

BYU BASKETBALL 76-77



1976-77 Schedule

DATE (Day)	Opponent	Site
Nov. 19 (Fri.)	Varsity Preview	Provo
Nov. 26 (Fri.)	Idaho State	Provo
Nov. 27 (Sat.)	Weber State	Ogden, Utah
Nov. 30 (Tues.)	Yugoslavian Nationals	Provo
Dec. 1 (Wed.)	Boise State	Provo
Dec. 4 (Sat.)	Utah State	Logan, Utah
Dec. 10 (Fri.)	COUGAR CLASSIC Xavier (Ohio) vs Niagara Seattle vs. BYU	Provo
Dec. 11 (Sat.)	COUGAR CLASSIC	Provo
Dec. 18 (Sat.)	Davidson	Davidson, N. Carolina
Dec. 20 (Mon.)	North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N. Carolina
Dec. 22 (Wed.)	Wichita State	Wichita, Kansas
Dec. 27 (Mon.)	All-College Tournament (BYU vs. St. Joseph's) (St. Joseph's, Tulane, Ohio, Virginia Military, Baylor, BYU, California, Oklahoma City)	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Dec. 29 (Wed.)	All-College Tournament (BYU vs. Ohio or Oklahoma City)	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Dec. 30 (Thurs.)	All-College Tournament	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Jan. 8 (Sat.)	Utah State	Provo
Jan. 14 (Fri.)	*Colorado State	Provo
Jan. 15 (Sat.)	*Wyoming	Provo
Jan. 20 (Thurs.)	*Arizona State	Tempe, Arizona
Jan. 22 (Sat.)	*Arizona	Tucson, Arizona
Jan. 27 (Thurs.)	*Texas-El Paso	Provo
Jan. 29 (Sat.)	*New Mexico	Provo
Feb. 5 (Sat.)	*Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb. 10 (Thurs.)	*Wyoming	Laramie, Wyoming
Feb. 12 (Sat.)	*Colorado State (TVS)	Fort Collins, Colorado
Feb. 17 (Thurs.)	*Arizona	Provo
Feb. 19 (Sat.)	*Arizona State (TVS)	Provo
Feb. 25 (Fri.)	*New Mexico	Albuquerque, N.M.
Feb. 26 (Sat.)	*Texas-El Paso	El Paso, Texas
Mar. 5 (Sat.)	*Utah	Provo
Mar. 17 (Thurs.)	NCAA Far West Regional	Provo
Mar. 19 (Sat.)	NCAA Far West Regional	Provo

Home games start at 7:35 p.m. except Cougar Classic (7, 9 p.m.) and TVS (TBA)

Arena: J. Willard Marriott Center (22,700)
***Conference:** Western Athletic
Colors: Royal Blue and White
Mascot: Cougar
1975-76 Record: 12-14 (6-8 WAC, 5th tie)
Athletic Director: Glen Tuckett
President: Dallin H. Oaks
Trainer: Rod Kimball

Head Coach: Frank Arnold
Assistants: John McMullin, Harry Anderson
Equipment Supervisor: Floyd Johnson
Manager: Leonard Welsh
Doctor: Wendell Vance
Enrollment: 25,000 (Provo Campus)
Lettermen Returning: 6 (4 starters)
Lettermen Lost: 5 (1 starter)

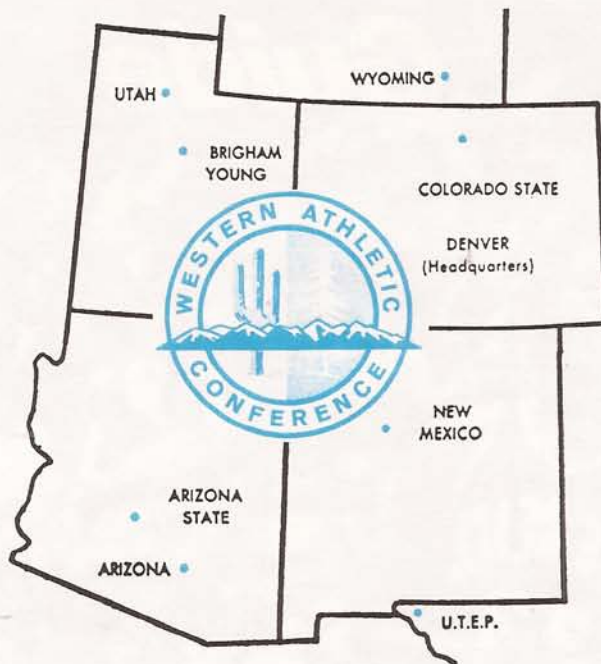
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The Conference



Growing in prestige and influence with each passing year, the Western Athletic Conference will be beginning its 12th year in 1974-75. In the period since its formation, it has established itself as one of the finest leagues in the nation. The eight member schools extend over a period of six states in the Rocky Mountain-Southwest with headquarters in the Denver Hilton.

Serving as commissioner of the WAC is Stan Bates who is in his fourth year in that position. Commissioner Bates is a former director of athletics at Washington State, and assumed his present post on July 1, 1971. Other WAC commissioners were Paul Brechler (1962-1968) and Wiles Hallock (1968-1971).

The Western Athletic Conference came into being on July 1, 1962. There were six charter members: Arizona, Arizona State, Brigham Young, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Two members, Colorado State University and Texas-El Paso, were added to the group on July 1, 1968.

Conference headquarters are located in the Denver-Hilton, 1515 Cleveland Place (Area Code 303, 222-1743), Denver, Colo., 80202.

Director of information for the WAC is Nordy Jensen, who took over his job in July, 1972.

Campus Thumbnail

LOCATION: Provo, Utah (estimated population 60,000). Located 45 miles south of Salt Lake City.

ENROLLMENT: 25,000

FOUNDED: October 16, 1875, by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon).

PRESIDENT: Dallin H. Oaks. BYU is governed by a Board of Trustees.

CONFERENCE: Western Athletic Conference (Arizona, Arizona State, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico, Texas-El Paso, Utah, and Wyoming).

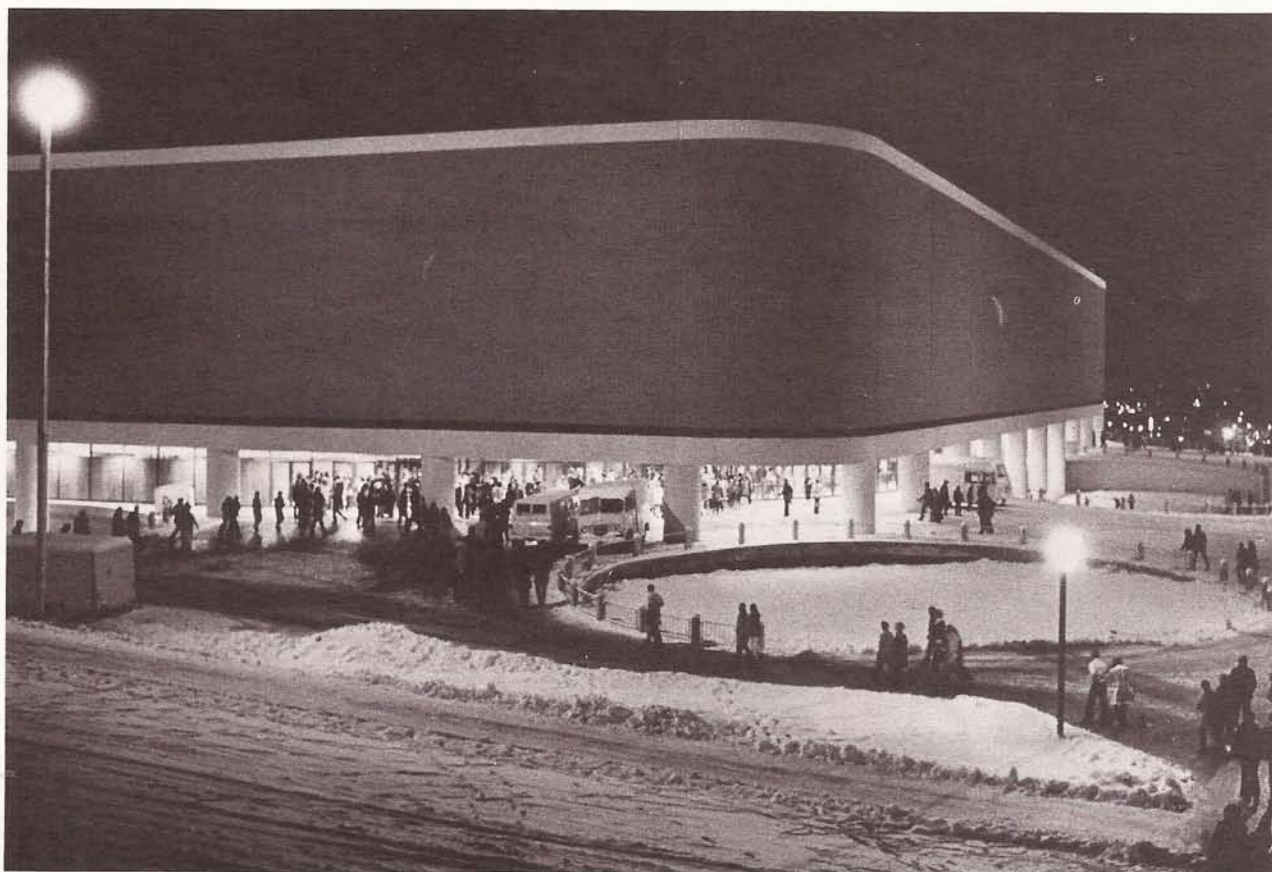
COLORS: Royal Blue and White.

NICKNAME: Cougars

ARENA: J. Willard Marriott Center (22,700)

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Glen Tuckett

CAMPUS EXCHANGE: Area Code 801, 374-1211



The 22,700-seat Marriott Center attracts record crowds during season.

Marriott Center

The home floor for the Cougar basketball team is the J. Willard Marriott Center located on the north side of campus. It is now in its sixth year of BYU activity and several national attendance records have been set in the new facility.

When plans were being drawn up for the center, Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson, then president of the University, said "For the first time in recent years, devotional messages, commencement exercises and all other major campus events, along with basketball, will be held under one roof for all students." Since its completion on December 3, 1971, it has met that expectation.

The building is the largest arena of its kind in the United States, covering about three acres. The outside dimensions are 280 x 340, or the equivalent of two football fields placed side by side. The roof covers 130,000 square feet, and will enclose 8 million cubic feet. From the playing floor to the top of the roof the height is nearly ten stories.

Seating capacity has been set at 22,768. Of that number 10,000 are chair seats with the balance being bleacher seats. About 60% of the seats are below the concourse level.

While the Marriott Center is generally associated with basketball, it should be pointed out that it has been, and will continue to be used for a wide variety of events and purposes. The building includes offices for the coaching staff and ticket personnel, locker rooms, and facilities for pageants, dance festivals, musicals, and other activities at the University.

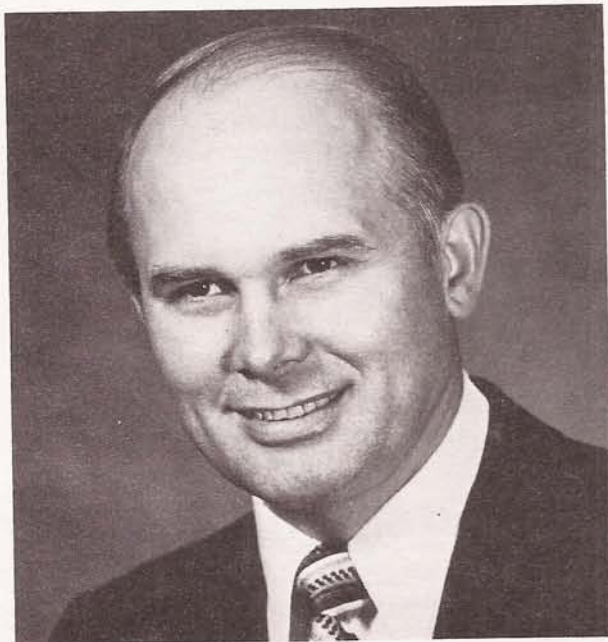


Record: 22,987 at BYU-Utah game, 1973

MARRIOTT CENTER ATTENDANCE

Year	Home Games	Attendance	Average
1972	12	261,815	21,818
1973	15	263,523	18,823
1974	10	162,510	16,251
1975	15	185,940	12,396
1976	12	168,136	14,016
Five Year	64	1,041,924	16,280

Administration



Dr. Dallin Oaks, President

The President of Brigham Young University is 44-year-old Dallin Oaks, who assumed the responsibilities of the nation's largest church-related institution of higher learning Aug. 1, 1971. President Oaks, a former professor of law at University of Chicago, replaced Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson who served as president of BYU for a period of 20 years (1951-1971).

President Oaks was born in Provo, Utah, on Aug. 12, 1932, a son of the late Dr. Lloyd E. Oaks and Stella H. Oaks. He graduated from BYU in 1954 with high honors, receiving the B.A. degree in accounting and economics. At University of Chicago Law School he received the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1957, graduating cum laude, second in a class of 86, and was named to the Order of the Coif. He was also editor-in-chief of the university's Law Review in 1956-57.

He began his legal career as a law clerk to Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Earl Warren. A year later he entered private law practice in Chicago (Kirtland, Ellis, Hodson, Chaffetz and Masters). In 1961 he became associate professor of law at University of Chicago, and was associate dean from May 1962 to Jan. 1963, serving as dean during the last three months of this period. He was also Assistant States Attorney of Cook County (1964) and visiting professor of law at University of Michigan Law School (1968).

He is president of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities.

From January through June 1970, he was on leave of absence to serve as legal and research adviser to the Bill of Rights Committee of the Illinois Constitutional Convention. He became executive director of the American Bar Foundation (1970).

Pres. Oaks has been co-editor, co-author, or author of four books dealing with subjects of church and state, trust law, operation of criminal courts in Chicago. He has also authored about thirty articles in leading periodicals and other magazines.

An active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served as first counselor in the presidency of the Chicago Stake (district) and was formerly mission president in Chicago Stake. He is currently serving as a Regional Representative for the LDS Church.

He married June Dixon of Spanish Fork, Utah, and they have six children and two grandchildren.

DR. CLAYNE R. JENSEN, Dean and Faculty Representative

An experienced and respected administrator, Dr. Clayne Jensen is beginning his third year as dean of the College of Physical Education, which encompasses BYU athletics . . . he replaced Dr. Milton F. Hartvigsen, who served as dean for nearly 19 years. . . . Dr. Jensen served in the capacity of assistant dean beginning in 1968 before becoming dean . . . he was also full professor within the college . . . born March 17, 1930 in Gunnison, Utah . . . he graduated from the University of Utah in 1956, and obtained his doctorate from Indiana in 1963 . . . from 1953-55 he was a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, and coached two all-Marine championship teams in track and field . . . was teaching assistant at Utah (1955-56) and Indiana (1961-62) . . . was faculty member at Utah State (1956-64), and associate professor and coordinator of college programs, P.E. at BYU (1965-67) . . . member of Phi Kappa Phi and recipient of Breithbard Athletic Foundation Award (1955) . . . author of several books and texts . . . member and chairman of several professional boards and special committees dealing with recreation and parks . . . holds membership in five professional organizations . . . has traveled 44 states and 18 countries . . . married to former Elouise Henrie, and they have four boys; Craig (a defensive back on BYU football team) 21, Mike, 18, Blake, 16, and Chris 12.

DR. GLEN TUCKETT, Athletic Director

As of July 1 of this year Brigham Young University had a new Director of Athletics, Glen Tuckett, . . . he replaced Stan Watts, who moved into retirement after 29 years as coach and administrator . . . the choice was no surprise to those who follow athletics and who, for many years, have come to regard Tuckett as one of the outstanding members of the Cougar staff . . . Dean Clayne Jensen summed it up well in the announcement of Tuckett's appointment when he said: "Glen is a very high quality person, and he prepared himself well for this position. He has the respect of his colleagues, both on campus and away from campus, and he has the support of the administration. I'm confident Glen will do an outstanding job as director of athletics". . . . Responded Tuckett: "For a country boy from Murray to be called to a position like this is really flattering. My concern is with the whole athletic program, and my real desire is to carry on the job done by my predecessors" . . . like his predecessor, Tuckett is also a native of Murray, Utah, where he was an all-around athlete at Murray High . . . he entered professional baseball after graduation, but continued his studies at the University of Utah where he obtained his B.S. degree in 1953 . . . Glen spent nine seasons in professional ball and twice was selected on all-star teams . . . and he usually led the league in fielding his position . . . he launched his coaching career at West High School in Salt Lake City, where he coached three sports . . . in 1960 he joined the staff at BYU . . . since then his teams won 13 division titles, three conference champions, and two NCAA District 7 crowns . . . his teams went to College World Series in Omaha twice . . . one of the high points of his career came in 1974, when he was chosen as coach of the United States team which won the World Amateur Baseball Tournament for only the second time in the tourney's 22-year history . . . he is currently first vice-president of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches and directed the clinic and honors banquet for the 1975 convention . . . earlier this year was one of featured speakers at the national Chamber of Commerce convention . . . voted outstanding teacher at BYU . . . obtained his M.S. degree from BYU in 1962, and last summer received his doctorate . . . currently serving as Bishop of the Edgemont Sixth Ward in Provo. . . . Glen is married to the former Josephine Whittaker of Stockport, England, and they have four daughters; Alison, 15; Shannon, 14; Kendall, 10; and Erin, three.



*Dr. Clayne Jensen
College Dean*



*Dr. Glen Tuckett
Athletic Director*



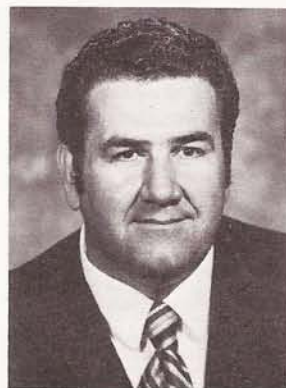
*Alan "Pete" Witbeck
Assistant to Director*



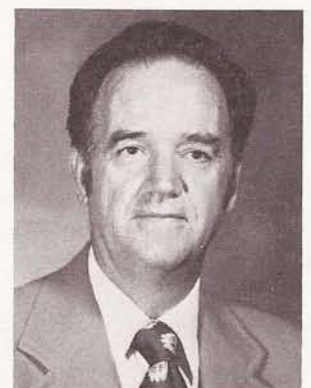
*Dr. Wendell Vance
Team Physician*



*Scott Williams
Special Events*



*Marv Roberson
Head Trainer*



*Floyd R. Taylor
Business Manager*



*Dave Schulthess
Sports Information*



*LaRae Hawkins
Ticket Manager*



*Mike Twitty
Sports Information*



*Floyd Johnson
Equipment Manager*

Head Coach

Frank Arnold



Frank Arnold knows how the Cougars run and he and his squad have good rapport after completing his first year with Brigham Young University.

One year in the WAC will teach any coach some lessons and with last year's 12-14 record, Arnold has more of a grasp of how valuable road-trip victories are. He still has a nucleus of players returning this year from a team which he inherited a year ago, but he has some of his own hand-picked talent mixed in too.

Of course, Provo really isn't a strange place for Arnold even though he has only been head coach at BYU one year. From 1958-62 he was head coach at BY High, the university's laboratory prep school which is now extinct.

Bee, his wife is a Provo native, obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees from BYU and served

at one time as a faculty member in the College of Family Living. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wright live only a few blocks away from the Marriott Center.

Frank and his wife have five children—Kelly (15), Kristyn (13), Kipline (11), Gibson (6) and Kaline (4).

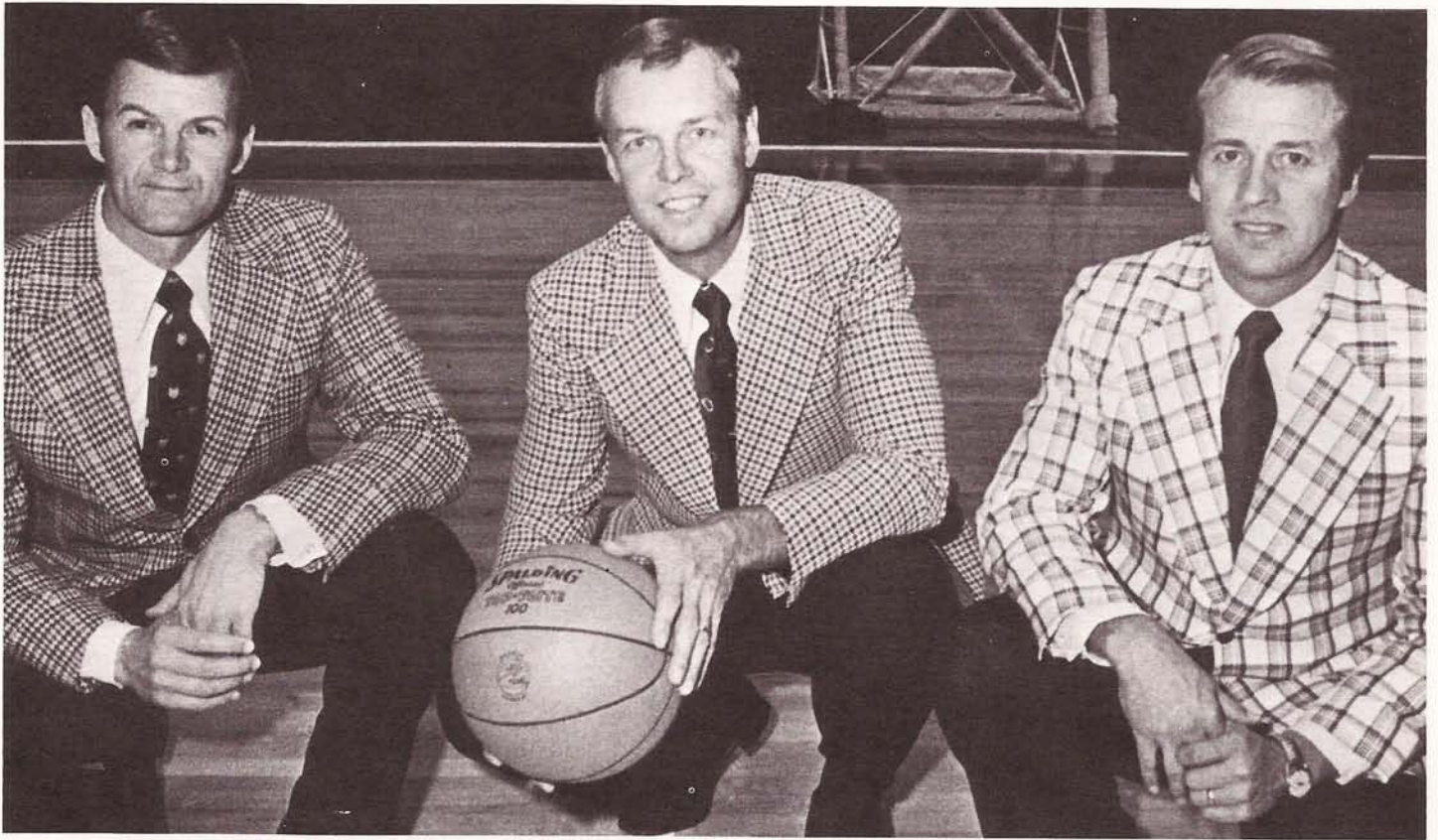
Born on Oct. 1, 1934, Coach Arnold is a native of Ogden, Utah, but grew up in Pocatello, Idaho. He graduated from Pocatello High in 1952 and went on to a basketball career at Idaho State University. This year, Arnold and his team will clash with his alma mater, the Bengals, on Nov. 26 in Provo. Besides graduating from ISU in 1956 in physical education and mathematics, he also attended BYU where he obtained a master's degree in 1960.

