. 20 at Minnesota-Duluth
Feb. 23 at Northern State
Feb. 27 Bemidji State
Mar. 1 Moorhead State
Dec. 21-22 in Las Vegas

Location: Nevada, Las Vegas
Nickname: Runnin' Rebels
Enrollment: 9,500
Colors: Scarlet/grey
Conference: Independent
Athletic Director: Bill Ireland
SID: Dominic Clark (702) 739-3207
Head Coach: Jerry Tarkanian
Career Record: 143-32 (6 yrs.)

1978-79 Record: 21-8
Ret. Lettermen: 5
Ret. Starters: 1
Key Players: Frittie Ray Williams (6-3, G); Mike Burns (6-6, F); Freddie Thompson (6-4, G)

Home Court: LV Convention Center (6,376)
Series Record: UM 0, UNLV 1

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1979-80 Schedule

Nov. 19 Poland National Team
Nov. 30 Pan American University
Dec. 1 Murray State
Dec. 7 University of Nevada, Reno
Dec. 8 Idaho State
Dec. 10 at Tulsa
Dec. 15-16 Aladdin Tourney

Dec. 21-22 Rebel Round-up
Dec. 28-29 Holiday Classic
Jan. 10 Hawaii
Jan. 11 San Diego State
Jan. 14 at Utah
Jan. 17 at Seton Hall
Jan. 21 at Nevada Reno
Jan. 25 Texas, El Paso
Jan. 26 New Mexico
Jan. 28 at Colorado State
Feb. 2 U.S. International
Feb. 5 at San Diego State
Feb. 7 at Hawaii
Feb. 13 Wyoming
Feb. 14 Colorado State
Feb. 17 Kentucky
Feb. 22 at New Mexico
Feb. 23 at Texas-El Paso
Feb. 27 at Wyoming

Dec. 29th in Missoula

Location: Long Beach, California
Nickname: 49ers
Enrollment: 32,000
Colors: Brown/gold
Conference: PCAA
Athletic Director: Perry C. Moore
SID: Terry Ross (213) 498-4667
Head Coach: Tex Winter
Career Record: 392-276 (26 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 6-12
Ret. Lettermen: 8
Ret. Starters: 4
Key Players: Mike Wiley (6-9, F); Francis Wise (6-6, F); Craig Hodges (6-3, G); Kevin Tye (6-10, C)

Home Court: Long Beach Arena (7,000)
Series Record: UM 1, LB 1

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Nevada-Las Vegas
North Texas State
Texas A & M
Long Beach State

Jerry Tarkanian
Head Coach

Bill Blakely
Head Coach

Al Williams
Forward

Shelby, Metcalf
Head Coach

Vern Smith
Forward

Tex Winter
Head Coach

Mike Wiley
Forward

1979-80 Schedule

Nov. 30 at The Great Alaska Shootout (Anchorage, Alaska)
Dec. 4 Wichita State
Dec. 6 at Michigan State
Dec. 8 at University of Illinois
Dec. 13 Pepperdine
Dec. 15 Oklahoma State
Dec. 18 Brigham Young University
Dec. 21 at Bayou Classic (at Lafayette, Louisiana)
Dec. 27 University of Colorado
Dec. 29 at Montana
Jan. 2 at Kansas State
Jan. 7 Marquette
Jan. 10 UC Irvine
Jan. 12 CSU Fullerton
Jan. 17 at San Jose State
Jan. 19 Utah State
Jan. 24 UC Santa Barbara
Jan. 26 at UC Santa Barbara
Jan. 31 at University of the Pacific
Feb. 2 Fresno State
Feb. 7 at Fresno State
Feb. 9 University of the Pacific
Feb. 14 at Utah State
Feb. 16 San Jose State
Feb. 21 at CSU Fullerton
Feb. 24 at UC Irvine

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Colors: Scarlet/gray
Nickname: Runnin' Rebels
Location: Nevada, Las Vegas
Enrollment: 9,500
Colors: Scarlet/gray
Conference: Independent
Head Coach: Jerry Tarkanian
Location: College Station, Texas
Nickname: Aggies
Enrollment: 32,000
Colors: Maroon/white
Conference: Southwest
Athletic Director: Marvin Pate
SID: Spec Gammon (713) 845-5725
Head Coach: Shelby Metcalf
Career Record: 247-171 (16 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 24-9 (11-5 conf.)
Ret. Lettermen: 9
Ret. Starters: 5
Key Players: Vern Smith (6-6, F); Rynn Wright (6-6, F); Rudy Woods (6-11, 215); Dave Goff (5-10, 160); Dave Britton (6-4)

