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FOUR MEN INDUCTED INTO
GRIZZLY BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Four new members will be inducted into the University of Montana Basketball Hall of Fame Saturday, Feb. 16, at halftime of the Grizzly-Boise State game in Missoula.

The four inductees of the elite hoop group are: Allan Nielsen (posthumously), Jim Powell, Dan Sullivan and Ray Howard. With the induction of the four former Grizzly players, there are now 43 members in the Hall of Fame.

Last year's inductees were Charles "Chalkie" Miller (1936-37-38) and Dave Gustafson (1968-69-70). They were inducted Feb. 24, 1979.

Nielsen played in 1976-79, and was tragically killed in a construction accident in the summer of 1979. The excellent shooting 6-6 forward from Westby, Mont., is the No. 15 scorer in Grizzly history, and selected as UM's MVP last season (C.R. Dragstedt Award).

Nielsen scored 375 points last season, was selected to the All-Big Sky Conference team for the second straight season in 1978-79, and holds the UM record for free-throw percentage, hitting 124 of 149 (.832) during his career.

Dan Sullivan was also a 6-6 forward and is from Butte, Mont. He played in 1960-61-62, and was given the Dragstedt Award in 1962. He was one of the top scorers and rebounders in the conference in 1962, and an all-league pick that season.

Jim Powell (not pictured) played in the 1957-58 season and averaged 13.1 points and 5.8 rebounds a game, and was a second team All-Skyline selection. Powell, who was a 6-3 forward, is from Missoula.

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A 6-6 center from Helena, Mont., Ray Howard is one of the most prolific single season scorers and rebounders in Grizzly history. He had an outstanding 1954-55 season, scoring 446 points and grabbing 393 rebounds. His totals that year rank him 11th in single-season scoring and first in most rebounds in a season.

Howard played in 1954-55, was hurt the following season, and then played in 1956-57. He is 11th on UM's career scoring list with 855 points.

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