Coaching started for Arnold in 1956 in Payette, Idaho. Then he moved to Provo's BY High where he coached for five years. At that juncture he headed to the University of Oregon where he obtained his doctorate and served as a graduate assistant. He returned for a year to coach at Pocatello High as head coach before continuing to step up in the ranks.

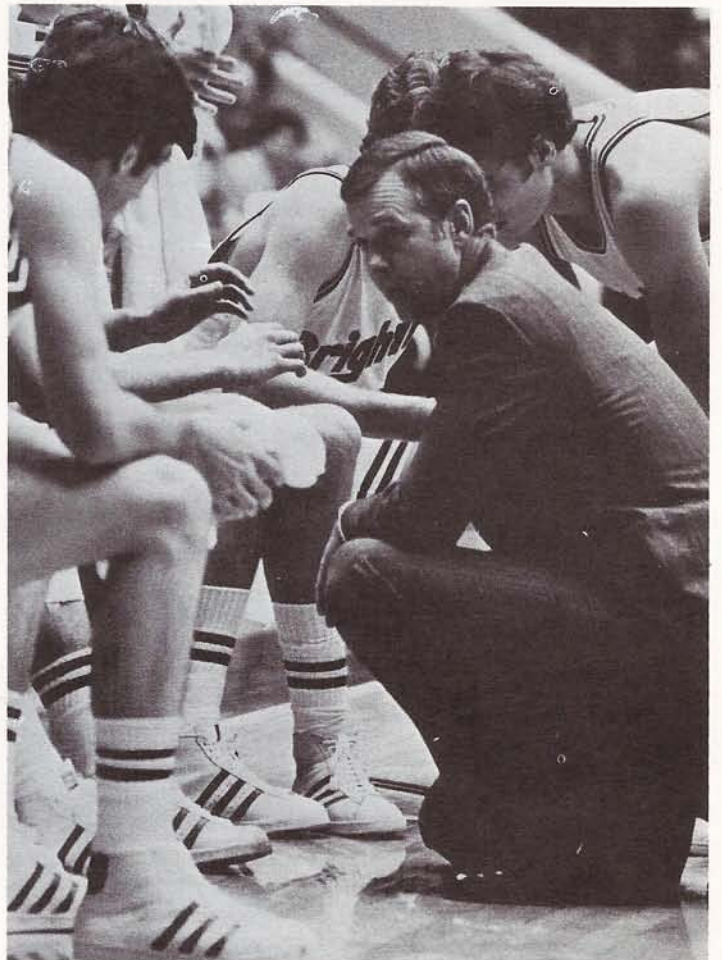
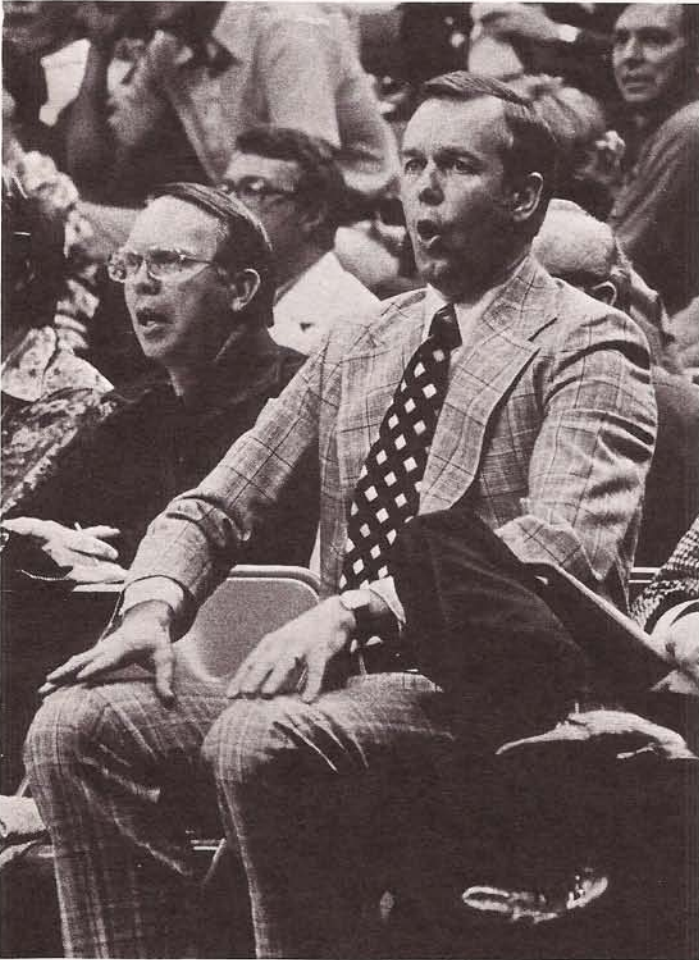
From 1964-66 he was head basketball coach at Clark Junior College in Vancouver, Wash. and then served for five years with the Oregon Ducks as an assistant coach.

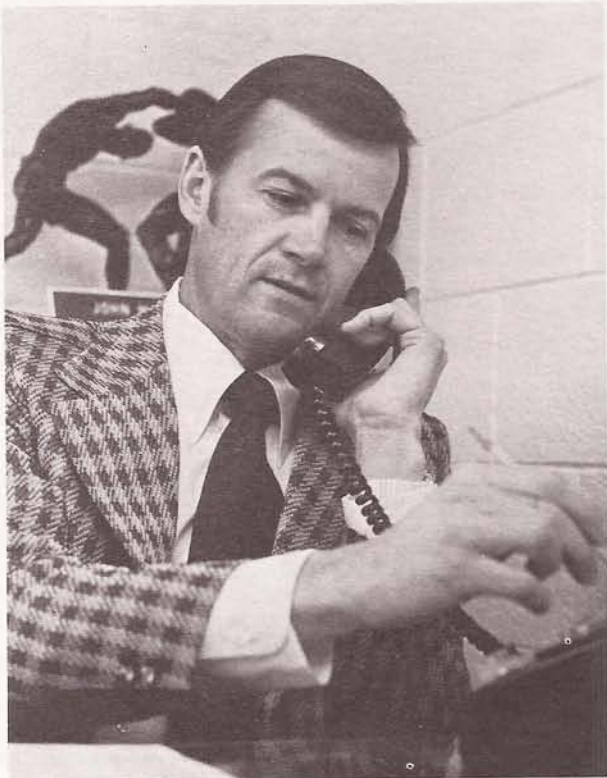
Still staying in the Pac-8, Arnold left Oregon for UCLA where he served as an assistant coach under the Wizard of Westwood, John Wooden. While coaching for the Bruins, Arnold had occasion to check out some of Provo's talent and lured Brett Vroman, a seven footer, into donning UCLA's blue and gold. Vroman was a high school teammate of Veryl and Vance Law who now bolster the BYU backcourt.

Leaving UCLA's Pauley Pavillion and a dynasty behind, Arnold brought the stigma of a winner to BYU and one senses the austerity that opponents must feel as they face the Cougars, be it in the Marriott Center or one of the other basketball palaces in the country. The Arnold era has begun at BYU and he is definitely committed to reviving Cougar basketball up to and beyond the traditional high quality of basketball that has been a part of BYU.



Coach Arnold (center) with assistants John McMullen and Harry Anderson





John McMullen

John McMullen is in his second year at BYU after a very successful high school coaching career in southern California.

He spent seven years at Camarillo High School, where his teams posted a 133-52 record. In four years his squads won 91 and lost 21 in gaining four successive CIF playoffs, one championship and three league titles.

"I really enjoyed the high school ranks," says Coach McMullen. "But I was ready for a new challenge and I feel fortunate to have been considered by a school like BYU. Being an assistant coach is a different role than a head coach has but it offers the chance for individual teaching and recruiting which are indispensable."

Coach McMullen has responsibility for recruiting outside the Intermountain area, especially the West Coast. He is familiar with top California athletes, having served on the executive council of the Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association and been on the staff on summer camps sponsored by Bill Sharman of the Lakers and John Wooden of UCLA.

He was born Sept. 13, 1939 in Topeka, Kansas, but has lived in California since he was 14. He excelled in basketball at Reseda High and played at Pierce College and for Cal State University at Northridge.

After graduating in 1962 he coached and taught "just about everything" for four years at St. Genevieve High School in Panorama City, Calif. From 1966-68 he was assistant basketball and track coach



Harry Anderson

at Thousand Oaks High School, the city where he made his home until moving to Provo.

In 1968 he took over a struggling hoop program and by 1972 had posted a 28-3 record and won the CIF Southern California championship. He was league Coach of the Year and Ventura County Coach of the Year in 1975. He also was varsity golf coach five years.

Coach McMullen's wife, Susan, is a native of California. They have been married five years and have a two-year old son named John Andrew McMullen, who goes by Andy, and a baby is due in December.

In addition to coaching and teaching responsibilities, Coach McMullen has completed six years in the California Air National Guard and has completed requirements for a master's degree at California Lutheran College at Thousands Oaks.

Coach McMullen has been active as a speaker in the past year and a half and is serving as an advisor to the Executive Council of the Utah High School Basketball Coaches Association.

BYU assistant coach **Harry Anderson** is in his second year on campus after a decade of highly successful coaching at nearby Orem High School, where he tutored Jay Cheesman of this year's team and coached against Veryl and Vance Law.

During his 10 years at Orem, Coach Anderson's teams were perennial contenders for league honors. In the last eight seasons his teams won 144 games and lost only 28. They were in the semifinals or finals of

the state tournament his last five years. His final two teams placed second in the state, losing each time by a single point to arch-rival Provo.

Coach Anderson left Orem High on sabbatical leave in 1974 and soon after was offered the head coaching job at Utah Tech, Provo's junior college. At UTC he produced the school's first winning record in their four-year history.

Harry Anderson was born July 18, 1935 in Murray, Utah, but grew up in Grantsville, Utah, where he lettered in four sports. He was offered football and basketball grants-in-aid to BYU and chose to compete in basketball and track.

He started his junior and senior years (1955-57) and the final team he played on won the Skyline Conference championship under Stan Watts, former Director of Athletics at BYU.

Coach Anderson averaged 12 points in college basketball and lettered four years in track. He was timed in the 100 in 9.7 in high school and recorded a 9.5 in a Skyline meet.

After his college career Coach Anderson served

two years in the British Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After returning he was a graduate assistant under Pete Witbeck with the freshman team for a year and then was head coach in St. Anthony, Idaho, for a year.

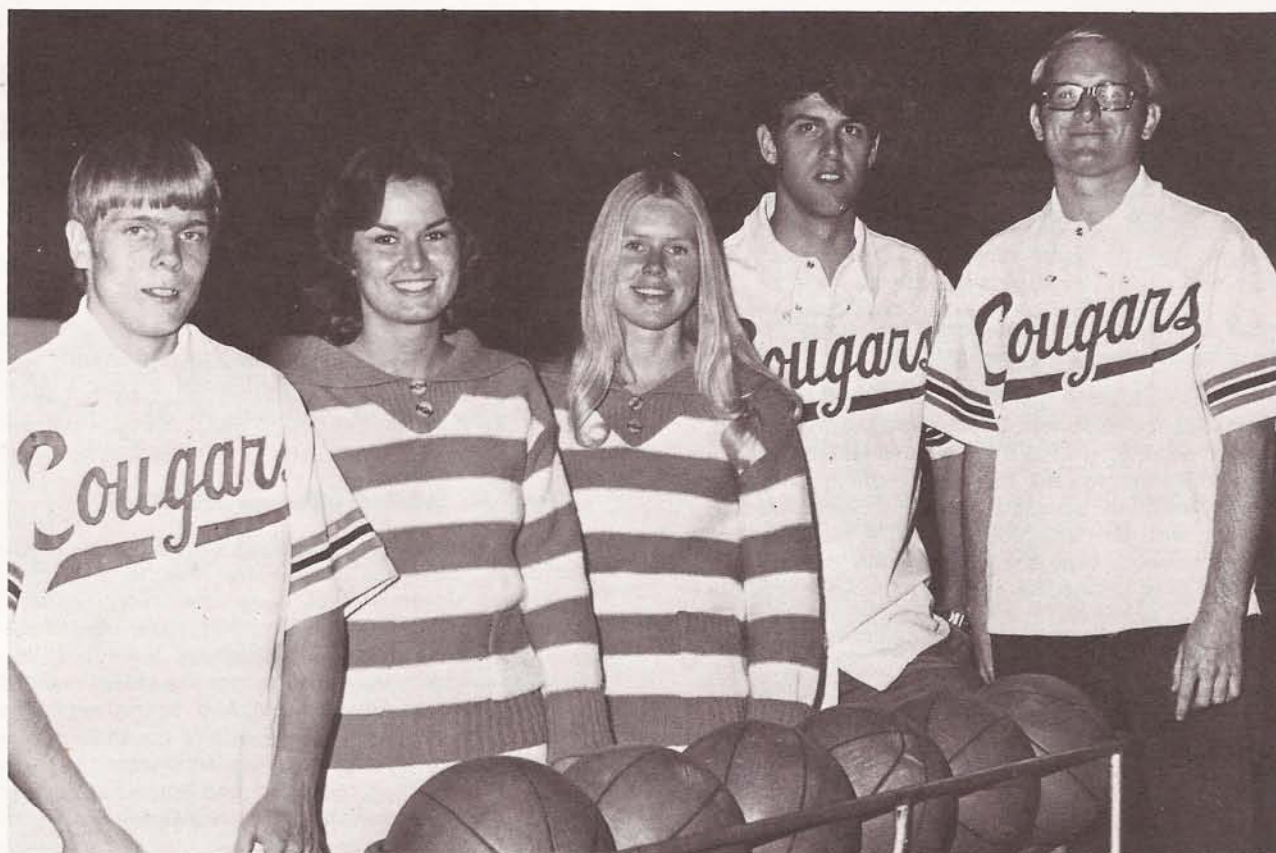
From there he went to Hillcrest High School in Midvale, Utah, where he coached a year under Art Hughes, a legend in Utah prep circles. His next stop was Orem, where he also served as head track coach four years.

Coach Anderson is married to the former Judy Rasmussen of Bountiful, Utah. They met while both were students at BYU. They have three children—Tamara 13, Mathew 10 and Ryan 4—and make their home in Orem.

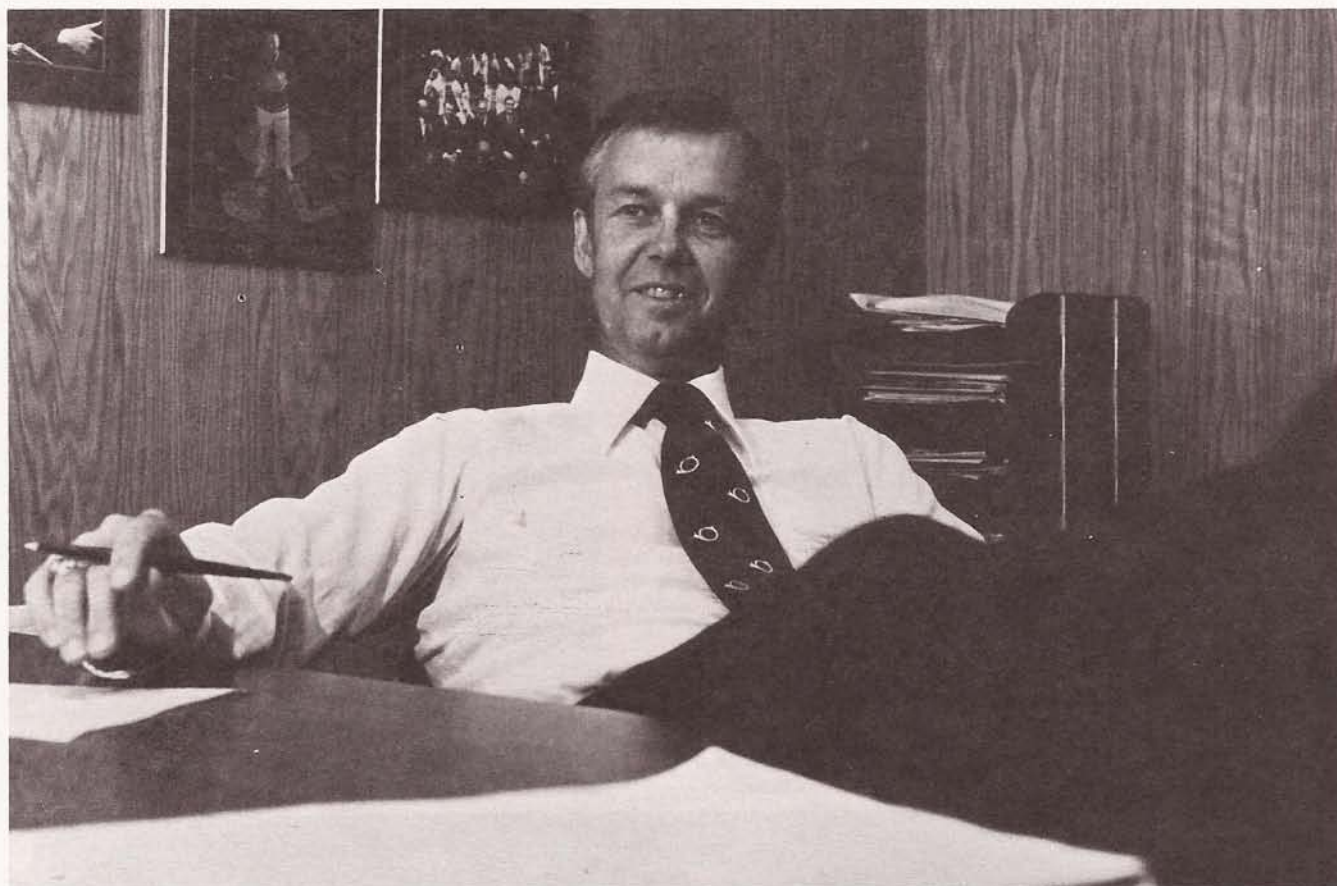
Bill Bunker is in his second season as a graduate assistant in the BYU basketball program. The 25-year-old native of Las Vegas, Nevada is currently in his second year of study at the BYU Law School.

He played collegiate ball at Cal Poly-Pomona. Bill and his wife, Ann, have a daughter born in July.

Team Aides



Helping with a myriad of behind-the-scene tasks are Jackie Scott, Kathy Mortensen, Eileen Heap, Kerry Yates and head manager Leonard Welsh.



Arnold Interview

In your estimation, are there any "soft spots" on the team needing special attention?

● The two soft spots that I felt were somewhat of a problem for us last year were overall ball handling, primarily passing, and our half-court defense. With concerted effort toward our ball-handling skills and with the addition of some new and very talented players, I feel that the passing on this team has improve remarkably over the same period of time last year. We have dedicated ourselves this year and our players have accepted the challenge to play a more aggressive denial brand of half-court defense. If things continue as they have progressed in practice, I feel that our defense will be significantly better over the season.

What do you consider to be the team's strengths?

● I would have to say that the strength of this year's team will be in the overall size and experience of our front line men with Jay Cheesman and Verne Thompson, two All-Conference players returning. Mark Handy will be in his fourth year as a starter for BYU (who missed the last seven games of the season last

year because of his surgery for a detached eye retina). Misho Ostarcevic is playing significantly better than last year and the addition of a couple of new players will make us reasonably strong.

Were you satisfied with your recruiting?

● We are extremely satisfied with our recruiting efforts this past year. We were able to land players who we sincerely feel were the two outstanding guards in the state of Utah last year, Scott Runia and Greg Anderson. In observing them play these past few weeks, we are even more confident now that our decision to invite these two young men was a very wise one indeed. There is little doubt in my mind that in time they could be two outstanding collegiate guards. The young man who perhaps will help us the most in the immediate future is Mike May, a junior college transfer from Pierce JC, who will play for us at the guard position. Mike is the type of player we did not have in our program last year—an excellent passer and floor leader. We are confident the addition of Mike will solidify our team play considerably. In addition, we signed the number one big man in southern California last year, Alan Taylor. He was

voted the Most Valuable Player in the Los Angeles City Schools AAA Division. Alan is a very hard working, dedicated young man who learns quickly. The final addition of forward Nick Nakic from Zagreb, Yugoslavia, was exactly what we needed to give us an outstanding recruiting year. As soon as Nick is able to learn our style of play in America, particularly defensively, I think the Cougar fans will find him to be a valuable asset.

To what extent will the new personnel change, or modify your style of ball?

● The addition of our quick ball-handling guards will enable us to fast break a little more effectively and strike offensively a little quicker. In addition, I believe we will be able to "over play" and be a bit more aggressive in our halfcourt defensive play.

What's the toughest challenge on the schedule this year?

● The biggest challenge on our schedule this year is, of course, the conference play itself. I feel that every team in our conference, without exception, has improved and in some cases the improvement has been significant. There is little question in my mind that the caliber of basketball played in the WAC is among the finest in the nation. In addition to the conference play, the toughest challenge that we will have this year is our travel schedule during the month of December. On Dec. 17, we will leave for the East Coast where we will play Davidson, the University of North Carolina (ranked second in the nation in pre-season polls) and Wichita State before returning to Provo for the Christmas holidays. Because of the timing of our return trip, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and then Sunday, we will have to go for four full days without a practice and then leave the next day for a three-game tournament in Oklahoma City. The schedule will give us a total of six games in less than 14 days, four of which we will be traveling virtually all day and another four which we will not be able to practice. That scheduling in itself will be a very strong challenge for our squad.

Which players have the best potential for special honors this year?

● It is very difficult for me to say which players will have the best potential for special honors this season, as I feel that we have several who could be capable and deserving of WAC All-Conference honors. Last year, of course, we had Jay Cheesman and Verne Thompson who we hope will repeat. In addition, we have Mark Handy who missed the entire last half of the conference season who I think has been playing brilliantly in our preseason practices. These three young men along with two or three others, both returning and new players, have a chance to make all-conference honors, but I fully realize that it is very

unlikely that more than two players from any single team will be given such honors. Obviously, there are many fine players from other institutions within our conference who are justly deserving of these honors as well.

Which teams in the WAC would you rank as the top contenders?

● On paper, the teams that should be considered as the top contenders would have to be the University of Arizona and Arizona State University, but I learned a long time ago that basketball teams do not win conference championships based on their "on paper potential." We certainly are not conceding anything to these fine teams. In addition to Arizona and ASU, as I mentioned previously, every team in our conference has improved, so it appears to me as though our conference race will be as close and as exciting as ever.

What is your goal this season?

● Our goal for this season is a very simple one—to be in playing in the NCAA playoffs at the Marriott Center in March. In order to do this, of course, we will have to be the conference champions and we are setting our sights on that goal, one which I feel will not be an easy one to obtain, but it is within reach.

What is your thinking looking back at your first year at BYU?

● In retrospect, I find it to be a most rewarding and enjoyable experience. I was obviously quite disappointed in our four conference losses by a total of five points. As I look back on our schedule, I found that we played a total of 14 games inside of five points. That's enough to make any man grow old in a hurry. I felt the biggest challenge that we had last year as a coaching staff was to reestablish the winning tradition and the positive mental attitude that Brigham Young University has had in past years. We felt that early in the season many of our players did not really realize how good they were. As the season progressed, however, I felt that our players began to believe in themselves and were convinced that they could be as good as anybody in our conference. I find that positive mental attitude prevalent in today's practices. I am convinced that our players now realize that they can win and win big in this conference. I hope that I am correct in this assessment because if our players do not strongly feel this way within themselves, then, frankly, they have no business being a part of our program because we will not be satisfied for a second-rate effort. We have a continuing goal in mind and that is to be year in and year out a contender for the conference championship. We think that we have taken a major step in this direction in just one short year and we feel that the future is indeed bright for the BYU Basketball Program.