Home Court: G. Rollie White (7,500)
Series Record: First meeting
Jan. 17th in Boise/
Feb. 16th in Missoula

Location: Boise, Idaho
Nickname: Broncos
Enrollment: 11,300
Colors: Blue/orange
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Lyle Smith
SID: Bob Rosenthal (208) 385-1288
Head Coach: Bus Connor
Career Record: 83-90 (7 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 11-15 (4-10 con.)
Ret. Starters: 5
Ret. Lettermen: 7
Key Players: Don Newman (6-3, G);
Mike Mundee (6-7, F);
Larry McKinney (6-10, F)
Home Court: Bronco Gym (3,672)
Series Record: UM 43, UI 63

Jan. 19th in Moscow/
Feb. 14th in Missoula

Location: Moscow, Idaho
Nickname: Vandals
Enrollment: 8,000
Colors: Silver/gold
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Bill Bellknap
SID: Dave Kellogg (208) 885-7065
Head Coach: Don Monson
Career Record: 11-15 (1 yr.)
1978-79 Record: 11-15 (6-8 con.)
Ret. Starters: 3
Ret. Lettermen: 5
Key Players: Don Newman (6-3, G);
Reed Jaussi (6-4, F);
Jeff Brudie (6-11, C)
Home Court: Kibbie-ASUI Dome (10,000)
Series Record: UM 89, MSU 117

Jan. 26th in Missoula/
Feb. 23rd in Bozeman

Location: Bozeman, Montana
Nickname: Bobcats
Enrollment: 10,000
Colors: Blue/gold
Conference: Big Sky
Athletic Director: Tom Parac
SID: Bruce Parker (406) 994-2721
Head Coach: Bruce Haroldson
Career Record: 100-43 (6 yrs.)
1978-79 Record: 15-11 (6-8 con.)
Ret. Starters: 3
Ret. Lettermen: 7
Key Players: Arnold McDowell (6-4, F);
Mick Durham (5-10, G);
Doug Hashley (5-6, F)
Home Court: MSU Fieldhouse (10,000)
Series Record: UM 89, MSU 117

Feb. 18th in Missoula
Location: Portland, Oregon
Nickname: Vikings
Enrollment: 16,500
Colors: Green/white
Conference: Independent
Athletic Director: Roy Love
SID: Larry Sellers (503) 229-4400
Head Coach: Glen Kinney
Career Record: 6-21 (1 yr.)
1978-79 Record: 6-21
Ret. Starters: 3
Key Players: David Smith (6-0, G);
Darrell Webb (6-7, F);
Herbert Jones (6-3, G);
Wendell Talley (6-3, G)
Home Court: PSU Gym (2,644)
Series Record: First Meeting

Boise State
University of Idaho
Montana State
Portland State

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 30 at Santa Clara
Dec. 1 College of Great Falls
Dec. 3 Doane College
Dec. 7 North Dakota State
Dec. 8 Cal State Dominguez
Dec. 10 Eastern Washington
Dec. 13 Fresno State
Dec. 14 at St. Mary's
Dec. 19 at Wyoming
Dec. 28-29 at Puget Sound Tournament
Jan. 4 at Weber State
Jan. 5 at Idaho State
Jan. 8 Portland State
Jan. 12 at Idaho
Jan. 17 Montana
Jan. 19 Montana
Jan. 24 at Northern Arizona
Jan. 26 at Nevada-Reno
Jan. 31 Weber State
Feb. 2 Idaho State
Feb. 9 at Boise State
Feb. 14 at Montana
Feb. 16 at Montana
Feb. 21 Northern Arizona
Feb. 23 UN Reno

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 12 Athletes in Action
Dec. 1 Pepperdine University
Dec. 3 at Washington
Dec. 7-8 Malibu Classic Tournament
Dec. 11 Whitworth
Dec. 13 Seattle Pacific
Dec. 21 Gonzaga
Dec. 26-29 at Far West Classic
Jan. 2 Nebraska
Jan. 4 at Idaho State
Jan. 5 at Weber State
Jan. 9 at Washington State
Jan. 12 Boise State
Jan. 17 Montana State
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Jan. 24 at Northern Arizona
Jan. 26 at Nevada-Reno
Jan. 31 Weber State
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Feb. 14 at Montana
Feb. 16 at Montana
Feb. 21 Northern Arizona
Feb. 23 UN Reno

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 30 Wisconsin-Stout
Dec. 1 Doane College
Dec. 3 Missouri West St.
Dec. 5 North Dakota State
Dec. 7-8 at Pepperdine Tournament
Dec. 17 at Oregon State
Dec. 19 at Puget Sound
Dec. 21 Mankato State
Dec. 22 McNeese State
Dec. 28-29 at KCO Classic (Billings)
Jan. 3 at Nevada-Reno
Jan. 5 at Northern Arizona
Jan. 10 Weber State
Jan. 12 Idaho State
Jan. 17 at Idaho
Jan. 19 at Boise State
Jan. 26 at Montana
Jan. 31 Northern Arizona
Feb. 2 Nevada-Reno
Feb. 7 at Idaho State
Feb. 9 at Weber State
Feb. 14 Boise State
Feb. 16 Idaho
Feb. 23 Montana

1979-80 Schedule
Nov. 27 at Simon Fraser
Nov. 30 at North Dakota
Dec. 1 at Nebraska
Dec. 3 at Kansas St.
Dec. 8 at Wis.-Milwaukee
Dec. 10 at Michigan St.
Dec. 12 at Bradley
Dec. 15 at Oregon St.
Dec. 17 SW Louisiana
Dec. 21-22 PSU Tourney
Dec. 28-29 at Puget Sound Tourney
Jan. 4 at Gonzaga
Jan. 8 at Boise St.
Jan. 12 Lamar
Jan. 14 Seattle
Jan. 18 Air Force
Jan. 21 at Lamar
Jan. 23 at Oral Roberts
Jan. 30 Puget Sound
Feb. 5 Athlete in Action
Feb. 7-8 at Alaska-Anch.
Feb. 18 at Montana
Feb. 22 U.S. International
Feb. 23 Seattle Pacific
For the Record
Big Sky Conference

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.

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. Nevada-Reno became the newest member of the Big Sky July 1, 1979. They will compete with a full athletic program.

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, Runners-up

1977-78 .......... Montana (12-2) .......... Idaho St. (11-3)
1976-77 .......... Idaho State (13-1) .......... Weber St. (11-3)
1975-76 .......... Boise State (11-5) .......... Weber St. (10-6)
1974-75 .......... Montana (13-1) .......... Idaho State (9-5)
1973-74 .......... Idaho State (12-3) .......... Montana (11-4)
1971-72 .......... Weber State (10-4) .......... ISU, Gonzaga, NAU (8-6)
1967-68 .......... Weber State (12-3) .......... Idaho (9-6)
1966-67 .......... Montana State and Gonzaga (7-3)
1965-66 .......... Gonzaga and Weber State (8-2)
1964-65 .......... Weber State (8-2) .......... Montana State, Gonzaga (6-4)
1963-64 .......... Montana State (8-2) .......... Weber State (7-3)