The Outlook

Second Time Around

BYU opens the 1976-77 season with four starters and six lettermen from a squad which was 12-14 and lost eight of those contests by five points or less. Of the eight Western Athletic Conference losses four were by a total of five points and two others were lost by four and five points each.

Improvement in reversing the close losses could come in the area of leadership. The Cougars will depend heavily on the playmaking and floor generalship of transfer Mike May. The 6-1 guard demonstrated his ability last season at Pierce College in California where he averaged 18 points and five assists. BYU's coaching staff is convinced the Cougars will have better guard play this time around.

May is being counted on heavily to help fill the void created when frosh sensation Steve Craig chose to serve a church mission for two years in Central America. Craig earned a starting spot midway through the season and averaged 8.5 points and was a crowd pleaser with his hustle and jumping ability.

Even without Craig, the Cougars figure to be stronger in the backcourt. Veryl Law, a starter last year until sidelined by illness, is back for his fourth varsity season and younger brother Vance, who started half of last year, is looking for a very good year.

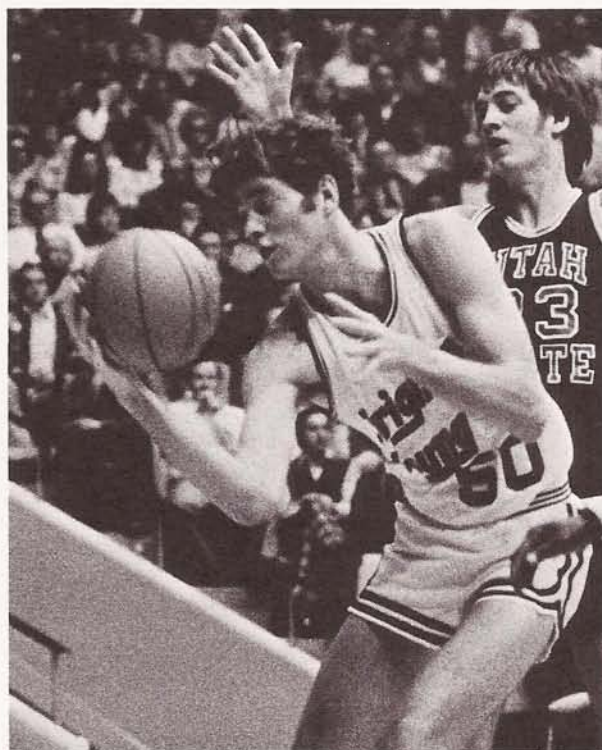
Waiting in the wings are two excellent freshmen from Salt Lake City, Scott Runia and Greg Anderson. Each has played on a high school state championship team and both fit well to the Cougars' fast-break style. Given a little time, they are certain to add a lot to the program.

Up front BYU returns all three starters and the co-captains, Jay Cheesman and Mark Handy, have started since they were freshmen four years ago. Handy was the top rebounder two years ago and Cheesman won that honor last season when Handy was hampered by an eye injury.

The muscular center is healthy again and forward Cheesman should continue the form which made him the leading scorer (17.6) and an all-conference choice. The other forward is Verne Thompson, a transfer last season who led the team in assists and was second in scoring.

Two newcomers and a sophomore will spell relief for the front line and indications are, they will do a good job. Misho Ostarcevic helped the team near the end of his freshman year and is much improved this season. Another Yugoslavian, Nick Nakic, entered BYU as a junior after attending college at home and playing on the European championship team for 19 and under. A freshman, Alan Taylor, should help out quite a bit. He averaged 26 points and 18 rebounds in high school and has above average strength and quickness on his 6-10 frame.

A couple of forwards from the junior varsity squad, Glen Roberts and Larry Cheesman, and a pair



of junior college walk-ons, Jerry Clark and Kris Pollock, also are available for duty during the season in case of injury or foul trouble.

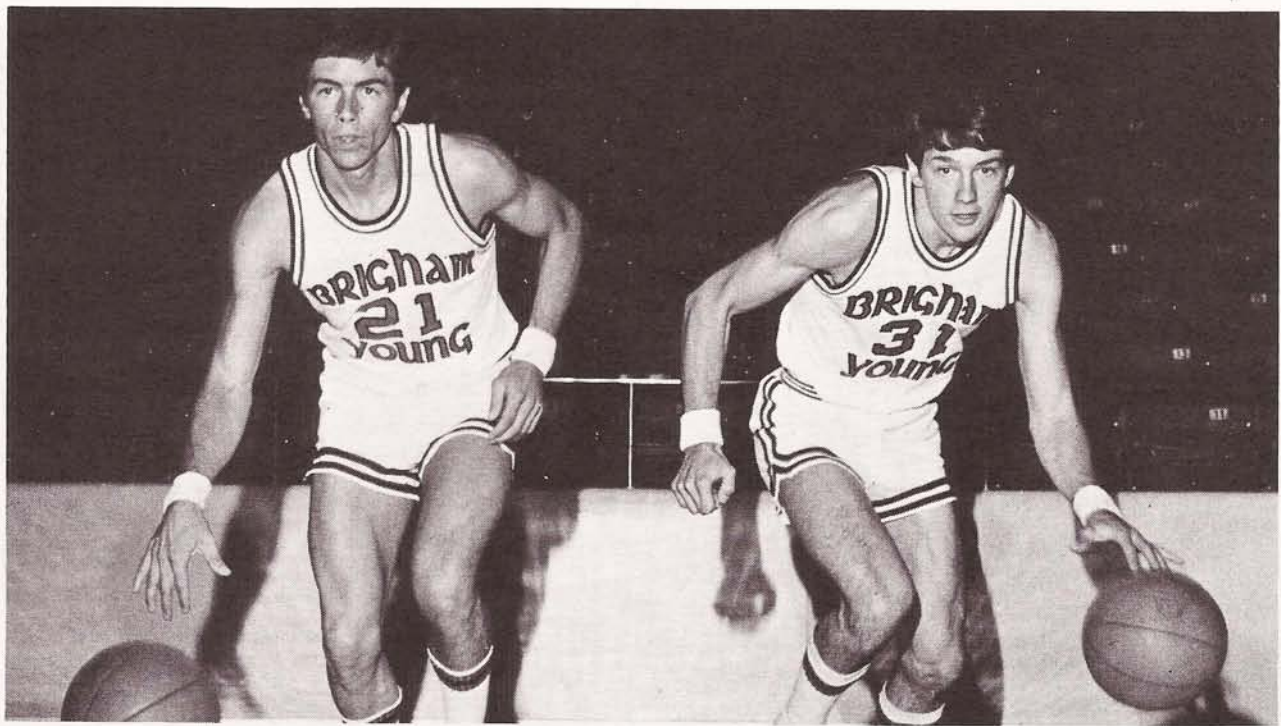
There will not be a separate junior varsity team as in past years but some preliminary games are scheduled for varsity reserve players.

All in all, the guard line looks better, the front line is experienced and the depth is much better than in the last few years. The enthusiasm is high and the Cougars hope to snap a three-year losing skein and be competitive for conference honors.

A 28-game schedule begins Nov. 26 and BYU plays five of its first seven games at home. Included in that batch of games is a Nov. 30 contest against the Yugoslavian National team which doesn't count in the season record.

BYU will participate in two tournaments and then hosts the NCAA Far West Regional in March. In their own Cougar Classic, the Cougars play much-improved Seattle while Xavier (Ohio) battles Niagara. In the All-College Tournament at Oklahoma City, BYU meets St. Joseph's in the first round and then either Ohio or Oklahoma City. The other bracket has Baylor-California and Tulane-VMI.

Besides the 14 Western Athletic Conference game, the Cougars play rival Utah State twice and Big Sky neighbors Idaho State, Weber State and Boise State. A rugged road trip in December finds BYU meeting Davidson, North Carolina and Wichita State in a span of five days.

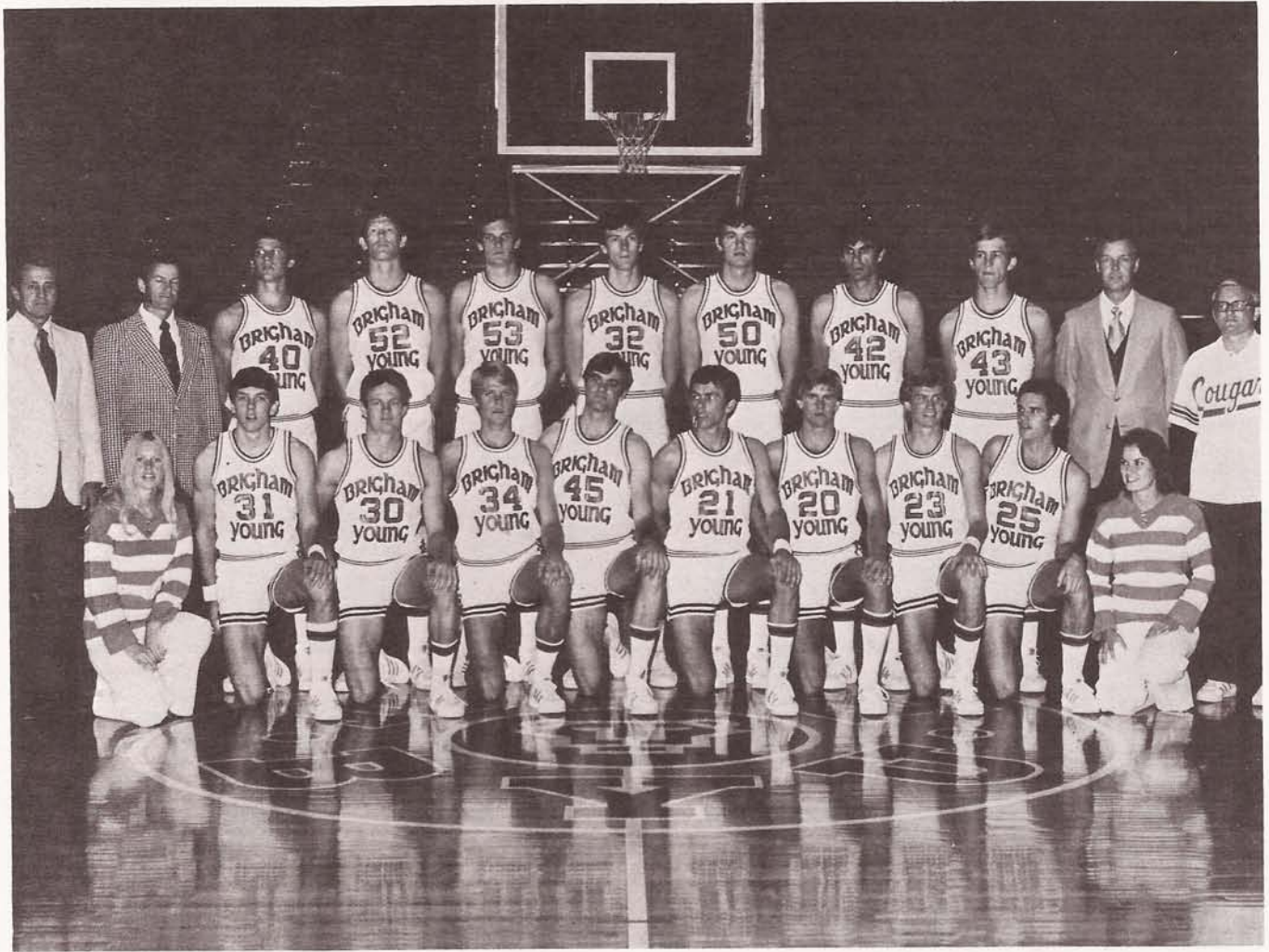


Personnel Outlook

Name - Position	Ht.	1975-77 Class	Scoring	Rebound Average	Scoring Position
LETTERMEN LOST: (4)					
***Troy Jones, Center	6-9		5.3	4.6	7
***Chris Williams, Forward	6-6		3.8	2.2	9
*Reed Noble, Forward	6-6		3.2	1.0	10
*Steve Craig, Guard	6-3	Mission	8.5	2.9	4
OTHER DEPARTURES: (2)					
Stewart Walkenhorst, Center	6-11	Graduated	2.0	1.0	13
Craig Christensen, Guard	6-3	Mission	1.0	1.0	14
RETURNING LETTERMEN: (7)					
***Jay Cheesman, C-F	6-9	Senior	17.6	8.9	1
*Verne Thompson, Forward	6-6	Senior	14.5	7.0	2
***Mark Handy, Center	6-8	Senior	13.2	8.8	3
**Vance Law, Guard	6-2	Junior	7.6	1.8	5
***Veryl Law, Guard	6-2	Senior	5.7	1.7	6
*Tim Mould, Guard	6-4	Junior	4.8	2.0	8
*Misho Ostarcevic, Forward	6-7	Sophomore	2.0	1.5	12
TRANSFERS: (1)					
Mike May, Guard	6-1	Junior			18.4
Nick Nakic, Forward	6-8	Junior			19.3
Jerry Clark, Guard	6-1	Junior			15.1
Kris Pollock, Guard	6-2	Junior			12.2
JUNIOR VARSITY					
Larry Cheesman	6-6	Junior	15.0	8.6	
Glen Roberts	6-5	Sophomore	15.5	8.5	
FRESHMEN: (4)					
Scott Runia, Guard	6-1				22.0
Alan Taylor, Center	6-10				26.2
Greg Anderson, Guard	6-1				18.0
*Evaristo Soares, Center (Sao Paulo, Brazil)	6-9				23.3

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*Did not enroll in school because of illness.



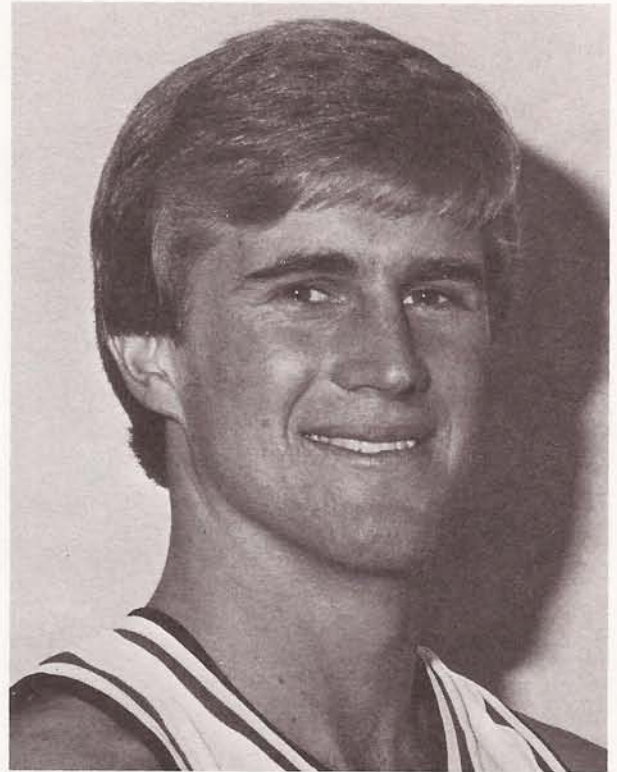
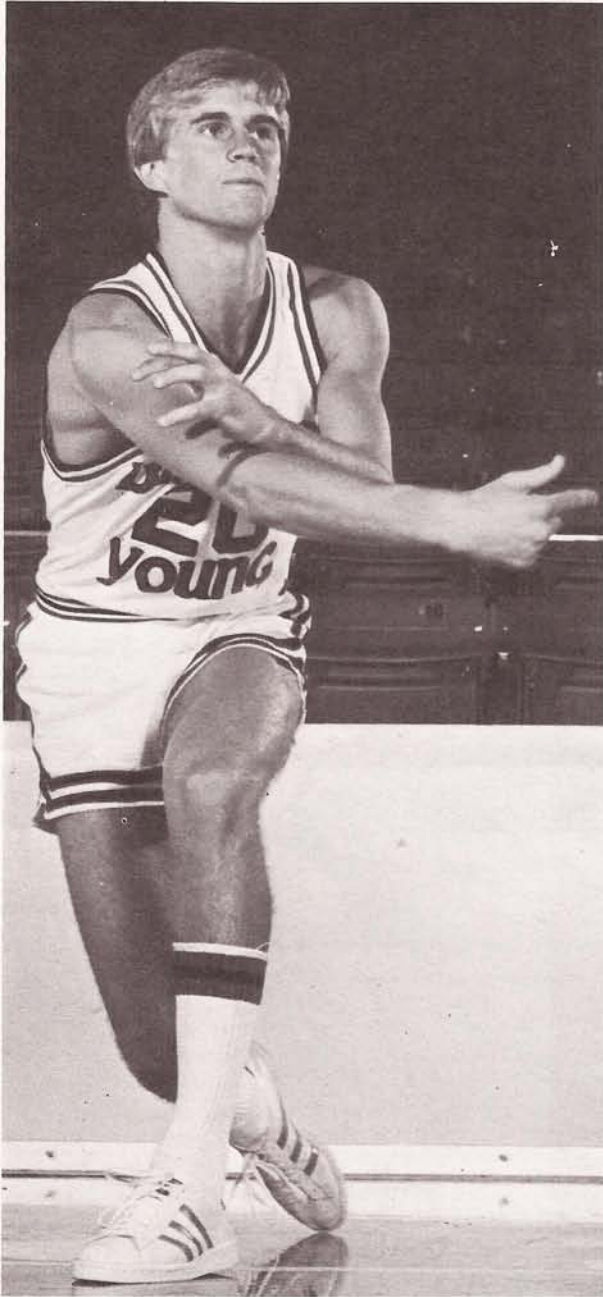
1976-77 Varsity Roster

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	AGE	EXP.	HOMETOWN
20	Scott Runia	G	6-1	160	Fr.	19	HS	Salt Lake City, Utah
21	Vance Law	G	6-2	180	Jr.	20	2V	Provo, Utah
23	Greg Anderson	G	6-2	165	Fr.	19	HS	Salt Lake City, Utah
25	Jerry Clark	G	6-1	175	Jr.	23	JC	Citrus Heights, California
30	Mike May	G	6-1	180	Jr.	20	JC	Canoga Park, California
31	Veryl Law	G	6-2	185	Sr.	21	3V	Provo, Utah
32	Nick Nakic	F	6-8	210	Jr.	21	JC	Zagreb, Yugoslavia
34	Kris Pollock	G	6-2	170	Jr.	20	JC	Torrance, California
40	Verne Thompson	F	6-6	205	Sr.	21	IV	Renton, Washington
42	Misho Ostarcevic	F	6-7	200	So.	24	IV	Zadar, Yugoslavia
43	Glen Roberts	F	6-5	185	So.	19	JV	Riverton, Utah
45	Larry Cheesman	F	6-6	190	Jr.	23	JV	Provo, Utah
50	Jay Cheesman	F-C	6-9	210	Sr.	21	3V	Provo, Utah
52	Mark Handy	C	6-8	225	Sr.	21	3V	Ogden, Utah
53	Alan Taylor	C	6-10	215	Fr.	18	HS	Granada Hills, California

20 - Scott Runia

Guard, 6-1, 160, Fresh.,

Salt Lake City, Utah



One of the state's most sought-after guards in a decade was Scott Runia from West High School in Salt Lake City. He was the most valuable player in the 4-A tournament when the Panthers won the championship his junior year and he was a high school All-American his senior year.

A young man with great basketball savvy, Runia can do a lot with the ball and has the ability to make things happen on the court. He should see more and more varsity playing time as the season progresses.

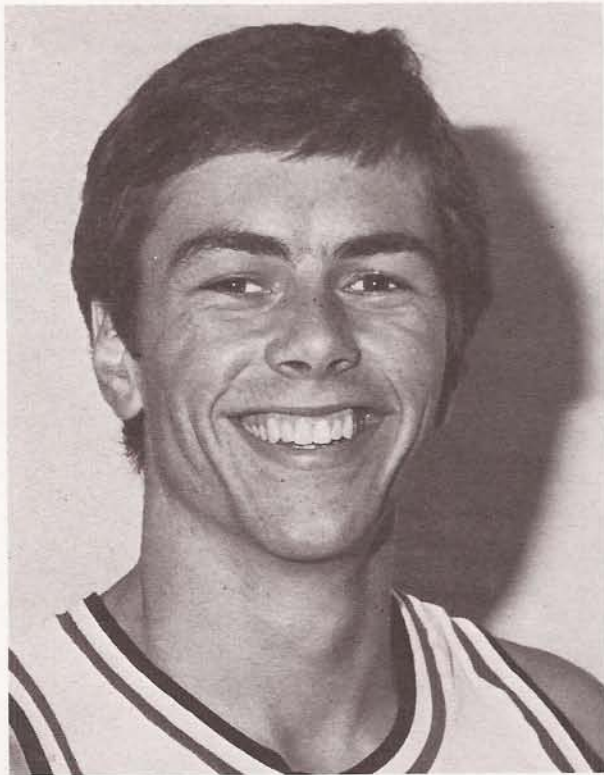
Born Nov. 11, 1957, in Salt Lake City, Scott is the son of Thys and Christina Runia. His parents came from Holland 25 years ago. His father, once a soccer player in the old country, is now a lab technician for an oil company and his mother works in a bank.

Scott was a three-year starter for West and his team placed among the state's top teams all three years. He averaged 22.5 points and 6.1 rebounds as a senior and was all-state two years.

He was chosen for the Utah-Arizona prep all-star game last summer, a welcomed challenge after being sidelined the summer before with a broken ankle.

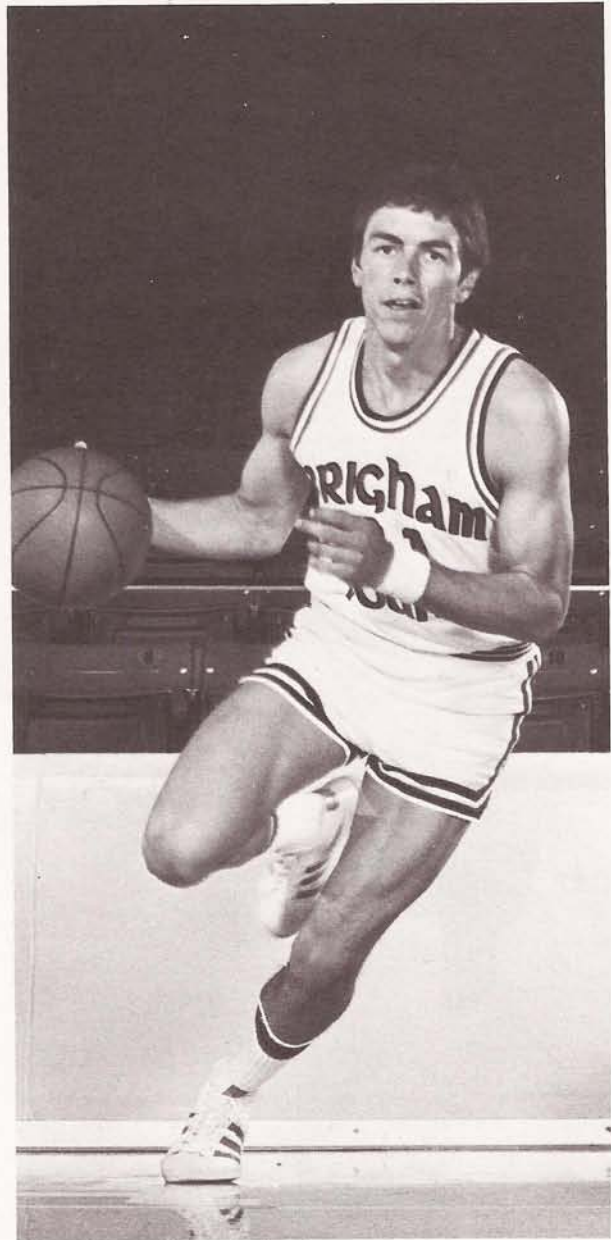
Runia worked in a lumber yard during the summer with former foe and now close friend Greg Anderson, another promising frosh guard for the Cougars. Scott is leaning toward a major in business and spends free weekends at his family's cabin at Bear Lake.