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1-1 | Puget Sound | 65-41 | Tacoma | 1,215 | Stroeder | 18 | Nielsen | 11 |
2-1 | Carroll College | 64-48 | Seattle | 6,760 | Nielsen | 14 | Stroeder | 13 |
2-2 | Washington | 65-49 | Missoula | 6,215 | Stroeder | 16 | Stroeder | 12 |
2-3 | Portland State | 66-50 | Missoula | 6,056 | Stroeder | 18 | Stroeder | 7 |
3-3 | Pacfic | 66-51 | Missoula | 6,483 | Stroeder | 21 | Nielsen | 9 |
5-3 | Kansas State | 66-52 | Missoula | 11,000 | Henkel | 25 | Yankus | 9 |
5-4 | Weber State | 66-53 | Missoula | 7,635 | Nielsen | 11 | Stroeder | 9 |
6-4 | Northern Arizona* | 66-56 | Missoula | 7,215 | Nielsen | 27 | Stroeder | 9 |
6-5 | LaSalle | 66-57 | Billings | 4,265 | Nielsen | 20 | Stroeder | 10 |
6-6 | Portland State | 66-58 | Billings | 4,022 | Nielsen | 20 | Stroeder | 10 |
7-5 | Gonzaga* | 66-59 | Missoula | 8,167 | Stroeder | 14 | Stroeder | 11 |
8-5 | Idaho* | 66-60 | Missoula | 7,924 | Nielsen | 14 | Nielsen | 11 |
8-6 | Northern Arizona* | 66-61 | Missoula | 7,125 | Stroeder | 18 | Nielsen | 11 |
8-7 | Weber State | 66-62 | Missoula | 9,011 | Stroeder | 21 | Stroeder | 9 |
9-7 | Air Force | 66-63 | Missoula | 6,439 | Nielsen | 25 | Henkel | 8 |
10-7 | Idaho State* | 66-64 | Missoula | 8,136 | Nielsen | 25 | Nielsen | 7 |
11-7 | Boise State | 66-65 | Missoula | 8,128 | Taylor | 18 | Nielsen | 8 |
11-8 | Montana State* | 66-66 | Bozeman | 9,521 | Three with | 10 | Stroeder | 8 |
11-9 | Idaho* | 66-67 | Moscow | 2,350 | Stroeder-Nielsen | 16 | Nielsen | 11 |
11-10 | Gonzaga* | 66-68 | Spokane | 4,000 | C. Zanon | 14 | Yankus | 5 |
12-11 | Weber State | 66-69 | Missoula | 8,220 | Henkel | 18 | Stroeder-Brandon | 5 |
13-10 | Northern Arizona* | 66-70 | Missoula | 7,778 | Taylor | 16 | Nielsen | 7 |
13-11 | Boise State* (OT) | 66-71 | Boise | 1,624 | Nielsen | 18 | Nielsen | 7 |
13-12 | Idaho State* (4 OT) | 66-72 | Pocatello | 6,993 | Stroeder | 27 | Stroeder | 8 |
14-12 | Montana State* | 66-73 | Missoula | 9,526 | Nielsen-C. Zanon | 12 | Stroeder | 8 |
14-13 | Weber State** | 66-74 | Ogden | 6,246 | Nielsen | 20 | Stroeder | 8 |

Grizzly All-Big Sky Selections

1979
2nd team: John Stroeder
2nd team: Allan Nielsen
2nd team: Michael Ray Richardson
2nd team: John Stroeder
1st team: Michael Ray Richardson
1st team: Michael John Richardson
1st team: Ken McKenzie and Eric Hays
1st team: Ken McKenzie
1st team: Eric Hays and Robin Selvig
1st team: Mike Murray
1st team: Mike Murray
1st team: Dave Gunstol
1st team: Harold Ross
2nd team: Ron Moore
2nd team: Ron Moore
2nd team: Ed Samelson
2nd team: Tim Aldrich
2nd team: J. A. Johnson
2nd team: Allan Nielsen
2nd team: Montana John Stroeder
2nd team: Montana

1978-79 All-Conference Team

First Team
- Lawrence Butler*
- Richard Smith
- Bruce Collins*
- Paul Gathey
- David Johnson
- Allan Nielsen
- *1977-78 First Team Selection

Second Team
- Craig Finberg*
- Troy Hudson
- Don Newman
- Mark Stevens
- Sean McKenna
- Allan Nielsen
- John Stroeder

HONORABLE MENTION: Don Baldwin, 6-2, Soph., Gonzaga; Joe Fazekas, 6-11, Jun., Idaho State; Reed Jaussi, 6-4, Jun., Idaho; Arnold McDowell, 6-4, Jun., Montana State; Carl Pierce, 6-7, Jun., Gonzaga; Dave Richardson, 6-9, Soph., Boise State; Brand Robinson, 6-6, Sen., Idaho State; James Sheppard, 6-4, Jun., Gonzaga; Rod Smith, 6-8, Sen., Montana State; Wayne Wharton, 6-5, Jun., Northern Arizona; Eddie White, 6-5, Jun., Gonzaga; and Fred Williams, 6-0, Sen., Boise State.