A very talented performer who thrives on pressure and lots of fans, Scott and the Marriott Center seem like a good pair for the next four years.



21 - Vance Law

Guard, 6-2, 180, Junior,
Provo, Utah



Vance Law is a young man with exceptional athletic ability who has lettered twice in baseball and basketball at BYU. While he hopes for a chance to play professional baseball he also has a lot of talent on the basketball court.

He played in 21 games as a freshman and in all 26 contests as a sophomore. He scored in double figures half a dozen times last year including a 28-point performance against Arizona State and 18 against Wyoming.

"Vinny" was born Oct. 1, 1956 in Boise, Idaho, where his family made its home while Vernon was pitching for the Pittsburgh Pirates. When his father joined the BYU athletic staff and moved to Provo Vance was 13.

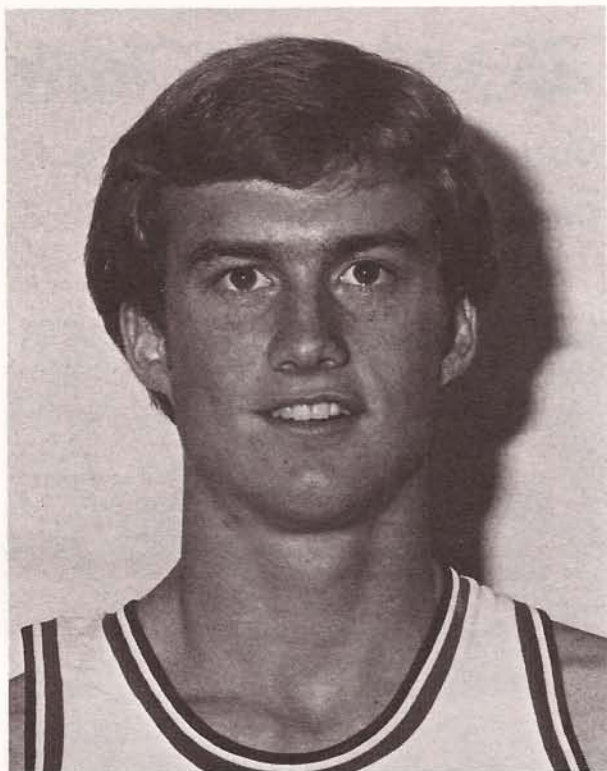
He was bat boy for the BYU baseball team a season and later excelled in basketball and baseball at Provo High and was a pitcher and shortstop in American Legion baseball.

Vance was a starter on two unbeaten state championship teams in high school, and was outstanding both year in baseball as well. At BYU he won the varsity shortstop job as a freshman and earned all-division honors with a .308 batting average.

Some knee trouble during basketball season got him off to a slow start in baseball last spring but he came on strong in the league games to win all-conference recognition again.

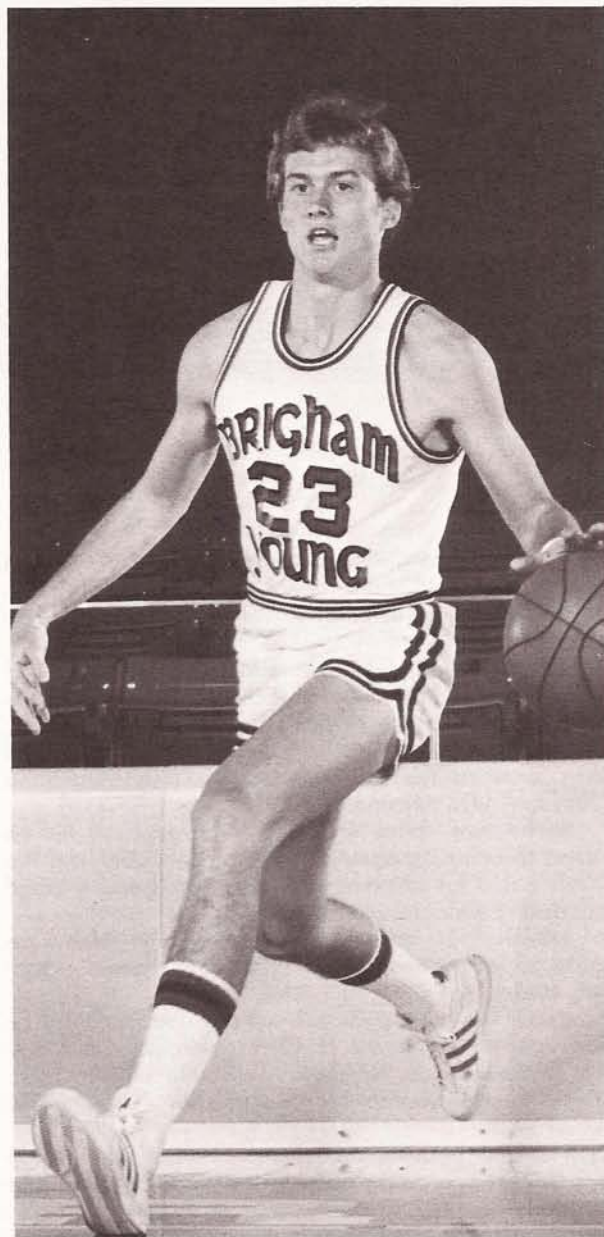
During the summer he played for the Liberal, Kansas, semi-pro team which finished eighth in the country and in September married the former Sharon Metten, whose father is chairman of the Dramatic Arts Department at BYU.

Year	Games	FG	%	FT	%	RBD	TP	Avg.
1974-75	21	25	47	13	65	9	63	3.0
1975-76	26	79	43	40	74	48	198	7.6



23 - Greg Anderson

Guard, 6-2, 165, Fresh.,
Salt Lake City, Utah



Cougar fans who remember Belmont Anderson of several years ago will have no trouble liking his younger brother Greg, who displays the same type of ability and flashy moves.

Greg was a late developer at Skyline High but started to make a move in the later half of his junior year and helped the Eagles place second in the Utah 4-A tournament. As a senior Skyline went 21-4, won the state title and Greg earned all-state honors.

He was born in Provo on Oct. 19, 1957, to Belmont and Vivian Anderson. His father played at Carbon College (now Eastern Utah) and then went to BYU and his mother was a student body vice-president at BYU.

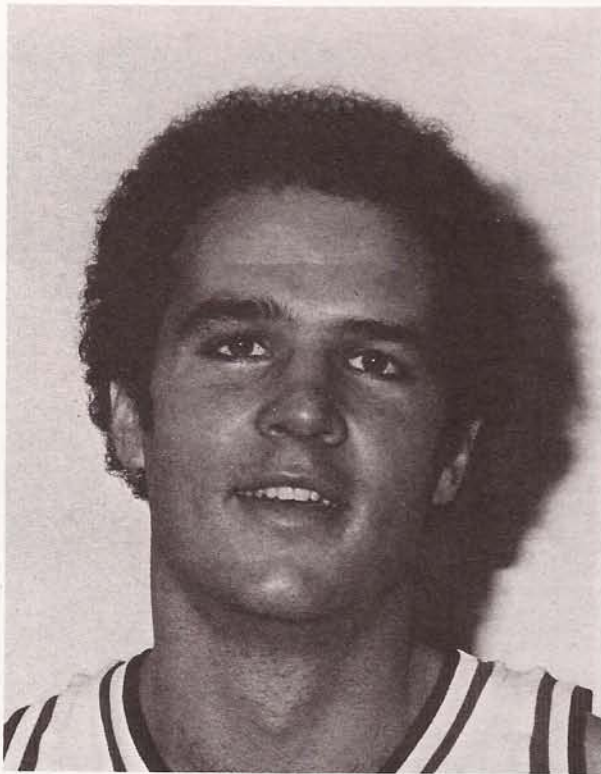
The family moved to Salt Lake City when Greg was six, but his father kept close to BYU events through the Cougar Club and watching son Bill (Belmont) play four years with Kresimir Cosic.

Now it's Greg's turn to star for BYU and he shows lots of potential. One of his competitors for varsity playing time is Scott Runia, a former opponent from West High.

Once enemies on the court, they became good friends this summer, working together and spending time at their family cabins. The Anderson cabin is near Sundance in Provo Canyon.

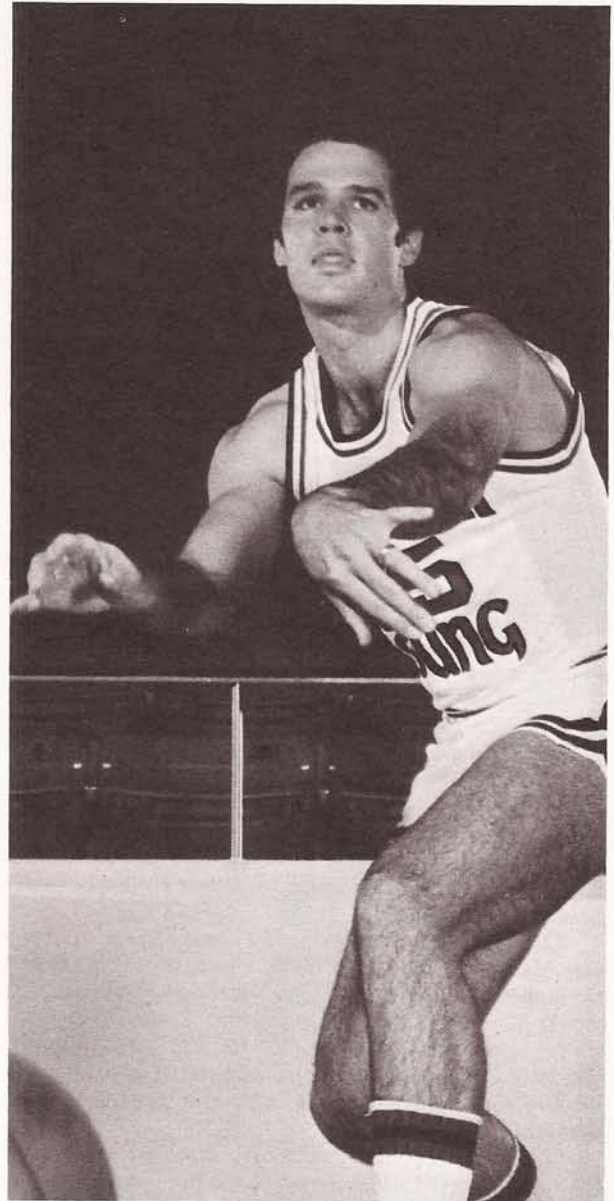
Although Runia was the number one Utah player on college recruiting lists last spring it was Anderson's club which won the state title and Greg was the leading scorer in the Utah-Arizona all-star game (won by Utah in double overtime).

A pre-dental major, Greg enjoys fishing and hunting and hopes to give his parents and younger brother Jeff (a sophomore at Skyline) plenty of reason to be in the Marriott Center in the upcoming years.



25 - Jerry Clark

Guard, 6-1, 175, Junior,
Citrus Heights, California



"I wanted to give it a shot and prove a returned missionary could come back and make it," says Jerry Clark of his attempt to help the BYU guard line this season.

Clark played freshman basketball (1971-72) at Boise State and switched to Ricks (Junior) College the next season because he liked the atmosphere better. He averaged 15 points a game for the Vikings and then went to the North Argentina (now Argentina Cordoba) LDS Mission.

In his few spare moments he organized mission teams to compete against the top local talent and the result was a lot of pamphlets distributed and a lot of goodwill promoted on the court.

However, he admits "The international rules were quite an adjustment and the 'anything goes' aspect was brutal."

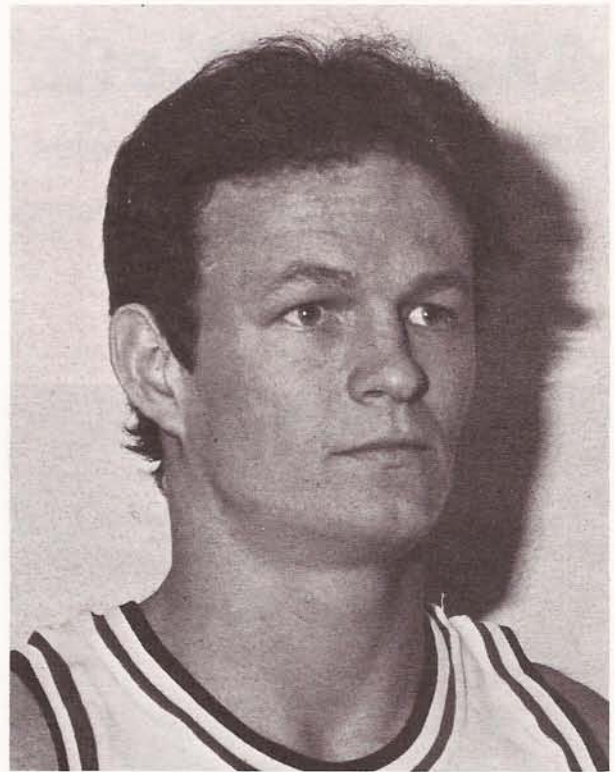
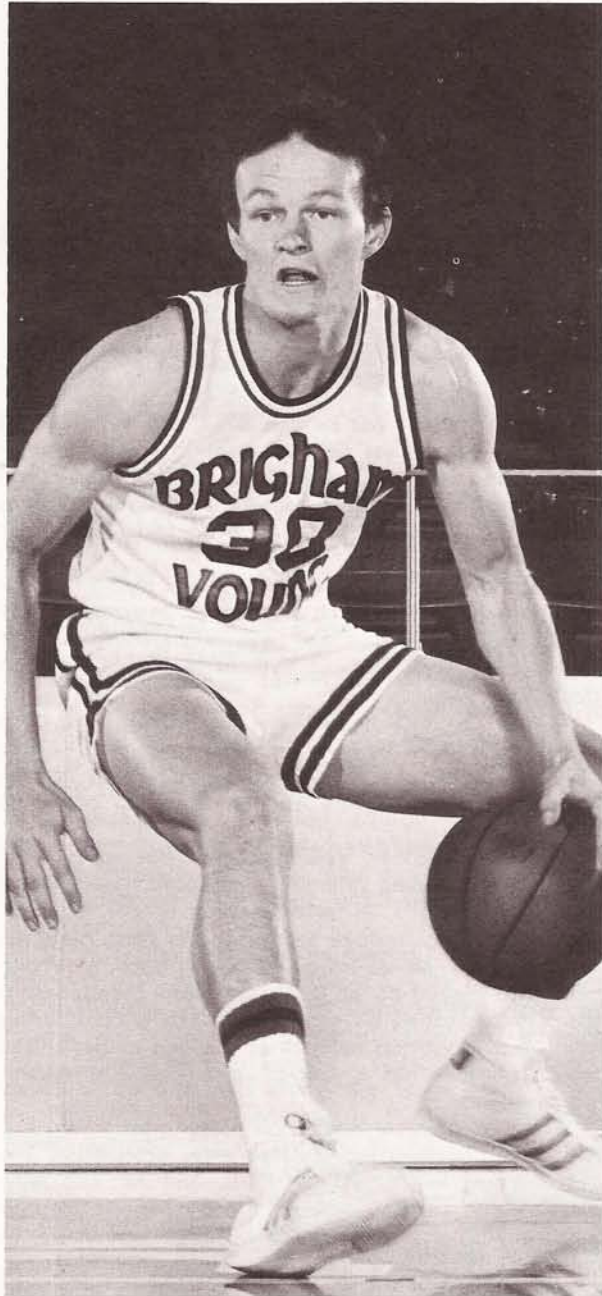
Jerry was all-league and all-city (Sacramento) at San Juan High School in Citrus Heights, Calif. He was chosen for a Northern California all-star team which toured Mexico for two months following his senior year.

He is a business management major who would like to own a sporting goods store some day. He and his wife, Heather, were married in August of 1975, several months after he returned from Argentina.

He was born July 9, 1953, in Burley, Idaho, to Jack (a junior high principal) and Sherma, Clark. The family soon moved to the Sacramento area where young Jerry soon began to excel on the court.

30 - Mike May

Guard, 6-1, 180, Junior,
Canoga Park, California



One of the needs Coach Arnold sensed in his first year was a quarterback on the floor to provide leadership and playmaking ability.

The athlete he found to fit that description is Mike May from Pierce College in the San Fernando Valley northwest of Los Angeles. He was an all-conference guard in junior college, averaging 18 points, five assists and five rebounds per game. His team was 22-8 and placed second in the league to eventual state champion Long Beach City College.

May was a starter for three years at El Camino High in Woodland Hills, where the record while he played was 41-10. Among his opponents in summer leagues were players from Camarillo High coached by current Cougar assistant coach John McMullen.

"I knew Coach McMullen, and Coach Arnold had seen me play while he was at UCLA," Mike explains. "They watched me play last year and I was very interested at playing at a school like BYU."

May was born Feb. 8, 1956, in Canandaigua, N.Y., and lived in Boston, N.Y. (near Buffalo) until he was 12, and then the family went to Woodland Hills and is currently living in nearby Canoga Park.

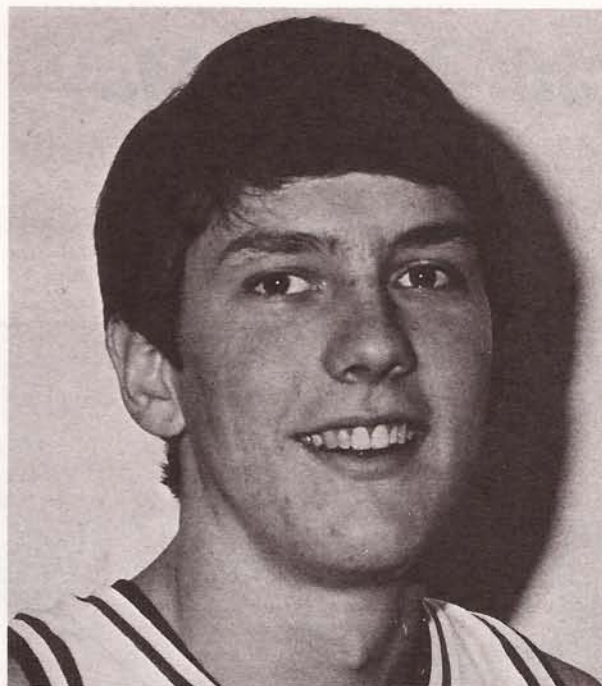
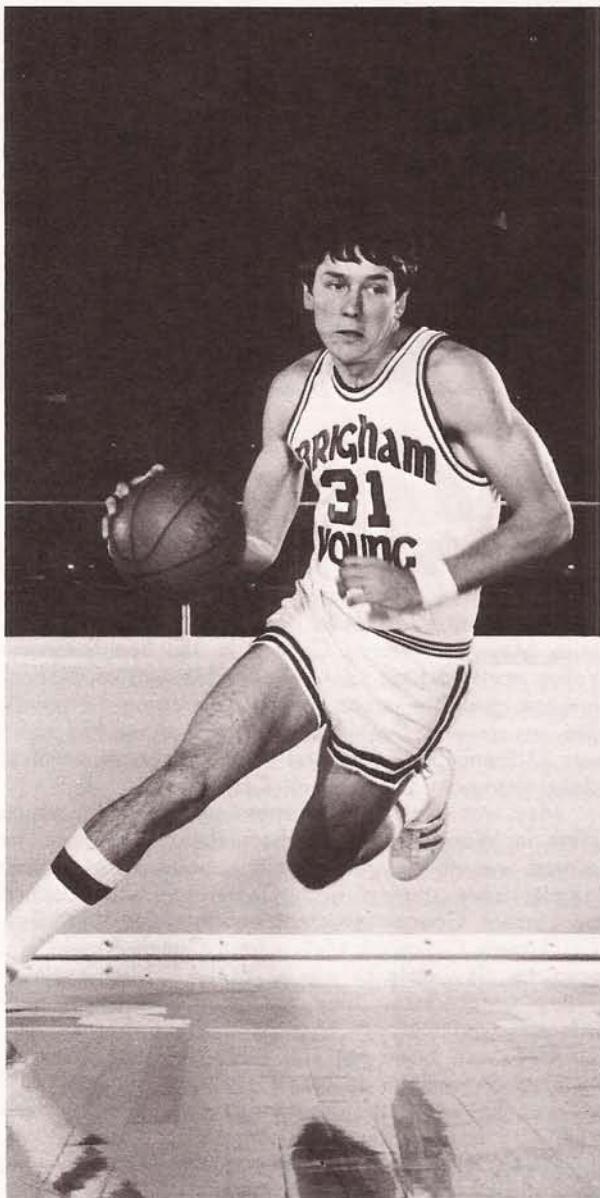
He is a physical education major with coaching aspirations. He was All-Los Angeles City and averaged 20 points a game as a senior in high school, also earning all-league recognition as a junior.

He played at Cal State-Bakersfield his freshman year and saw varsity action but decided to play closer to home and enrolled at Pierce for his sophomore year.

Mike is excited about the prospects for this season and Cougar fans are anxious to have him fit in right away and help fill the void created when Steve Craig went on a mission.

31 - Veryl Law

Guard, 6-2, 185, Senior,
Provo, Utah



In his fourth year on the BYU varsity basketball team, Veryl Law has set the goal to make a major contribution to the Cougars' success this year. Veryl was a starter early last season until sidelined with mononucleosis just as the league contests got under way.

He is back at full strength now and trying to work back into a starting spot. He played in some varsity games as a freshman and was a part-time starter as a sophomore, finishing sixth in the WAC in free throw shooting.

Veryl, an avid hunter and fisherman, was born April 18, 1955, in Boise Idaho, to Vernon and VaNita Law. His father, a Cy Young Award winner in professional baseball, is the assistant baseball coach at BYU.

An older brother, Veldon, played baseball at BYU while Vance, a year younger, plays both baseball and basketball. Vaughn, a senior in high school, quarterbacked his prep football team into the state playoffs.

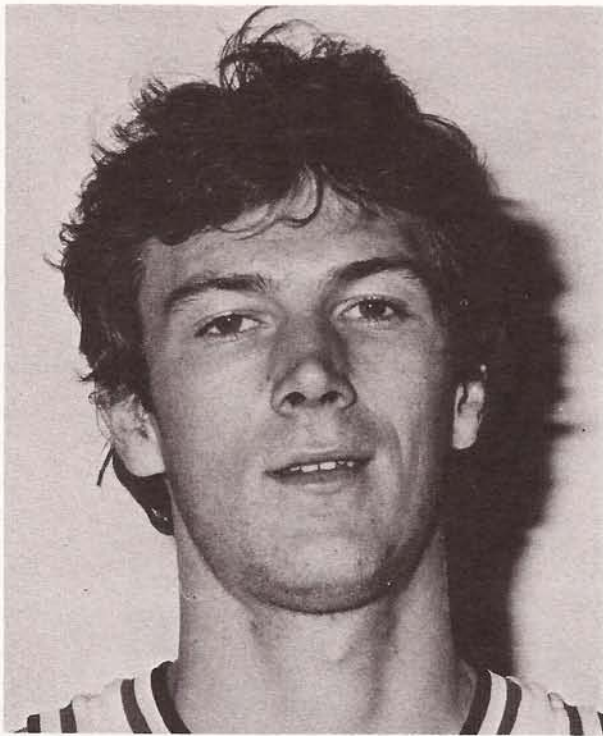
Veryl was an all-state defensive back at Provo High and played on an unbeaten state championship team in basketball his senior year. He is considering going out for spring football at the end of basketball season since he has a year of grid eligibility remaining in college.

He is a physical education major who would like to land a coaching job in Utah after graduation. He got married in August of 1975, and he and wife Anne, whose father operated the BYU motion studio for many years, are expecting their first child in February 1977.

Once hooked on motorcycles, Veryl is now into furniture and old cars when time and money permit any hobbies. His most recent toy is a '57 Thunderbird and he is always on the lookout for new challenges.

The most important challenge right now is showing what he can on the basketball court.

Year	Games	FG	%	FT	%	RBD	TP	Avg.
1973-74	9	9	43	3	50	6	21	2.3
1974-75	24	61	47	61	79	64	183	7.6
1975-76	20	41	47	32	78	33	114	5.7



32 - Nick Nakic

Forward, 6-8, 210, Junior,
Zagreb, Yugoslavia

In November of 1975 when the Yugoslavia National team played at BYU, the crowd's attention was focused on former Cougar great Kresimir Cosic. One of the visitors they didn't even see in action was a slender 6-8 player named Mihovil Nakic Vojnovic.

In the summer of 1976 when Coach Frank Arnold gave clinics in Yugoslavia he got to see Nakic play and he liked what he saw. Their friendship increased and within a couple of months Nakic had decided to enroll at BYU, where he will be called Nick for the next two years.

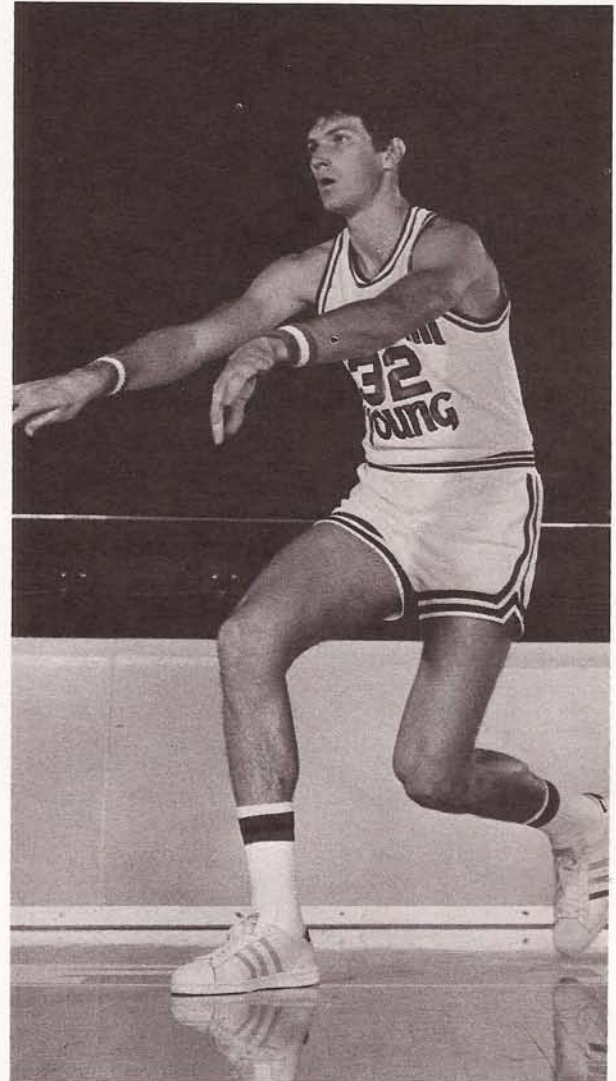
The NCAA has granted him two years of eligibility because he attended Zagreb University for three years but did not play basketball for the school. He did compete for a club team and at 18 played on the Yugoslavian junior team which won the European championship.

In 1975 (the next year) he moved up to the Yugoslavian B team and toured the U.S. with the country's national team. After getting used to the American system which "includes better defense and is much more serious than in Europe," Nick should provide excellent backup help along the front line.

Although Serbo-Croatian is his native tongue, Nakic learned fluent English in high school and understands Italian and German. He was born July 31, 1955, in Drnis, Yugoslavia. His father is a surveyor.

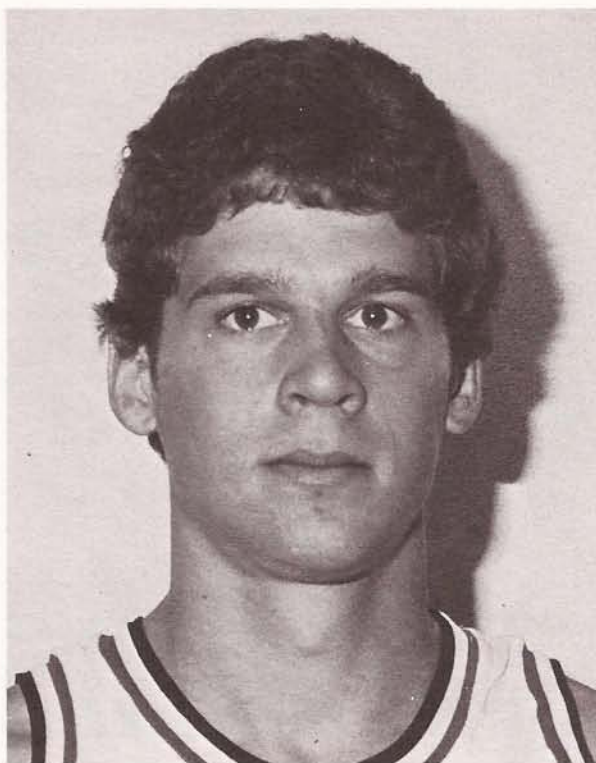
Nick likes drawing and listening to music, including a number of records he acquired at home via England. He admits he was more impressed with the opportunity to graduate from an American college than for the basketball opportunities. His major is marketing.

He played against current Cougar Misho Ostarcevic while in Yugoslavia and got to associate with Cosic while he was stationed in Zagreb with the army. During his final year at home, Nakic averaged 19.3 points and 12.7 rebounds while displaying good quickness and jumping ability.



40 - Verne Thompson

Forward, 6-6, 205, Senior,
Renton, Washington



Transfer Verne Thompson wasted no time last year establishing himself as a big favorite in the Marriott Center with his hustling style, smooth shooting and great leaping ability.

An honorable mention All-Western Athletic Conference player, he finished second on the team in scoring and was the leader in assists. Verne should remain a very popular figure with an outstanding senior year.

He was named to the all-tournament team at both the Cougar Classic and Old Dominion Classic and increased his strength as a dock worker for a trucking company during the summer.

Thompson, who high jumped 6-10 in junior college, is considering competing for the BYU track team in the spring and perhaps in 1978 also, if pro basketball doesn't materialize.

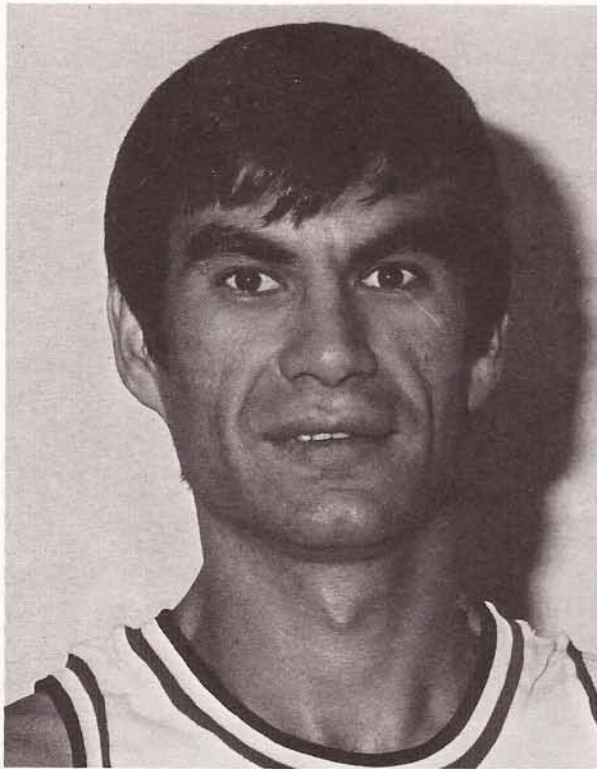
He was born April 30, 1955, in Renton, Washington, to Mr. and Mrs. Verne Thompson. At Renton High he averaged 11.5 points and 11.6 rebounds in gaining all-league honors. At Bellevue Community College he averaged 20.5 points and 12.8 rebounds during his final year, shattering the school rebounding record and finishing second on the all-time career scoring list.

Verne is a law enforcement major who would like to work in an investigative capacity for the government. He keeps active with target practice and enjoys fishing.

Not exceptionally big by today's college standards, Verne makes himself effective through quickness and agility around the basket. His jumping ability will be noticed even more this season with the dunking rule reinstated.

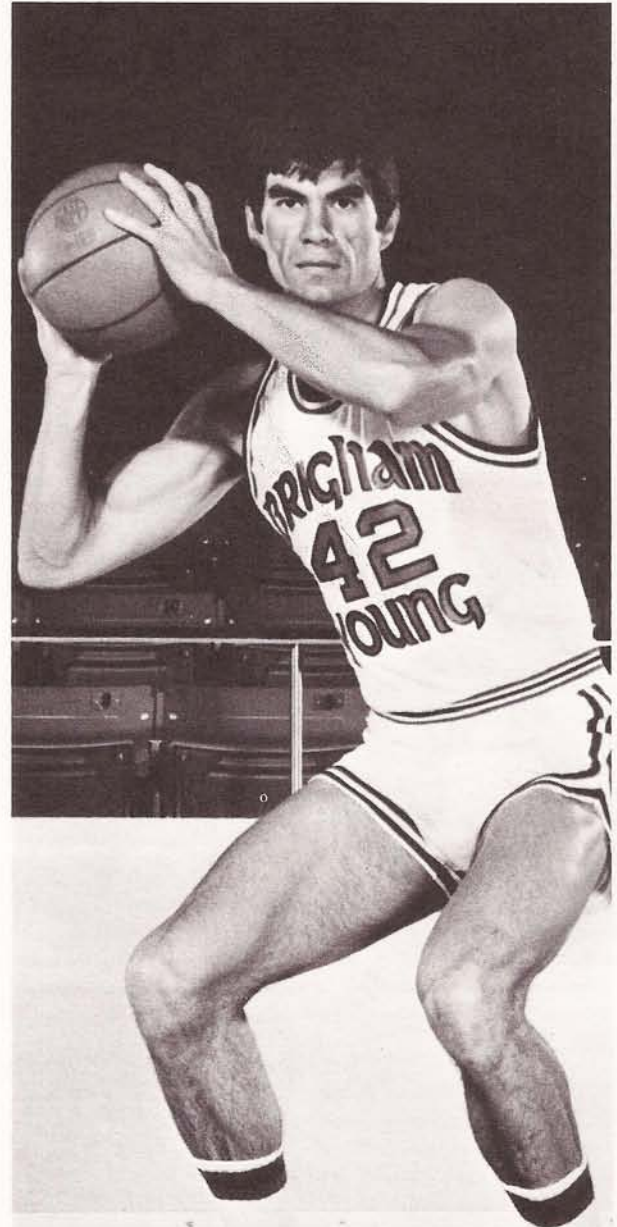
To say the least, he adds a lot of talent to an experienced and potentially potent front line.

Year	Games	FG	%	FT	%	RBD	TP	Avg.
1975-76	26	156	49	66	70	182	378	14.5



42 - Misho Ostarcevic

Forward, 6-7, 200, Soph.,
Zadar, Yugoslavia



If one player on this year's BYU basketball team were to be singled out for a "most improved" label it would be Nedjeljko Ostarcevic, simply called Misho.

Fairly new to basketball and English, and brand new to U.S. basketball, Misho took awhile to get adjusted as a freshman last season but finished strong to help the Cougars in several key games. He scored 10 points in the victory over arch-rival Utah and grabbed seven rebounds in the overtime win over league champion Arizona.

Born July 29, 1952, to Ivan and Josipa Ostarcevic, he grew up in Zadar, Yugoslavia. At 16 he turned to basketball and made such strides he played on the Yugoslavian National team in 1975.

Misho was converted to the LDS Church and recruited by a former neighbor from his hometown, Kresimir Cosic. Quiet and not flashy like Cosic, Misho has nonetheless demonstrated excellent basketball ability this fall and should provide some good depth along the front line.

He and his wife, Ankica, have a son, Ivan, 2½, who understands his parents native Croatian but speaks only English. The family has made great strides in adjusting to language and lifestyle differences.

Misho attended technical school in Yugoslavia to study radio and television repair. He is currently majoring in electronics technology and plans to work with computers after graduating.

"School is somewhat easier this year," Misho explains, "but it is still hard for me."

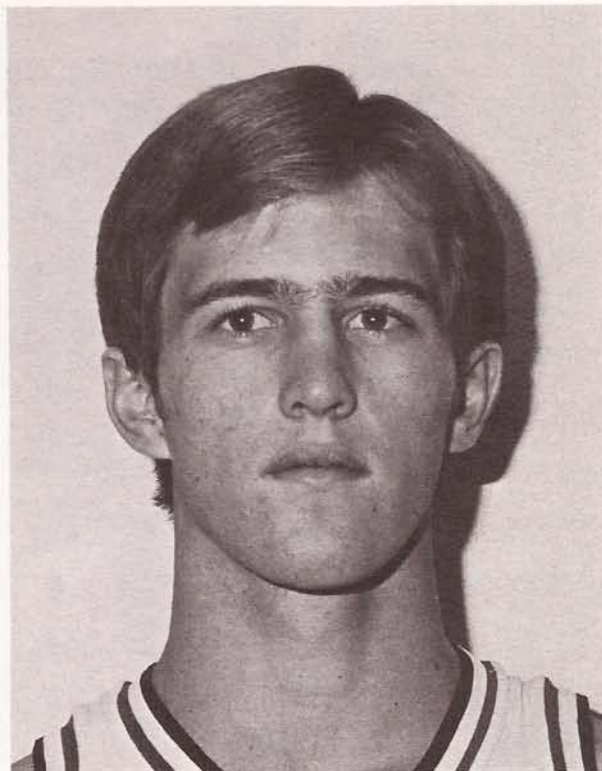
He spent the summer studying and doing construction work on the library addition at BYU.

And this season he'll have some company on the court in Yugoslavian teammate Nick Nakic, a former opponent back home.

Year	Games	FG	%	FT	%	RBD	TP	Avg.
1975-76	21	21	51	1	17	32	43	2.0

43 - Glen Roberts

Forward, 6-5, 185, Soph.,
Riverton, Utah



A talented all-around athlete trying to make a name for himself in basketball as well as baseball is Glen Roberts, nicknamed Oral by his teammates since his early days in high school.

Glen was a two-year starter in football, basketball and baseball at Bingham High School. The football team got beat in overtime in the state championship game his senior year, while the basketball team won two state titles, as did the baseball team.

He also played three years of American Legion baseball, playing on a runnerup and championship team at the state tournament. He played at third base and pitched throughout high school. Last season he was a pitcher for the BYU team and worked out in that capacity during the fall seasons.

Glen, a physical education major, also was the leading scorer on the junior varsity basketball team with a 15.5 average. He was one of only two players to see action in all 18 games.

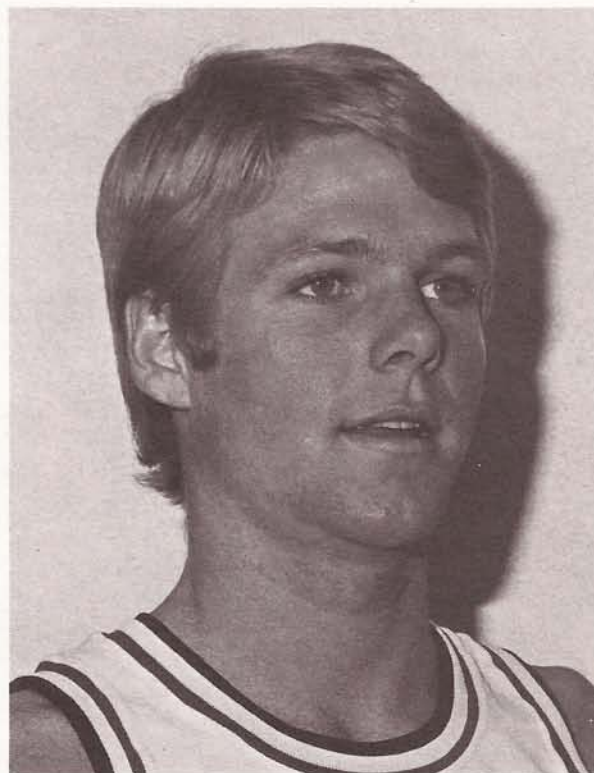
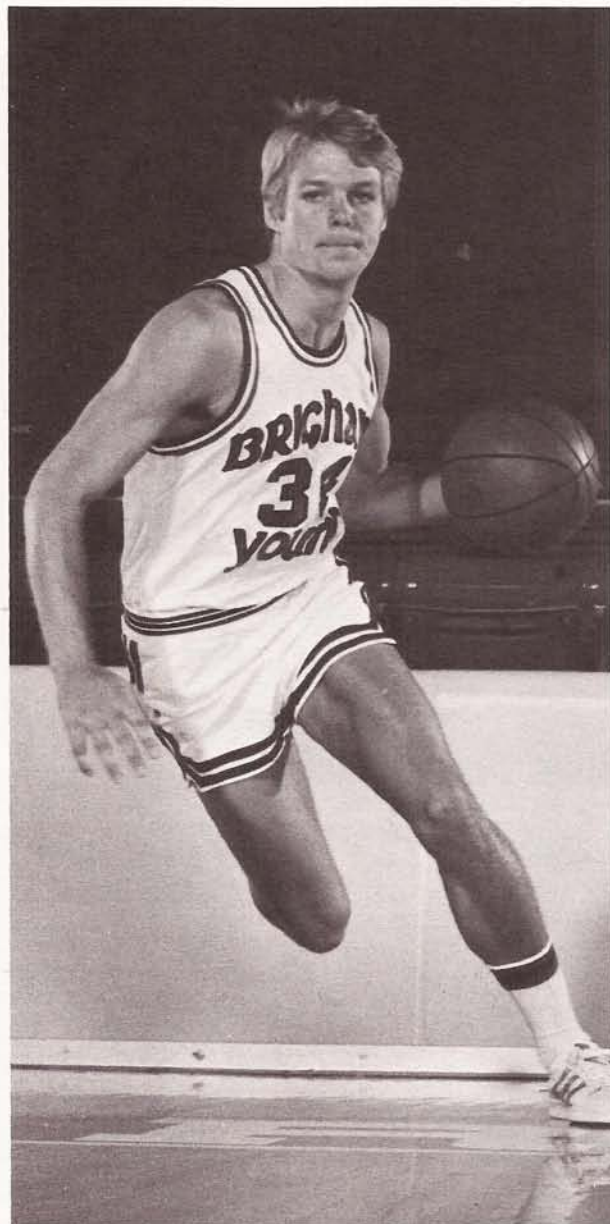
He was born in Anacortes, Wash., on Sept. 29, 1957, and has lived in the south Salt Lake County community of Riverton since he was six. His parents are Eldon and Dorothy Roberts. They are involved in land development and have several cows, which gave young Glen something to do after practice as he was growing up.

Roberts earned all-state honors in three sports at Bingham during an era which included Bruce (football at Arizona State) and Axel Hardy (a frosh pitcher on the BYU baseball team).

44 - Kris Pollock

Guard, 6-2, 170, Junior,

Torrance, California



One of several former junior college players trying to make a contribution to the BYU basketball program this winter is Kris Pollock from El Camino College in Torrance, Calif.

Kris is no stranger to BYU. His brother, Steve, was an all-conference baseball player for the Cougars and the family was a visitor on campus several times. Ironically, Kris's most memorable basketball experience came in the Marriott Center. It came near the end of last season when he sank a basket as time ran out to give El Camino a 73-72 victory over the BYU junior varsity.

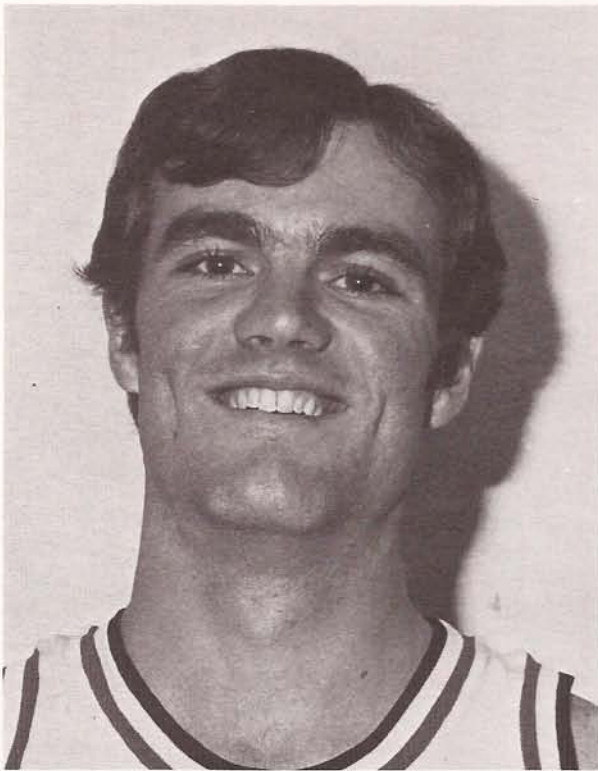
Kris was born April 1, 1956, in Corona, Calif., to Orrin and Janet Pollock. His father is an electrical contractor in the South Bay area of Los Angeles County.

A starter for two seasons at El Camino, Kris averaged eight points as a freshman and 12 points his sophomore year. An accounting major, he carried a 3.2 grade point average in junior college.

Kris was all-league and all-South Bay in both basketball and baseball (shortstop) at Torrance High School. He also earned all-CIF honors in basketball. Kris played both sports his first year at El Camino before deciding to concentrate exclusively on basketball.