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Final 1978-79 Grizzly Basketball Statistics

### 1978-79 Final Statistics

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Dead Ball Rebounds: Montana 14, Opponent 20

*Includes team and dead ball rebounds.

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Steals: Taylor 19, Nielsen 18, Brandon 17, C. Zanon 16, Henkel 15, McCauley 14, Yankus 10, Stroeder 10, R. Zanon 6, Green 1.

Blocks: Stroeder 9, Yankus 6, Brandon 3, Nielsen 3, Henkel 3, Green 2, C. Zanon 2, Taylor 1.

Dead Ball Rebounds: Montana 35, Opponent 35

*Includes team and dead ball rebounds.

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SCHOOL RECORDS:

- Allan Nielsen — Highest career free throw percentage: .832 (124-149)
- Team — Highest free throw percentage, team: .723, (378-523)^.
- Fieldhouse — Largest attendance, game: 9,526 vs. MSU 2-24-79.

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UM: 27 675-1428 .473 378-523 .723 942* 13.1 1728 64.0 91

Opp.: 27 642-1391 .462 344-473 .727 845* 14.7 396 848 60.3 98

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Dead Ball Rebounds: Montana 35, Opponent 35

*Includes team and dead ball rebounds.
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### 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

#### Single Season

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

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

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

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

#### Career

**MORE POINTS**
- 1827, M. R. Richardson, 1974-78, 4 seasons
- 1633, Bob Cope, 1948-50, 3 seasons

**MORE assists**
- 372, M. R. Richardson, 1974-78, 4 seasons

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

**MORE REBOUNDS**
- 20, Russ Sheriff vs. Gonzaga, 1955

**MORE ASSISTS**
- 13, Jim Malloy vs. Boise St., 1978

#### Team Records

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

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

**HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.**

#### Single Game

**MOST POINTS**
- 51 vs. Idaho State, 1966 (31 games)

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

**HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PCT.**
- .705, 1975-76, 708-101

#### Single Season

**HIGHEST FREE THROW PCT.**

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

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

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

**ATTENDANCE**
- Game, 9,526 vs. MSU, 2-24-79
- Season, 7,929 avg., 1977-78

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### Grizzly Basketball Awards

#### C. R. DRAGSTEDT AWARD
**Most Valuable Player**
- 1953—Chuck Davis
- 1954—Ed Anderson
- 1955—Ed Argenbright
- 1956—Ed Argenbright
- 1957—Zip Rhoades
- 1958—Russ Sheriff
- 1959—Dan Balko
- 1960—Dan Balko
- 1961—Bob O'Bilovich
- 1962—Dan Sullivan
- 1963—Ray Lucien
- 1964—Tim Aldrich
- 1965—Ed Samelton
- 1966—Gary Peck
- 1967—Dennis Biletnikoff
- 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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- 1979—Allan Nielsen

#### JOEYEAHERT MEMORIAL AWARD
**Outstanding Defensive Player**
- 1961—Kay Roberts
- 1962—Bob O'Bilovich
- 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
- 1973—Earl Tye
- 1974—Robin Selvig
- 1975—Tom Peck
- 1976—Tim Stambaugh
- 1977—Ben DeMers
- 1978—Jim Malloy
- 1979—Rod Brandon

#### NASEBY RHINEHART AWARD
**Most Inspirational Player**
- 1973—Dale Parker
- 1974—Eric Hays
- 1975—Eric Hays
- 1977—Michael John Richardson
- 1978—Jim Malloy
- 1979—John Stroeder
- 1980—Steve Lowry
- 1981—Dan Balko
- 1982—Mike Murray
- 1983—Tom Peck
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- 2020—M. R. Richardson
- 2021—Allan Nielsen
- 2022—M. R. Richardson
- 2023—Allan Nielsen

#### ALLAN NIELSEN AWARD
(Formerly Captain's Award)
**Best Represents Griz Basketball**
- 1978—Craig Zanon
- 1979—Allan Nielsen
Field House Records

1978-79
101,645 in 13 games (7,819)

ATTENDANCE

1977-78
118,948 in 15 games (7,930)

1976-77
91,847 in 13 games (7,065)

1975-76
93,327 in 14 games (6,666)

1974-75
64,151 in 12 games (5,346)

1973-74
57,855 in 15 games (4,524)

1972-73
44,969 in 14 games (3,212)

1971-72
37,732 in 13 games (2,903)

1970-71
33,200 in 12 games (2,767)

1969-70
37,697 in 13 games (2,899)

1968-69
42,028 in 13 games (3,233)

1967-68
53,767 in 12 games (2,814)

1966-67
33,661 in 12 games (2,805)

*UM students in free and estimated to average 800.