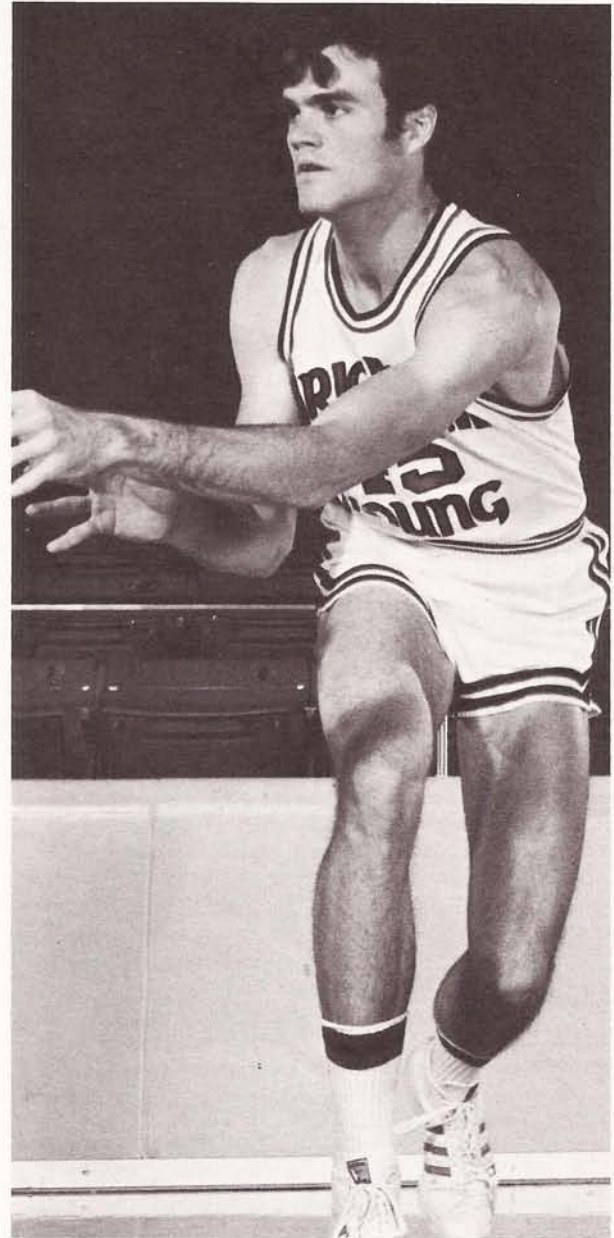
Pollock is single and enjoys water skiing as an off-the-court hobby. His brother Steve is now in business in Hawaii after graduating in June from BYU. They have a sister attending Utah State.

Among the family friends in Utah is USU assistant basketball coach Jim Harrick. Kris' dad used to referee football games at Morningside High, where Harrick was the hoop coach.



45 - Larry Cheesman

Forward, 6-6, 190, Junior,
Provo, Utah



Larry Cheesman, barely edged out of scoring honors on the junior varsity team last year, is attempting to earn a spot as a reserve player on the varsity squad this winter.

Two years older than his more well-known brother, Jay, Larry was an all-state quarterback at Orem High School in 1970. The lefthanded thrower played junior varsity football for the Cougars in 1971 before going on an LDS mission to Colombia.

He redshirted in football when he returned and then decided to concentrate on basketball. He averaged 15.0 points and was one of the top rebounders on the junior varsity club a year ago.

Born April 3, 1953, in Miami, Fla., the Chessman family moved to the Orem-Provo area some 13 years ago. His father, Paul, is a popular professor in the College of Religion on campus and a prominent expert of ruins in Latin America.

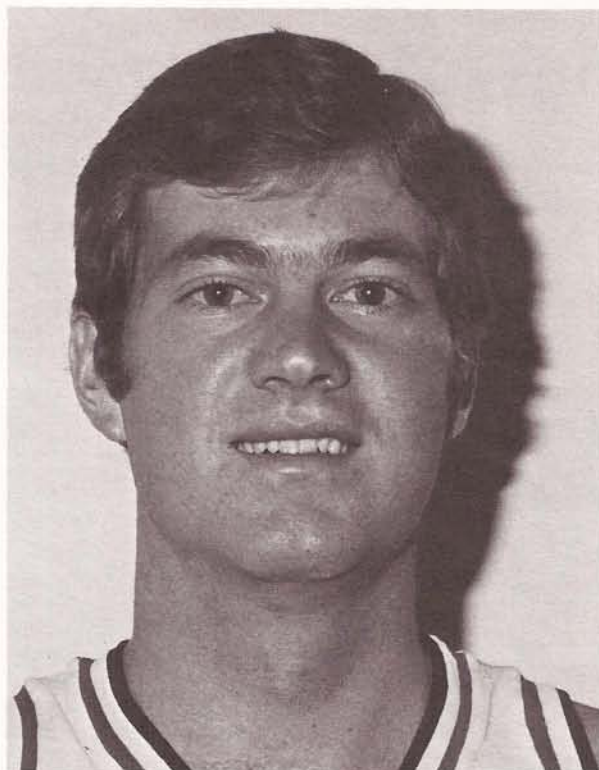
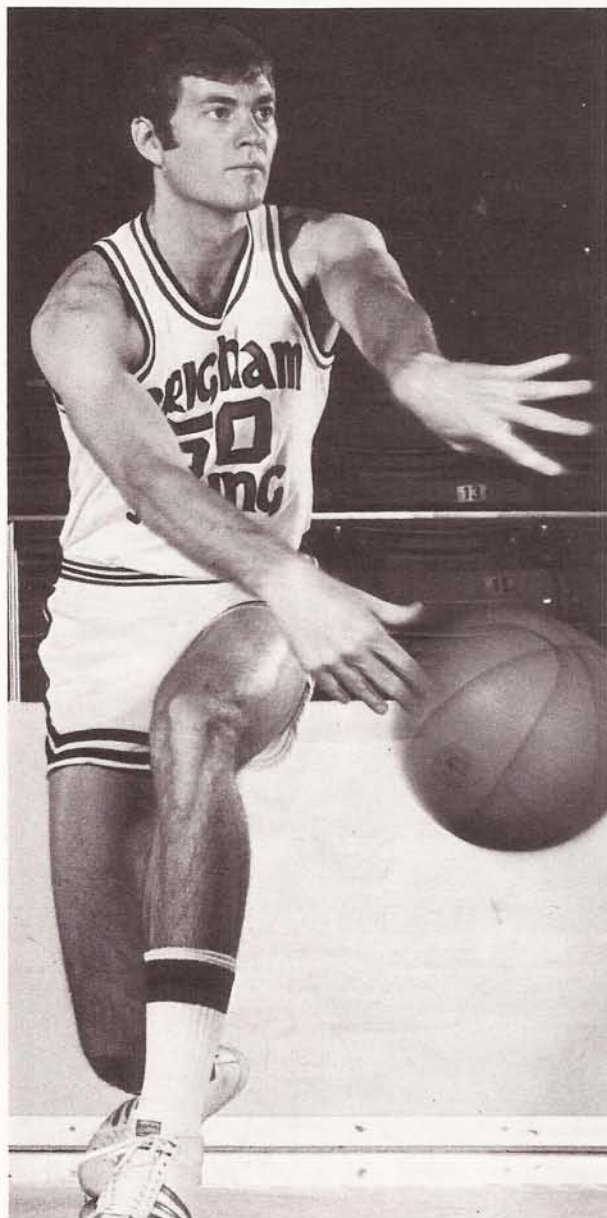
Larry earned all-league honors at Orem High while playing basketball for Harry Anderson, now a BYU assistant. He is a chemical engineering major and worked for that department on campus last summer.

He likes music and plays the clarinet when not studying or participating in sports.

But right now his main hobby is basketball, where he is determined to earn a varsity letter.

50 - Jay Cheesman

Forward-Center, 6-9, 210, Senior,
Provo, Utah



"I can't be content with past honors—I have to prove myself again," says forward-center Jay Cheesman, a first team All-Western Athletic Conference selection for 1975-76.

The product of Orem High, where he played for Cougar assistant coach Harry Anderson, has started since he was a freshman and was the team's top scorer last season at 17.6 and best rebounder at 8.9.

Cheesman, nicknamed Chad by his teammates, was fourth in the WAC in scoring and rebounding and 11th in free throw percentage. He was named to the all-tournament team at the Old Dominion Classic and was the team's leading scorer in 15 of the 25 games he played.

The son of Paul and Millie Cheesman, Jay is the youngest of six children and was born Aug. 24, 1955, in Miami, Fla. He moved to Orem at the age of eight and earned all-state recognition for the Golden Tigers.

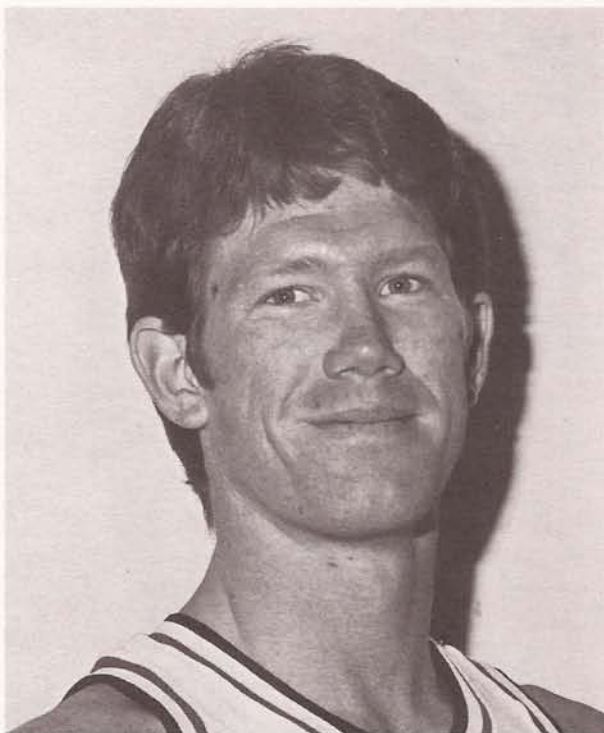
His father is director of the Institute of Book of Mormon Research at BYU and is a popular teacher, author and lecturer on archeology in the Americas. A brother, Larry, also is working out with the team after playing a year of junior varsity ball.

Jay traveled in South America with a college all-star team in 1975 and attended the tryout camp for the Pan American Games team. He and Larry also played in pickup games at UCLA later that summer.

This past summer Jay was guest speaker at a youth conference in Canada and played the part of King Lamoni in the LDS Church Hill Cumorah Pageant in Palmyra, N.Y.

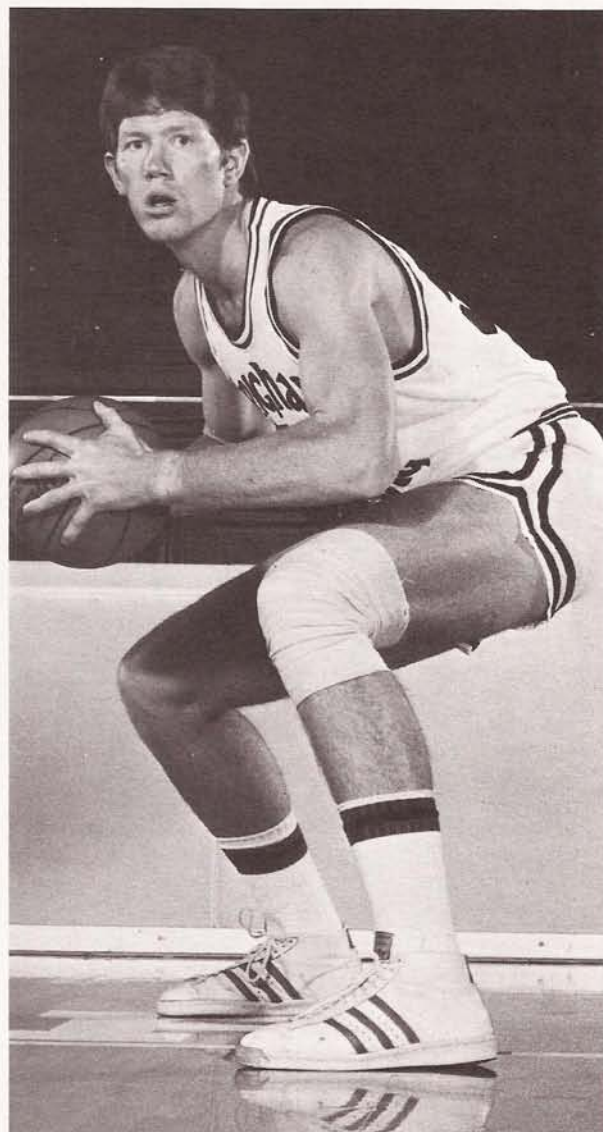
Jay, who likes camping and oil painting, also worked at a steel mill. He is a physical education major who plans to go into coaching.

Year	Games	FG	%	FT	%	RBD	TP	Avg.
1973-74	25	65	42	29	71	92	159	6.4
1974-75	26	151	52	77	67	172	379	14.6
1975-76	25	172	49	97	75	223	441	17.6



52 - Mark Handy

Center, 6-8, 225, Senior,
Ogden, Utah



One of the most rugged players in the Western Athletic Conference, and among the hardest to stop once he gets his game in full gear, is BYU center Mark Handy, who has started since he was a freshman.

He was the team's number three scorer each of the past two seasons and might have been higher last season except he was sidelined the final third of the year with a detached retina. Two operations have helped the eye mend and Mark has been playing ball all summer to get back into shape.

His best single game last year was a 29-point, 15 rebound effort against Weber State, a college from his home town of Ogden. He was the top rebounder two years ago and barely lost that honor to Jay Chessman last year. Mark holds the fieldhouse record at Wyoming for his 23 caroms at the end of his sophomore year.

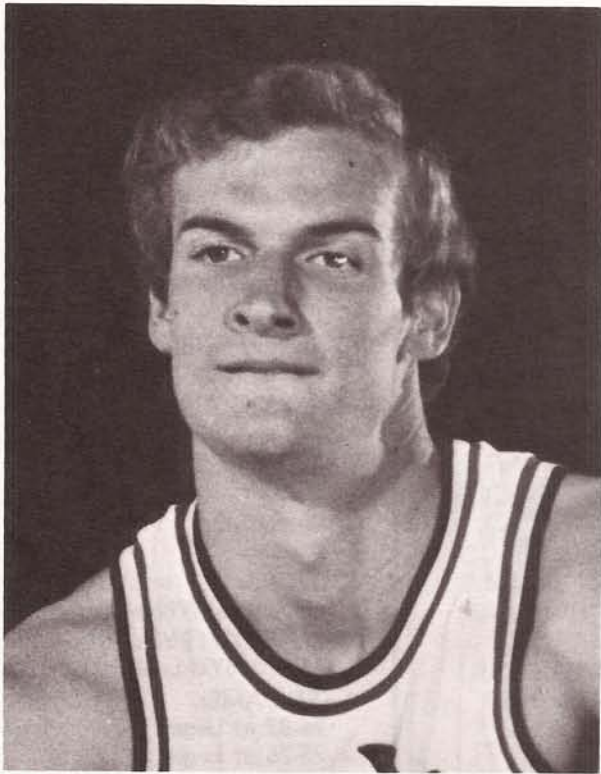
Handy, a business management major, was born Jan. 27, 1955 to George (a lawyer) and June Handy. He was an all-state player at Ogden High School and played first base on the baseball team.

He held a construction job this past summer and worked with youth at several basketball camps. In the summer of 1975 he and teammate Jay Chessman were part of a college team which toured South America. He also participated in trials to select the Pan American Games squad.

Handy, who enjoys camping, hunting and fishing in the mountains near Provo and Ogden, would like a try at pro ball next year—either in the NBA or in Europe. Eventually, he'd like to get into business for himself.

Although Mark has established himself as a solid player and was able to step right in as a freshman, he has yet to play on a winning team at BYU. With his help that could change this season.

Year	Games	FG	%	FT	%	RBD	TP	Avg.
1973-74	26	105	49	45	69	227	256	9.8
1974-75	26	119	54	67	69	236	305	11.7
1975-76	19	105	51	40	71	168	250	13.2



53 - Alan Taylor

Center, 6-10, 230, Fresh.,
Granada Hills, California



A top recruiting priority for the Cougars was to find a blue-chip center to play a key reserve role this season and to step in next year after the current front line graduates.

The BYU coaches feel Alan Taylor is the right person for the job and are very pleased with his performance in the opening weeks of drills.

The big guy brings impressive credentials to BYU. As a senior at Kennedy High in Granada Hills he averaged 26 points and 18 rebounds per game. And Alan capped the season by being named the 3-A Player of the Year in Los Angeles.

As a junior he also was all-league and averaged 20.4 points. In addition he had a grade point average of 3.27. But he finds college "completely different" than high school and in more ways than the classroom.

"I have to learn a lot—I have a long way to go," he says. "Basketball in college is a lot more work and there are a lot of other big guys."

Alan was born Sept. 6, 1958, in Encino, Calif., to Lyle and Shirley Taylor. His father, who played basketball at Reseda High, is a fireman. Alan, who enjoys fishing and camping, chose BYU because he liked the area and the coaches.

And the coaches and fans in the area are certain to like Alan Taylor. He learns fast, works hard and has good size and ability.

Alan should make a big contribution to BYU basketball and it could start as early as this season.

Idaho State

DATE OF GAME
Nov. 27 at Provo
COACH:
Jim Killingsworth
1975-76 RECORD
16-11
CONFERENCE:
Big Sky
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Milton "Dubby" Holt
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Glenn Alford
NICKNAME:
Bengals
COLORS:
Orange, Black
SERIES WITH BYU:
10-0 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
83-82, 1973

Opponents



Utah State

DATE OF GAME:
Dec. 4 at Logan
Jan. 8 at Provo
COACH:
Dutch Belnap (USU '58)
1975-76 RECORD:
14-12
CONFERENCE:
Independent
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
LaDell Andersen
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Craig Hislop
NICKNAME:
Aggies
COLORS:
Navy Blue, White
SERIES WITH BYU:
104-70 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
76-87 at Logan
73-75 at Logan

Weber State

DATE OF GAME:
Nov. 27 at Ogden
COACH:
Neil McCarthy (Sacramento State)
1975-76 RECORD:
21-11
CONFERENCE:
Big Sky
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Dale Gardner
SPORTS INFORMATION:
John Peterson
NICKNAME:
Wildcats
COLORS:
Purple, White
SERIES WITH BYU:
5-2 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
89-80, BYU in Provo, 1975

Boise State

DATE OF GAME:
Dec. 1 at Provo
COACH:
Bus Connor
1975-76 RECORD:
18-11 (Big Sky Champs)
CONFERENCE:
Big Sky
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Lyle Smith
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Jim Faucher
NICKNAME:
Broncos
COLORS:
Orange, Blue
SERIES WITH BYU:
First Meeting

Xavier

DATE OF GAME:
Dec. 10 at Provo (Cougar Classic)
COACH:
Tay Baker (Cincinnati '50)
1975-76 RECORD:
14-12
CONFERENCE:
Independent
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Jim McCafferty
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Dan Weber
NICKNAME:
Musketeers
COLORS:
Blue, White
SERIES WITH BYU:
2-0 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
(1968) 87-75, BYU

Niagara

DATE OF GAME:
Dec. 10 at Provo (Cougar Classic)
COACH:
Daniel Raskin
1975-76 RECORD:
17-12
CONFERENCE:
Independent
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Daniel Raskin
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Tom Hohensee
NICKNAME:
Purple Eagles
COLORS:
Purple, White
SERIES WITH BYU:
4-2 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
60-75, 1976

Seattle

DATE OF GAME:
Dec. 10 at Provo (Cougar Classic)
COACH:
Bill O'Connor
1975-76 RECORD:
11-16
CONFERENCE:
West Coast Athletic
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Ed O'Brien
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Pat Hayes
NICKNAME:
Chieftains
COLORS:
Scarlet, White
SERIES WITH BYU:
4-2 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
85-72, BYU at Seattle, 1974

Davidson

DATE OF GAME:
Dec. 18 at Davidson (N.C.)
COACH:
Dave Pritchett
1975-76 RECORD:
5-21
CONFERENCE:
Southern
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Thom Cartmill
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Emil Parker
NICKNAME:
Wildcats
COLORS:
Red, Black
SERIES WITH BYU:
1-0 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
90-76, BYU at Provo, 1974

No. Carolina

DATE OF GAME:
Dec. 20 at Chapel Hill, N.C.
COACH:
Dean Smith
1975-76 RECORD:
25-4
CONFERENCE:
Atlantic Coast
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Bill Cobey
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Rick Brewer
NICKNAME:
Tar Heels
COLORS:
Blue, White
SERIES WITH BYU:
First Meeting
LAST GAME:
None

Wichita St.

DATE OF GAME:
Dec. 22 at Wichita
COACH:
Harry Miller (Eastern N.M. '51)
1975-76 RECORD:
18-10
CONFERENCE:
Valley
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Ted Bredehoff
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Joe Yates
NICKNAME:
Shockers
COLORS:
Black, Gold
SERIES WITH BYU:
5-0 (Wichita Leads)
LAST GAME:
69-80, Wichita at Provo, 1975

Colorado St.

DATE OF GAME:
Jan. 14 at Provo
Feb. 12 at Fort Collins (TV)
COACH:
Jim Williams (Utah State '47)
1975-76 RECORD:
10-16
CONFERENCE:
Western Athletic
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
"Fum" McGraw (Acting)
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Steve Hatchell
NICKNAME:
Rams
COLORS:
Green, Gold
SERIES WITH BYU:
39-28 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
84-93 at Fort Collins
81-85 at Provo

Wyoming

DATE OF GAME:
Jan. 15 at Provo
Feb. 10 at Laramie
COACH:
Don DeVoe (1st Year)
1975-76 RECORD:
10-17
CONFERENCE:
Western Athletic
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
George McCarty
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Kevin McKinney
NICKNAME:
Cowboys
COLORS:
Brown, Yellow
SERIES WITH BYU:
57-47 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
94-80 at Laramie
82-60 at Provo

Arizona St.

DATE OF GAME:
Jan. 20 at Tempe
Feb. 19 at Provo (TV)
COACH:
Ned Wulk (LaCrosse '42)
1975-76 RECORD:
16-11
CONFERENCE:
Western Athletic
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Dr. Fred Miller
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Dick (Moon) Mullins
NICKNAME:
Sun Devils
COLORS:
Maroon, Gold
SERIES WITH BYU:
17-16 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
68-83 at Tempe
93-89 at Provo

Arizona

DATE OF GAME:
Jan. 22 at Tucson
Feb. 17 at Provo
COACH:
Fred Snowden (Wayne State '58)
1975-76 RECORD:
24-9
CONFERENCE:
Western Athletic
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Dave Strack
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Frank Soltys
NICKNAME:
Wildcats
COLORS:
Cardinal Red, Navy Blue
SERIES WITH BYU:
15-15
LAST GAME:
78-79 at Tucson
79-74 at Provo

Texas-El Paso

DATE OF GAME:
Jan. 27 at Provo
Feb. 26 at El Paso
COACH:
Don Haskins (Oklahoma State '53)
1975-76 RECORD:
19-7
CONFERENCE:
Western Athletic
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Jim Bowden
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Scott Binning
NICKNAME:
Miners
COLORS:
Orange, White
SERIES WITH BYU:
9-7 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
56-57 at Provo
50-51 at El Paso

New Mexico

DATE OF GAME:
Jan. 29 at Provo
Feb. 25 at Albuquerque
COACH:
Norm Ellenberger (Butler '55)
1975-76 RECORD:
16-11
CONFERENCE:
Western Athletic
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Lavon McDonald
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Don McGuire
NICKNAME:
Lobos
COLORS:
Turquoise, Cherry, Silver
SERIES WITH BYU:
34-17 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
81-67 at Provo
74-79 at Albuquerque

Utah

DATE OF GAME:
Feb. 5 in Salt Lake City
Mar. 5 in Provo
COACH:
Jerry Pimm (USC '59)
1975-76 RECORD:
19-8
CONFERENCE:
Western Athletic
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
Arnie Ferrin
SPORTS INFORMATION:
Bruce Woodbury
NICKNAME:
Utes
COLORS:
Crimson, White
SERIES WITH BYU:
83-72 (BYU Leads)
LAST GAME:
74-76 at Provo
84-83 at Salt Lake City



Tournaments

During the course of the 1976-77 basketball season the Cougars will participate in two tournaments; the third annual Cougar Classic in Provo, and the 41st annual All-College Basketball Tournament in Oklahoma City.

The BYU tourney is set for Dec. 10-11 in the Marriott Center with three participating teams, while the All-College will be played between Christmas and New Years (Dec. 28-30) in the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

In the first-round game of the Cougar Classic Seattle will meet Niagara, while host Brigham Young will face Xavier in the nightcap.

The field of teams at Oklahoma City, in addition to BYU, will feature Baylor, California, Ohio, Oklahoma City, St. Joseph's Tulane and Virginia Military Institute. BYU will meet St. Joseph's in the first round (7:00 p.m. on Dec. 27), and is in the same bracket with Ohio University and Oklahoma City University. Teams in that bracket are not scheduled to play Dec. 28 in the four day tournament.

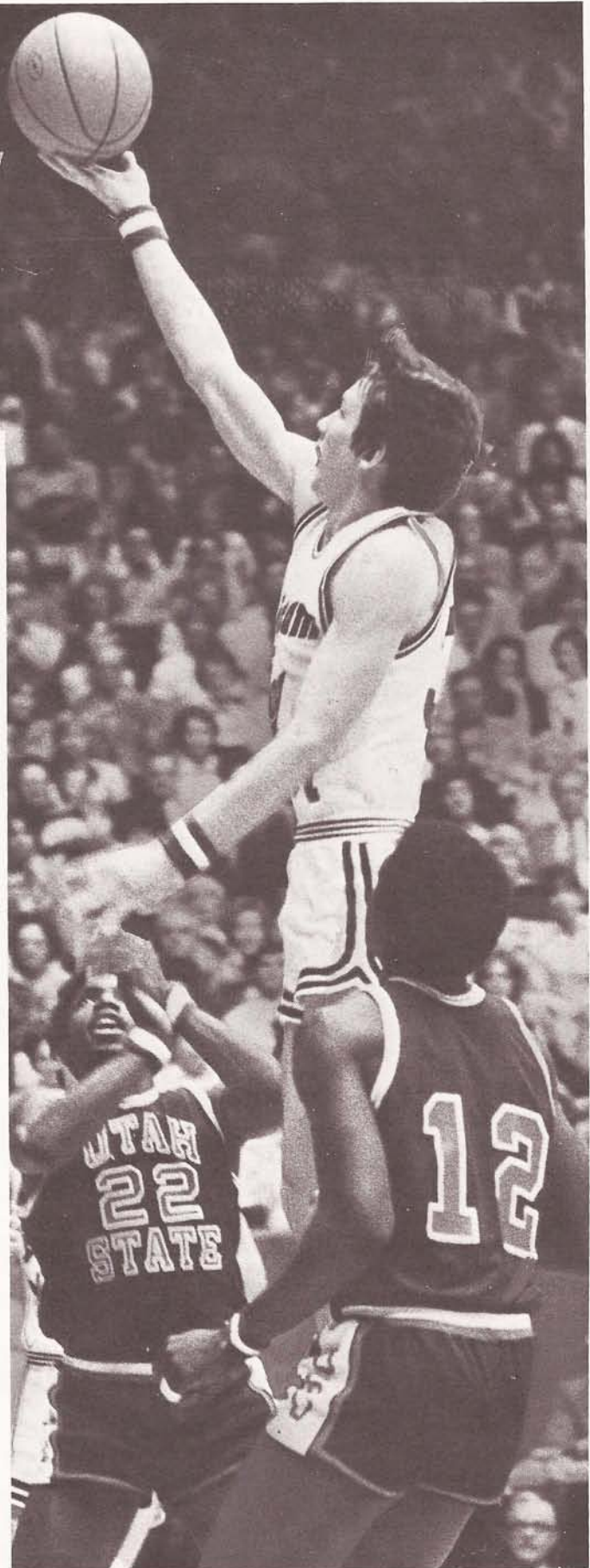
This will be the Cougars fourth appearance in the All-College. BYU finished third in 164-65, and was runner-up both in 1967-68 and 1972-73.

Listed below are the statistics on previous Cougar Classics at BYU:

- 1971 (Dec. 3) - St. Joseph's 64, Pacific 58
 - Brigham Young 78, Kansas State 72
- (Dec. 4) - Kansas State 80, Pacific 75
 - Brigham Young 73, St. Joseph's 72
- 1975 (Dec. 12) - St. Johns 78, Tulsa 62
 - Brigham Young 84, Long Beach
 St. 76
- (Dec. 13) - Tulsa 81, Long Beach St. 74
 - St. Johns 78, Brigham Young 65

1975 All-Tournament Team

Frank Alagia, St. Johns
 Anthony McGee, Long Beach State
 George Johnson, St. Johns
 Leon Alvoid, Tulsa
 Verne Thompson, Brigham Young
 MVP: Frank Alagia, St. Johns



'76 Review

Series of Close Ones



Frank Arnold's first year at the helm certainly lacked nothing in the way of effort, even though the Cougars fell short of expectations in the way of a winning season. But they did prove one thing—they were able to make up in excitement and thrills what they may have lacked in wins and losses.

The Cougars' overall record will go into the books as 12-14, an identical mark as the 1975 finish. BYU tied with Colorado State for fifth place in the final WAC standings.

However, four of the Cougars' league losses came by a combined margin of only five points. And in another couple of games BYU had a comfortable lead in the late stages of the game before victory dissolved into defeat. Had those four close ones been reversed, the Cougars would have had a 10-4 league record.

There was also some consolation in the fact BYU played two of its best games against WAC champion Arizona. In the league opener in Tucson the Cougars led most of the way before the Wildcats put in the winning point, 79-78, with 17-seconds remaining. BYU's desperation shot at the buzzer didn't drop. The second meeting between the two teams ended in a 79-75 decision for BYU.

The Cougars also kept the pot boiling with two games against second-place Texas-El Paso, losing two one-point games to the Miners.

"Overall, I think we were able to accomplish some significant things last year," said Arnold "I'm satisfied we were able to establish a good foundation to build on in the future, and felt we were a much better team the longer we were able to work together."

Arnold felt, too, that the Cougars let several

close ones slip away. But he didn't mention that injuries and illness may have altered the outcome. Knee problems slowed Terry Gugat before he left the squad, and Veryl Law, starting guard on last year's team, missed a half dozen games because of illness. Veryl scored only 14 points in the final 12 games of the season.

Another regular, Mark Handy, suffered a detached retina midway through the WAC season, and was out for the balance of the season. Handy had averaged 13.2 points and 8.8 rebounds per game before he was sidelined.

Individually, the Cougar standout was all-conference star Jay Cheesman, the 6-9 junior who finished the season as the team's leading scorer (441) and rebounder (223). Cheesman, who played in all but the Niagara game, averaged 17.6 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. He also had the best free throw shooting percentage on the team, .752.

Cheesman, who was high point player in 15 games for the Cougars, now has 979 points and 487 rebounds in three years with the varsity. With one season remaining, he seems destined to find a place in the Cougar record books for future seasons.

Transfer Verne Thompson, who was nothing short of spectacular in the late stages of the campaign, finished the season with a 14.5 scoring average and 7.0 rebounding average. In the last six games of the

season Thompson averaged an even 20.0 points per game.

The five top scorers on this year's team—Cheesman, Thompson, Handy, and the Law brothers, Veryl and Vance—are returning this year.

As a team, the Cougars out-shot their opponents from the field, out-rebounded them and out-scored them overall. The Mountain Cats shot .467 from the field, shaded opponents 4.5 rebounds per game, and had a slight one-point edge in offense over defense.

BYU's best shooting effort came in the second meeting with rival Utah. The Cougars shot a hot .625 from the field that night in Salt Lake City.

Twice during the season the Cougars hit 94% from the free throw line, and their biggest margin of victory came against Pacific. In the second of a two-game series with the Tigers, BYU romped to a 27-point win over Pacific.

In tournament action the young Cougars were defeated by St. Johns in the finals of the Cougar Classic at the Marriott Center. However, they traveled east during the holidays to capture the Old Dominion tournament championship at Norfolk, Va.

There was another positive note, one that Arnold really appreciated. During the 1976 season the Cougars drew 168,136 fans to 12 home games in Provo; that's an average of 14,061 per game, an increase of 1,615 per game over last year.

1975-76 Statistics

Date	BYU	Opponent	OPP	Site	High Point	High Rebounder	Game Att.
Dec. 4	66	Pacific	71	Stockton	Jones—16	Cheesman—10	2,500
Dec. 6	89	Pacific	62	Stockton	Cheesman—26	Thompson-Handy—10	2,600
Dec. 12	84	Long Beach	76	Provo	Cheesman-Ver Law—17	Thompson—10	12,241
Dec. 13	65	St. Johns	78	Provo	Thompson—18	Cheesman—9	14,509
Dec. 17	76	Utah State	87	Logan	Handy—16	Cheesman—9	8,569
Dec. 19	85	Nevada-Reno	76	Provo	Cheesman—19	Handy—7	8,869
Dec. 20	89	Weber State	80	Provo	Handy—29	Handy—15	10,983
Dec. 22	79	New Mexico St.	90	Las Cruces	Cheesman—25	Cheesman—14	4,528
Dec. 29	91	Texas	86	Norfolk	Cheesman—26	Thompson-Handy—13	5,119
Dec. 30	80	Old Dominion	77	Norfolk	Cheesman—20	Cheesman-Handy—10	6,237
Jan. 2	60	Niagara	75	Niagara	Thompson—17	Jones—11	3,800
Jan. 10	73	Utah State	75	Provo	Cheesman—22	Cheesman—15	19,175
Jan. 16	78	Arizona	79	Tucson	Cheesman—24	Cheesman—10	12,152
Jan. 17	68	Arizona St.	83	Tempe	Cheesman—17	Cheesman—8	4,800
Jan. 24	74	Utah	76	Provo	Thompson—18	Thompson-Handy—8	15,673
Jan. 30	81	New Mexico	67	Provo	Cheesman—18	Cheesman—11	14,388
Jan. 31	56	Texas-El Paso	57	Provo	Thomp-Hand-Craig—13	Handy—7	14,292
Feb. 6	94	Wyoming	80	Laramie	Cheesman—22	Cheesman—10	3,364
Feb. 7	84	Colorado State	93	Ft. Collins	Cheesman—20	Handy—11	4,852
Feb. 13	93	Arizona St.	89	Provo	Cheesman—33	Cheesman—17	14,152
Feb. 14	79	Arizona	74	Provo	Thompson—27	Thompson—11	15,365
Feb. 21	84	Utah	83	Salt Lake	Thompson—24	Cheesman—12	14,622
Feb. 26	50	Texas-El Paso	51	El Paso	Chees-Thomp-Law—10	Cheesman—8	4,450
Feb. 28	74	New Mexico	79	Albuquerque	Thompson—25	Thompson—11	14,036
Mar. 5	81	Colorado State	85	Provo	Thompson—21	Cheesman—11	15,261
Mar. 6	82	Wyoming	60	Provo	Cheesman—22	Cheesman—14	13,228

Western Athletic Conference Finish: 6-8 (tie for fifth)

Overall Record: 12-14

Attendance:

Home Record: 7-5

Overall: 259,765
Home: 168,136

Road Record: 5-9

Home Average: 14,016
Overall Average: 9,991

1975-76 Scoring/Rebounding

Opponent	BYU	OPP	Cheesman	Thompson	Handy	Craig	Veryl Law	Jones	Vance Law	Noble	Mould	Ostarcevic	Williams
Pacific	L-66	71	11-10	10-2	7-9	6-1	7-2	16-9	2-2	0-2	**	**	2-4
Pacific	W-89	62	26-5	13-10	11-10	16-6	4-1	5-5	2-4	8-0	**	**	4-0
Long Beach	W-84	76	17-7	14-10	10-8	4-1	17-2	8-5	10-2	4-0	**	0-1	0-1
St. Johns	L-65	78	16-9	18-8	7-8	6-2	2-0	6-5	2-4	0-1	2-4	4-1	2-2
Utah State	L-76	87	8-9	8-5	16-3	15-3	8-4	4-4	2-1	11-2	0-0	4-4	0-0
Nevada-Reno	W-85	76	19-4	13-5	17-7	7-3	6-3	0-0	12-0	2-0	9-4	0-1	**
Weber State	W-89	80	15-7	20-6	29-15	5-3	8-5	6-3	2-1	2-2	2-2	0-1	**
New Mexico St.	L-79	90	25-14	8-1	12-6	6-1	6-1	2-0	4-0	12-2	0-2	4-2	**
Texas	W-91	86	26-10	21-13	14-13	10-4	8-4	0-1	4-0	4-3	2-1	2-0	**
Old Dominion	W-80	77	20-10	18-9	9-10	9-4	18-2	10-8	4-0	0-2	2-0	**	**
Niagara	L-60	75	**	17-10	10-10	0-3	2-0	14-11	9-1	8-2	0-1	0-2	**
Utah State	L-73	75	22-15	11-6	12-10	6-4	8-2	6-9	6-3	210	**	**	**
Arizona	L-78	79	24-10	13-5	14-4	7-3	8-3	0-7	10-2	0-0	**	2-0	**
Arizona St.	L-68	83	17-8	14-4	14-4	6-3	8-3	0-2	2-1	2-0	**	1-1	10-2
Utah	L-74	76	12-5	18-8	8-8	12-2	**	5-2	8-1	**	11-1	0-0	0-1
New Mexico	W-81	67	18-11	12-4	14-9	6-1	**	8-1	9-4	**	8-0	**	6-1
Texas-El Paso	L-56	57	6-5	13-1	13-7	13-4	**	1-5	8-2	**	2-1	0-0	0-0
Wyoming	W-94	80	22-10	16-7	20-6	8-1	2-0	0-2	8-3	**	14-4	0-0	4-0
Colorado St.	L-84	93	20-5	0-2	13-11	6-4	9-1	8-4	8-1	2-0	4-3	4-0	10-2
Arizona St.	W-93	89	33-17	7-10	**	4-1	2-0	7-9	28-0	**	4-2	0-1	8-3
Arizona	W-79	74	6-4	27-11	**	16-3	**	12-9	10-3	0-0	0-0	6-7	2-3
Utah	W-84	83	22-12	24-8	**	6-2	1-0	0-3	11-2	**	8-2	10-3	2-2
Texas-El Paso	L-50	51	10-8	10-5	**	8-1	0-0	4-6	10-2	**	6-0	2-5	0-0
New Mexico	L-74	79	9-3	25-11	**	22-6	0-0	3-2	5-3	0-1	6-1	0-1	4-4
Colorado St.	L-81	85	15-11	21-9	**	11-4	**	4-3	4-1	0-0	11-8	0-0	14-7
Wyoming	W-82	60	22-14	13-7	**	6-5	**	9-6	18-5	3-0	0-2	4-2	1-7

Final Statistics - 1976

Player, Pos.	Games	FGM-FGA	%	FTM-FTA	%	RBDS	PF-D	A	MIN	PTC	AVG
Jay Cheesman, F-C	25	172-349	.493	97-129	.752	233-8.9	98-9	47	30.0	441	17.6
Verne Thompson, F	26	156-316	.494	66-94	.702	182-7.0	64-0	78	29.8	378	14.5
Mark Handy, C-F	19	105-208	.505	40-56	.714	168-8.8	58-3	45	31.3	250	13.2
Steve Craig, G	26	90-200	.450	41-61	.672	75-2.9	73-6	70	26.1	221	8.5
Vance Law, G	26	79-182	.434	40-54	.741	48-1.8	40-1	74	23.7	198	7.6
Veryl Law, G	20	41-90	.456	32-41	.780	33-1.7	33-1	37	18.5	114	5.7
Troy Jones, C	26	50-126	.397	38-67	.567	120-4.6	83-7	24	18.7	138	5.3
Tim Mould, G	19	36-80	.450	19-31	.613	38-2.0	42-2	15	15.9	91	4.8
Chris Williams, F	18	26-50	.520	17-23	.739	39-2.2	31-2	25	11.7	69	3.8
Reed Noble, F	19	26-67	.390	8-13	.615	17-0.9	26-0	8	11.8	60	3.2
Terry Gugat, F	2	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	4-2.0	3-0	2	15.5	5	2.5
Misho Ostarcevic, F	21	21-41	.512	1-6	.167	32-1.5	18-0	19	9.9	43	2.0
Stewart Walkenhorst, C	2	0-4	.000	4-6	.667	2-1.0	3-0	1	5.4	4	2.0
Craig Christensen, G	3	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	3-1.0	0-0	0	2.7	3	1.0

178 team

BYU TOTALS:	26	805-1722	.467	405-585	.692	1162-44.7	572-31	445	--	2015	77.5
OPP TOTALS:	26	801-1783	.449	387-546	.709	1048-40.3	585-24	427	--	1989	76.5

Game by Game

Team	Turnovers		Score Tied	Lead Changed	Field Goal %		Free Throw %		Rebounds		Margin
	BYU	OPP			BYU	OPP	BYU	OPP			
Pacific (0-1)	17	9	3	5	43	45	66	65	43	41	-5
Pacific (1-1)	21	17	0	1	46	39	79	63	51	40	+27
Long Beach St. ... (2-1)	18	20	5	4	49	54	69	75	41	32	+8
St. Johns (2-2)	19	14	0	0	37	45	73	93	51	39	-13
Utah State (2-3)	19	14	0	0	40	43	63	88	52	52	-11
Nevada-Reno (3-3)	14	25	2	5	52	48	65	63	40	44	+9
Weber State (4-3)	19	14	5	2	49	38	78	52	56	50	+9
New Mexico St. ... (4-4)	26	23	..	..	57	58	65	57	35	36	-11
Texas (5-4)	17	11	5	4	48	40	94	74	57	45	+5
Old Dominion (6-4)	20	13	5	5	56	33	62	68	49	48	+3
Niagara (6-5)	17	13	1	0	38	45	67	69	45	44	-15
Utah State (6-6)	28	16	12	8	43	41	60	56	57	45	-2
Arizona (6-7)	28	14	3	6	54	41	94	65	42	40	-1
Arizona St. (6-8)	20	17	2	1	36	52	76	59	38	50	-15
Utah (6-9)	13	20	9	13	44	56	67	83	33	38	-2
New Mexico (7-9)	28	32	1	0	54	57	53	53	44	25	+14
Texas-El Paso (7-10)	12	17	8	17	47	53	46	85	34	27	-1
Wyoming (8-10)	..	..	..	..	48	43	85	67	35	43	+14
Colorado State .. (8-11)	18	20	0	0	48	60	80	81	38	31	-9
Arizona State (9-11)	19	21	6	6	56	48	43	61	51	43	+4
Arizona (10-11)	13	18	5	1	45	45	72	59	45	46	+5
Utah (11-11)	16	24	4	1	63	46	64	75	34	39	+1
Texas-El Paso (11-12)	17	19	..	..	34	45	78	70	29	34	-1
New Mexico (11-13)	18	18	..	..	42	46	64	70	42	48	-5
Colorado State .. (11-14)	26	20	3	2	46	43	62	85	52	39	-4
Wyoming (12-14)	20	15	1	1	41	30	64	88	67	44	+22

The introduction of basketball on the BYA campus—it was an academy in its early stages—can't be pinpointed. But it was a going thing in Provo at the turn of the century.

While it is known that the school, plus various clubs on campus, were involved in the game, good historical data is missing. Competition was geared more to geographical proximity than to quality, with neighboring high schools getting their share of games with Academy teams.

For a starting point, it is safe to say that intercollegiate basketball, by some standards, began at BYU with the 1917-18 season. True, the school had basketball teams prior to this date under Coach E. L. Roberts. But this is the date when BYU became a member of the Rocky Mountain Faculty Athletic Conference.

Subsequent conference affiliation included the Mountain States and Skyline Conferences, plus the Western Athletic Conference membership which began in 1962.

Looking at the "where" aspect of the game, the Cougars played their games on the third floor of the Training School building on lower campus from 1918-28. For the big games, the Cougar fans used to find themselves perched in window sills, on ladders and on top of lockers along the sides of the walls. In this manner as many as 700 could be accommodated for a game. And in 1925 the Cougars boasted the tallest player in the conference, Rags Ingersoll, a 6-4 center.

In 1928 the Cougars doubled their seating capacity by moving to the Women's Gym. Changes were taking place in the game, and it was during this period that E. L. Roberts, former coach, championed the change that eventually eliminated the center jump. It was also the era when Provo's local radio station (KOVO) carried one of the first ever broadcasts of a basketball game. It was also the day of the two-handed push shot. BYU also landed its first all-American, Elwood Romney.

An unforgettable chapter in the chronicle of BYU basketball was written between 1946 and 1950, when the Cougars played their home games on the floor of Springville High School.

Built for a crowd of about 1,200, the Springville Gym officials discovered, could actually hold 1,700. They were crunched in uncomfortable seating positions, but the local fans were often too delirious to care.

Despite the obvious handicaps, the Springville Gym was the site for some outstanding basketball. It was a day when fans were treated to the play of Joe Nelson, Mel Hutchins, Roland Minson; Utah's Arnie Fernin and Vern Gardner; Denver's Vince Boryla; Utah State's LaDell Andersen, to mention a only a few.

They all played in Springville.

Forced out of the Springville Gym in 1950, the Cougars began casting about for a temporary floor to be used while the George Albert Smith Fieldhouse was being constructed.

The University of Utah very graciously offered its home floor—the 6000-seat Einer Nielsen Fieldhouse.

Cougar History

So for one season, 1950-51, the Cougars had a new home; on a rival's floor 45 miles north of the BYU campus.

Preseason games that year were played in the Springville Gym, but the action moved to Salt Lake City when the Skyline Conference schedule began.

Judging from the overall results, the Mountain Cats didn't suffer much as transients. They split with the Utes 2-2, in games played on the Einer Nielsen floor, captured the MSC title and went on to win the National Invitational Tournament crown in Madison Square Garden.

Not bad for a team dubbed the Homeless Cats.

It was Coach Stan Watts' second year at the helm of Cougar basketball, and it was one of his most talented crews: Mel Hutchins, Roland Minson, Jerry Romney, Harold Christensen, and Joe Richey.

It should be pointed out that the Cougars were used to travel, having toured South America the summer of '50.

After a long wait, the Cougars finally moved into their own arena—the George Albert Smith Fieldhouse (10,200)—in December of 1951. Basketball was just into the golden era for the Cougars, and in the 20 years that followed, the BYU drew large crowds. Coach Stan Watts, who coached every one of the 246 games played there, during that period, scheduled some of the finest teams available for the local fans.

Little wonder, then, that this period of boom is closely associated with Stan Watts. Prior to his retirement in 1972 after 23 years as head coach, Watts' teams won two National Invitational Tournament championships, plus eight conference titles.

In order to meet the growing demand of spectators, the Cougars needed a bigger facility. They got it in December of 1971, when the team opened the new Marriott Center, largest on-campus arena in the nation (just under 23,000 seats). The Cougars set attendance records that year, drawing an average of over 21,000 to home games.

Since its beginning in 1918, BYU basketball has had 11 coaches, a long list of All-Americans (data elsewhere in the guide), a record of playing some of the nation's finest, and a tradition that is still in the making.