1965-66
35,692 in 13 games (2,746)

1964-65
37,164 in 15 games (2,478)

1963-64
32,621 in 12 games (2,718)

1962-63
34,772 in 12 games (2,898)

1961-62
31,273 in 11 games (2,843)

1960-61
32,912 in 12 games (2,743)

1959-60
35,635 in 12 games (2,969)

1958-59
31,874 in 10 games (3,187)

1957-58
45,333 in 12 games (3,794)

1956-57
50,220 in 12 games (4,168)

1955-56
53,183 in 12 games (4,342)

1954-55
49,652 in 13 games (3,819)

1953-54
52,749 in 12 games (4,396)

REBOUNDING

1978-79
John Stroeder, 211—7.8 average

1977-78
M. R. Richardson, 185—6.9 average

1976-77
M. J. Richardson, 273—11.3 average

1975-76
M. J. Richardson, 205—8.1 average

1974-75
Ken McKenzie, 311—10.7 average

1973-74
Ken McKenzie, 301—11.1 average

1972-73
Ken McKenzie, 247—9.5 average

1971-72
Ray Howard, 224—9.7 average

1970-71
Ray Howard, 268—11.2 average

1969-70
Howard Clark, 189—7.3 average

1968-69
George Yule, 182—7.3 average

1967-70
Don Parsons, 212—8.8 average

1966-67
Norm Clark, 240—10.0 average

1965-66
Norm Clark, 232—9.7 average

1964-65
Ed Samelton, 204—7.8 average

1963-64
John Quist, 150—6.5 average

1962-63
Steve Lowry, 140—10.0 average

1961-62
Steve Lowry, 276—11.6 average

1960-61
Steve Lowry, 321—14.0 average

1959-60
Duane Ruegsegger, 223—10.6 average

1958-59
Darroll Dunham, 292—12.1 average

1957-58
Russ Sheriff, 289—13.1 average

1956-57
Russ Sheriff, 200—10.0 average

1955-56
Russ Sheriff, 299—11.5 average

1954-55
Ray Howard, 393—15.1 average

1953-54
Eddie Anderson, 166—6.4 average

1978-79
Allan Nielsen, 355—13.9 average

1977-78
M. R. Richardson, 683—24.2 average

1976-77
M. R. Richardson, 500—19.2 average

1975-76
M. R. Richardson, 456—18.2 average

1974-75
Ken McKenzie, 518—17.9 average

1973-74
Ken McKenzie, 505—18.7 average

1972-73
Mike Murray, 438—16.8 average

1971-72
Mike Murray, 381—14.7 average

1970-71
Ray Howard, 332—13.8 average

1969-70
Dave Gustafson, 506—19.5 average

1968-69
Harold Ross, 479—18.4 average

1967-68
Don Parsons, 286—11.9 average

1966-67
Dennis Biletnikoff, 363—15.1 average

1965-66
John (Doc) Holiday, 248—17.8 average

1964-65
Ed Samelton, 478—18.4 average

1963-64
Tim Aldrich, 297—14.1 average

1962-63
Ray Lucien, 260—10.8 average

1961-62
Steve Lowry, 363—15.1 average

1960-61
Bob O’Bilovich, 328—14.3 average

1959-60
Dan Balko, 397—16.6 average

1958-59
Dan Balko, 390—16.3 average

1957-58
Jim Powell, 288—13.1 average

1956-57
Zig Rhoades, 316—14.4 average

1955-56
Ed Argenbright, 428—16.5 average

1954-55
Ray Howard, 446—17.2 average

1953-54
Ed Argenbright, 337—12.5 average
Why Montana?

Top right, clockwise: A snow-covered University building; a couple of basketball players and friends stroll around campus; former Grizzly All-American M.R. Richardson, now a starter with the New York Knicks; a UM basketball crowd; ducks at a Montana sunset; a pottery class; a scene at Glacier National Park.