WAC Basketball

CHAMPIONSHIPS WON

During the 14 years the WAC has been functioning, Brigham Young University has won or shared the championship five times. Starting in 1965, the Cougars have either won outright or shared the crown every other year; 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1972. In winning outright titles back to back in 1971 and 1972, the Cougars established a conference first. Arizona State has won three titles outright and shared one. New Mexico has won two and shared one. Wyoming has shared the title twice, and Utah has one undisputed championship. Texas-El Paso won the title its first year as a member of the league (1970). Arizona won last year.

Team	Outright	Shared
Brigham Young	3	2
Arizona State	3	1
New Mexico	2	1
Utah	1	--
Wyoming	--	2
Texas-El Paso	1	--
Arizona	1	--
Colorado State	--	--

OVERALL RECORDS

BYU also claims the best win-loss record during this 14-year period. Through the ins and outs the Cougars have been able to compile a 95-73 mark. A winning percentage of .566.

Overall Record

Team	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	Total	Pct.
BYU	8-2*	6-4†	8-2*	4-6	6-4*	4-10	10-4*	12-2*	9-5	6-8	5-9	6-8	95-73	.566
UNM	4-6	4-6	5-5	8-2*	4-6	7-7	4-10	7-7	9-5	10-4*	4-10	8-6	85-83	.506
Utah	3-7	7-3*	5-5	5-5	5-5	9-5	9-5	5-9	4-10	9-5	7-7	9-5	86-82	.512
ASU	3-7	3-7	1-9	4-6	4-6	2-12	8-6	9-5	10-4*	9-5	12-2*	5-9	86-82	.512
Wyo.	5-5	5-5	8-2*	5-5	6-4*	9-5	6-8	3-11	4-10	0-14	3-11	2-12	62-106	.369
Ariz.	5-5	5-5	3-7	4-6	5-5	8-6	3-11	4-10	9-5	9-5	9-5	11-3	82-86	.488
UTEP	-	-	-	-	-	10-4*	9-5	9-5	6-8	8-6	10-4	9-5	61-37	.623
CSU	-	-	-	-	-	7-7	7-7	7-7	5-9	5-9	6-8	6-8	43-55	.439

*Conference championship won or shared

†National Invitation Tournament championship

(NOTE: in 1966, the year the Cougars won the NIT, Texas-El Paso won the NCAA championship and Utah placed fourth in the NCAA finals.)



WAC Standings

1976		
	WAC	Overall
Arizona	11-3	22-8
Texas-El Paso	9-5	19-7
Utah	9-5	19-8
New Mexico	8-6	16-11
Brigham Young	6-8	12-14
Colorado State	6-8	10-16
Arizona State	5-9	16-11
Wyoming	2-12	10-17

1975		
Arizona State		12-2
Texas-El Paso		10-4
Arizona		9-5
Utah		7-7
Colorado State		6-8
Brigham Young		5-9
New Mexico		4-10
Wyoming		3-11

1974		
	WAC	Overall
New Mexico	10-4	22-7
Arizona	9-5	19-7
Arizona State	9-5	18-9
Utah	9-5	22-8
Texas-El Paso	8-6	18-7
Brigham Young	6-8	11-15
Colorado State	5-9	12-14
Wyoming	0-14	4-22

1973		
	WAC	ALL
Arizona State	10-4	19-9
Brigham Young	9-5	19-7
Arizona	9-5	16-10
New Mexico	9-5	21-6
Texas-El Paso	6-8	16-10
Colorado State	5-9	13-15
Wyoming	4-10	9-17
Utah	4-10	8-19

1972		
	WAC	ALL
Brigham Young	12-2	21-5
Texas-El Paso	9-5	20-7
Arizona State	9-5	18-8
New Mexico	7-7	15-11
Colorado State	7-7	15-9
Utah	5-9	13-12
Arizona	4-10	6-20
Wyoming	3-11	12-14

1971		
	WAC	ALL
Brigham Young	10-4	18-11
Texas-El Paso	9-5	16-10
Utah	9-5	15-11
Arizona State	8-6	16-10
Colorado State	7-7	15-10
Wyoming	6-8	10-15
New Mexico	4-10	14-12
Arizona	3-11	10-16

1970		
	WAC	ALL
Texas-El Paso	10-4	17-8
Utah	9-5	18-10
Wyoming	9-5	19-7
Arizona	8-6	12-14
Colorado State	7-7	14-9
New Mexico	7-7	13-13
Brigham Young	4-10	8-18
Arizona State	2-12	4-22

1969		
	WAC	ALL
Brigham Young	6-4	16-12
Wyoming	6-4	19-9
Arizona	5-5	17-10
Utah	5-5	13-13
New Mexico	4-6	17-9
Arizona State	4-6	11-15
Colorado State	----	17-7
Texas-El Paso	----	16-9

1968		
	WAC	ALL
New Mexico	8-2	23-5
Wyoming	5-5	18-9
Utah	5-5	17-9
Brigham Young	4-6	13-12
Arizona	4-6	11-13
Arizona State	4-6	11-17

1967		
	WAC	ALL
Wyoming	8-2	15-14
Brigham Young	8-2	14-10
New Mexico	5-5	19-8
Utah	5-5	15-11
Arizona	3-7	8-17
Arizona State	1-9	5-21

1966		
	WAC	ALL
Utah	7-3	23-8
Brigham Young	6-4	20-5
Wyoming	5-5	17-9
Arizona	5-5	15-11
New Mexico	4-6	16-8
Arizona State	3-7	12-14

1965		
	WAC	ALL
Brigham Young	8-2	21-7
New Mexico	5-5	19-8
Arizona	5-5	17-9
Wyoming	5-5	16-10
Arizona State	4-6	13-14
Utah	3-7	17-9

1964		
	WAC	ALL
New Mexico	7-3	23-6
Arizona State	7-3	16-11
Brigham Young	5-5	13-12
Utah	4-6	19-9
Arizona	4-6	15-11
Wyoming	3-7	12-14

All-Americans

- JOE NELSON** (1949-50)—Helms Second Team
- MEL HUTCHINS** (1950-51)—Look First Team
 United Press Third Team
 Associated Press Third Team
 Converse First Team
 Helms First Team
 Sporting News First Team
- ROLAND MINSON** (1950-51)—United Press Honorable Mention
- JOE RICHEY** (1952-53)—Colliers Second Team
 Look First Team
- DEAN LARSEN** (1953-54)—Helms Second Team
- TERRY TEBBS** (1955-56)—United Press Little All-America First Team
- TOM STEINKE** (1956-57)—United Press Little All-America First Team
 Helms Second Team
- JOHN FAIRCHILD** (1964-65)—Helms All-America Selection
 Look District Seven Team
- DICK NEMELKA** (1965-66)—Look First Team
 Converse First Team
- NEIL ROBERTS** (1965-67)—Look Honorable Mention
- CRAIG RAYMOND** (1965-67)—Look Honorable Mention
- KRESIMIR COSIC** (1971-73)—United Press International
 Converse
 Helms Foundation
 Citizen Saving Athletic Foundation

Scoring Leaders

INDIVIDUAL

Year	Player	Points	Avg.
1976	Jay Cheesman	441	17.6
1975	Brian Frishman	354	15.4
1974	Doug Richards	527	20.3
1973	Kresimir Cosic	524	20.2
1972	Kresimir Cosic	581	22.3
1971	Bernie Fryer	558	19.2
1970	Doug Howard	472	18.2
1969	Doug Howard	430	15.4
1968	Kari Liimo	410	17.0
1967	Craig Raymond	342	14.2
1966	Dick Nemelka	599	24.0
1965	John Fairchild	602	21.5
1964	John Fairchild	507	20.3
1963	Bruce Burton	445	17.1
1962	Bob Skousen	363	15.9
1961	Gary Earnest	429	16.5
1960	Dave Eastis	483	20.1
1959	Bob Skousen	462	17.7
1958	John Nichol	463	17.8
1957	Tom Steinke	511	19.7
1956	Terry Tebbs	506	19.5
1955	Herschel Pedersen	421	16.1
1954	Dean Larsen	426	15.2
1953	Joe Richey	525	17.5
1952	Joe Richey	352	14.6
1951	Roland Minson	619	16.7
1950	Joe Nelson	420	14.5

TEAM

Year	Offense		Defense	
	Points	Avg.	Points	Avg.
1976	2015	77.5	1989	76.5
1975	2062	79.3	2088	80.3
1974	2015	77.5	2183	83.9
1973	2068	79.5	1940	74.6
1972	2128	81.8	1927	74.1
1971	2401	82.8	2294	79.1
1970	2096	80.7	2188	84.1
1969	2325	83.0	2259	80.7
1968	2064	82.6	1956	78.2
1967	1960	81.7	1827	76.1
1966	2388	95.5	2073	82.9
1965	2639	94.3	2356	84.1
1964	1974	79.0	2004	80.2
1963	1985	77.1	2035	78.3
1962	1834	70.5	1947	74.9
1961	1923	73.9	1870	71.9
1960	1676	67.0	1877	75.1
1959	1965	75.5	1854	71.2
1958	1697	65.3	1735	66.7
1957	1985	70.1	1888	67.1
1956	2006	77.2	1743	67.0
1955	1892	72.7	1847	71.0
1954	1991	68.6	1897	64.8
1953	2053	69.2	1694	56.2
1952	1451	60.4	1412	58.8
1951	2355	65.3	2012	55.7
1950	1903	55.0	1698	49.9

Coaches

Year	Head Coach	Won	Loss
1918-20	E. L. Roberts	14	7
1921-25	Alvin Twitchell	44	20
1926-27	E. L. Roberts	15	17
1928-35	G. Ott Romney	138	81
1936-	Edwin R. Kimball	17	9
1937-38	Fred "Buck" Dixon	24	22
1939-41	Edwin R. Kimball	39	39
1942-49	Floyd Millet	102	69
1950-72	Stan Watts	431	258
1972-75	Glenn Potter	42	36
1975-76	Frank Arnold	12	14

School Records

INDIVIDUALS—SINGLE GAME

Most field goals attempted:
36—John Nicoll vs. UNM (1958)
Most field goals made:
21—Dave Eastis vs. UNM (1960)
Best field goal percentage:
100%—Kresimir Cosic vs. Arizona (1971) 12/12
Most free throws attempted:
20—John Nicoll vs. Utah (1958)
Most free throws made:
15—John Benson vs. Montana (1957)
Best free throw percentage:
100%—Jay Cheesman vs. Texas (1975) 10/10
Most consecutive free throws:
29—Kresimir Cosic over two seasons (1972-73)
Most rebounds:
27—Scott Warner vs. Texas Tech (1970)
Most points scored:
47—Bob Skousen vs. UCLA (1961)

TEAM—SINGLE GAME

Most field goals attempted:
108—vs. Montana (1953)
Most field goals made:
56—vs. Americas (1966)
Best field goal percentage:
65%—vs. Arizona (1971) 41-63
Most free throws attempted:
49—vs. Santa Clara (1965)

Most free throws made:
39—vs. Utah State (1957)
100%—vs. Wichita St. (1955) 12-12
95.6%—vs. Wyoming (1974) 22-23
Most rebounds:
79—vs. Utah State (1954)
Most assists:
34—vs. Northeast Louisiana (Jan. 4, 1975)
Biggest rebound margin over opponent:
40—vs. St. Mary's (1967) 77-37
Fewest personal fouls:
9—vs. CSU (50) and Wash. St. (53)
(Tie) 9—vs. UTEP (1973)
Fewest total points:
27—vs. Wyoming (1950)
Most personal fouls:
33—vs. Regis (1951)
Most total points:
123—vs. Americas (1966)
Most points one half:
62—vs. Utah (1966)
60—vs. Arizona State (twice 1972)
60—vs. Colorado State (1972)
Biggest scoring margin:
57—vs. Americas (1966) 123-66
Fewest field goals attempted:
40—vs. Texas-El Paso (1972)
Fewest field goals made:
13—vs. San Jose St. (1962)
Fewest free throws attempted:
8—vs. Air Force Academy (1962)
Fewest free throws made:
3—vs. Air Force Academy (1964)

Tournament Games

Year	Tournament	Place	Record	Year	Tournament	Place	Record
1949-50	Conference	1st	3-0	1964-65	All-College	3rd	2-1
	Los Angeles Invit.	4th	2-1		NCAA Regional	4th	0-2
	NCAA Playoff	4th	1-1	1965-66	Quaker City	5th	2-1
1950-51	Conference	2nd	2-1		NIT	1st	3-0
	NIT	1st	3-0	1966-67	Holiday Festival	6th	1-2
	NCAA	4th	1-2	1967-68	All-College	2nd	2-1
1951-52	Sugar Bowl	4th	0-2	1968-69	Cable Car Classic		0-2
1952-53	Dixie Classic	2nd	2-1		Far West Classic	3rd	2-1
	NIT		0-1		NCAA Regional	—	0-1
1953-54	Holiday Festival	3rd	2-1	1969-70	Quaker City	5th	1-2
	NIT		0-1	1970-71	NCAA Regionals	4th	0-2
1955-56	Motor City	1st	2-0		Rainbow Classic	2nd	2-1
1956-57	Holiday Festival	3rd	2-1	1971-72	Cougar Classic	1st	2-0
	NCAA Regionals	3rd	1-1		Jayhawk Classic	3rd	1-1
1958-59	Queen City	4th	0-2		Old Dominion	3rd	1-1
1959-60	Hurricane	3rd	1-1		NCAA Regional	—	0-1
1960-61	Poinsetta	3rd	1-1	1972-73	All-College	2nd	2-1
1962-63	Quaker City	2nd	2-1	1973-74	Far West Classic	4th	2-1
1963-64	Far West	2nd	2-1	1975-76	Cougar Classic	2nd	1-1
					Old Dominion	1st	2-0

INDIVIDUALS—SEASON

- Most points scored:
619—Roland Minson (1951) 16.7 avg.
602—John Fairchild (1965) 21.5 avg.
599—Dick Nemelka (1966) 24.0 avg.
581—Kresimir Cosic (1972) 22.3 avg.
558—Bernie Fryer (1971) 19.2 avg.
- Most points per game:
24.0—Dick Nemelka (1966)
22.3—Kresimir Cosic (1972)
21.5—John Fairchild (1965)
20.3—Doug Richards (1974)
20.3—John Fairchild (1964)
20.1—Dave Eastis (1960)
- Most field goals attempted:
627—Roland Minson (1951)
- Most field goals made:
242—Dick Nemelka (1966)
- Best field goal percentage:
.559—Craig Raymond (1966)
.547—Jim Eakins (1967)
.544—Neil Roberts (1967)
- Most free throws attempted:
722—Bernie Fryer (1971)
- Most free throws made:
167—Kresimir Cosic (1972)
- Best free throw percentage:
90%—Bob Quinney (1965) 55/61
87%—Gary Batchelor (1963) 104/119
85%—Tom Steinke (1957) 105/124
85%—Doug Howard (1969) 122/143
- Most rebounds:
348—John Fairchild (1965)
341—Kresimir Cosic (1971)
332—Kresimir Cosic (1972)
330—John Fairchild (1964)
- Most rebounds per game:
13.2—John Fairchild (1964)
12.7—Mel Hutchins (1951)
12.6—Kresimir Cosic (1971)
- Most personal fouls:
111—Paul Ruffner (1969)
- Most times disqualified:
10—Paul Ruffner (1969)
10—Roy Thacker (1959)
10—Mel Hutchins (1951)

TEAM—SEASON

- Best winning percentage:
.850—17-3 (1942)
- Most consecutive victories:
13—1942
- Most consecutive defeats:
7—1928 and 1970
- Best field goal percentage:
.491—1967
.488—1966
.483—1972
- Best free throw percentage:
.755—1974
.741—1965
.733—1966
- Most personal fouls:
709—1951 (36 games, 19.7 avg.)
- Most personal fouls per game:
22.9—1963 (596 in 26 gms.)
- Best team rebounding average:
55.8—(1956 and 1970)

- Fewest personal fouls per game:
13.9—1971 (403 in 29 games)
- Most players disqualified:
35—1970
- Most points scored per game:
95.5—1966
- Biggest margin scoring over opponent:
12.6—1966 (95.5-82.9), 1953 (68.1-55.5)
- Fewest points scored per game:
48.6—1946
- Fewest points allowed per game:
46.4—1946

INDIVIDUAL—CAREER

- Most points scored:
1512—Kresimir Cosic (71-72-73)
1375—Roland Minson (49-50-51)
1317—Joe Nelson (48-49-50)
1299—Dick Nemelka (64-65-66)
1218—Doug Richards (72-73-74)
1156—Kari Liimo (66-67-68)
1143—Doug Howard (68-69-70)
1117—Joe Richey (51-52-53)
1109—John Fairchild (63-64)
- Most points per game:
20.9—John Fairchild (20.2, 21.5)
19.1—Kresimir Cosic (15.0, 22.3, 20.2)
18.7—Bernie Fryer (19.2, 18.2)
16.7—Dick Nemelka (10.8, 15.4, 24.0)
15.6—Doug Richards (20.3, 15.9, 10.7)
15.5—Bob Skousen (17.7, 15.9, 13.0)
15.2—Kari Liimo (13.6, 17.0, 15.0)
15.1—Joe Nelson (15.3, 15.5, 14.5)
14.4—Gary Earnest (13.9, 12.7, 16.5)
- Most field goals attempted:
1333—Joe Richey (51-52-53)
1162—Kresimir Cosic (71-72-73)
- Most field goals made:
566—Kresimir Cosic (71-72-73)
548—Roland Minson (49-50-51)
- Best field goal percentage:
53%—Neil Roberts (65-66-67) 53, 52, 54%
52%—Craig Raymond (65-66-67) 47, 56, 54%
50%—Doug Richards (72-73-74) 47, 50, 53%
50%—Steve Kramer (64-65-66) 47, 53, 50%
49%—Kari Liimo (66-67-68) 52, 48, 47%
- Most free throws attempted:
484—Kresimir Cosic (71-72-73)
402—Bernie Fryer (71-72)
- Most free throws made:
381—Kresimir Cosic (71-72-73)
302—Bernie Fryer (71-72)
- Best free throw percentage:
81%—Doug Howard (68-69-70) 73, 81, 85%
81%—Gary Batchelor (61-62-63) 73, 83, 87%
78%—Mike Gardner (63-64-65) 71, 82, 82%
- Most rebounds:
919—Kresimir Cosic (71-72-73)
803—John Benson (56-57-58)
721—Herschel Peterson (55-56-57)
678—John Fairchild (64-65)
673—Kresimir Cosic (71-72)
- Most rebounds per game:
12.8—John Fairchild (64-65)
11.6—Kresimir Cosic (71-72-73)
10.2—John Benson (56-57-58)
9.8—Herschel Peterson (55-56-57)

Marriott Center Records

INDIVIDUAL—SINGLE GAME

- Most field goals attempted:
31—Coniel Norman, Ariz. vs. BYU, Jan. 25, 1974
- Most field goals made:
19—Coniel Norman, Ariz. vs. BYU, Jan. 25, 1974
- Best field goal percentage (12 att.):
.786—Moni Sarkalahti, BYU vs. Cal-State, Fullerton, 11-14, Dec. 22, 1972
.786—Gary Jackson, ASU vs. BYU, 11-14, Feb. 13, 1976
- Most free throws attempted:
18—Gary Rhodes CSU vs. BYU—Feb. 26, 1972
- Most free throws made:
14—Gary Rhodes CSU vs. BYU—Feb. 26, 1972
14—Kresimir Cosic BYU vs. Kansas St. Dec 3, 1971
- Best free throw percentage (10 att.):
1.000—Barry Sabas, CSU vs. BYU, 10-10, March 5, 1976
.909—Bernie Fryer BYU vs. ASU (10-11) Jan 7, 1972
.909—Kresimir Cosic (vs. Ariz.) 10-11 Jan 25, 1973
- Most rebounds:
22—Brian Ambrozich (BYU vs. Milw. Wisconsin) Dec. 9, 1972
- Most points scored:
44—Coniel Norman Ariz. vs. BYU, Jan 25, 1974
- Most assists:
13—Eric Money Ariz. vs. BYU, Jan 25, 1974

TEAM MARKS—SINGLE GAME

- Most field goals attempted:
97—Utah State vs. BYU—Jan 22, 1972
- Most field goals made:
47—BYU vs. CSU—Feb. 26, 1972
- Best field goal percentage:
59%—BYU vs. CSU (47-80)—Feb. 26, 1972
Tied BYU vs. CSU (33-56)—Jan. 5, 1973
- Most free throws attempted:
43—BYU vs. Kansas State—Dec. 3, 1971
- Most free throws made:
32—BYU vs. Kansas State—Dec. 3, 1971
- Best free throw percentage:
.933—St. Johns vs. BYU (14-15)—Dec. 13, 1975
.875—Wyoming vs. BYU (14-16)—March 6, 1976
.862—CSU vs. BYU (25-29)—March 5, 1976
- Most rebounds:
76—UCLA vs. Weber St.—March 16, 1972
- Biggest rebound margin over opponent:
29—BYU vs. Arizona (57-28)—Jan. 8, 1972
- Fewest personal fouls:
12—BYU vs. St. Joseph's—Dec. 4, 1971
- Most assists:
34—BYU vs. N.E. Louisiana—Jan. 4, 1975
34—BYU vs. CSU—Feb. 26, 1972
- Fewest total points:
43—UTEP vs. BYU—Feb. 15, 1973
- Most personal fouls:
32—Arizona State vs. BYU—Jan 7, 1972
- Most total points:
111—BYU vs. ASU

- Most points one half:
60—BYU vs ASU—Jan. 7, 1972 and CSU—Feb. 26, 1972
- Biggest scoring margin:
32—UCLA vs. Weber St. (90-58)—Mar. 16, 1972
- Fewest field goals attempted:
40—BYU vs. UTEP—Feb. 5, 1972
- Fewest field goals made:
17—BYU vs. UTEP—Feb. 5, 1972
- Fewest free throws attempted:
2—UTEP vs. BYU—Feb. 15, 1973
- Fewest free throws made:
1—UTEP vs. BYU—Feb. 15, 1973
- Most turnovers committed:
32—New Mexico vs. BYU—Jan. 30, 1976
- Most points in one quarter:
37—BYU vs. Mil., Wisc.—Dec. 9, 1972
- Fewest points in one quarter by opponent:
6—by UTEP vs. BYU—Feb. 5, 1972
- Most points in one quarter by BYU:
30—set by four teams on seven different occasions.
- Fewest points in one quarter by BYU:
8—against UTEP—Feb. 5, 1972

BOTH TEAMS—SINGLE GAME

- Most field goals attempted:
175—BYU (78) Utah St. (97)—Jan. 22, 1972
- Most field goals made:
86—BYU (43) ASU (43)—Jan. 7, 1972
- Most free throws attempted:
72—BYU (38) Creighton (34)—Dec. 11, 1971
- Most free throws made:
50—BYU (29) Utah (21)—Feb. 3, 1973
- Most rebounds:
130—UCLA (76) Weber St. (54)—Mar. 16, 1972
- Most personal fouls:
56—BYU (29) Weber St. (27)—Dec. 20, 1975
- Most players disqualified:
6—BYU (3) CSU (3)—March 5, 1976
- Most points scored:
213—BYU (111) ASU (102)—Jan. 7, 1972
- Most lost possessions:
60—BYU (28) vs. New Mexico (32) Jan. 30, 1976
- Attendance:
22,987 set in BYU vs. Utah game.—Feb. 3, 1973
- Fewest points in one quarter:
5—by BYU against Brazil—Nov. 30, 1974
- Most field goals attempted:
195—vs. Utah (1966) and vs. Michigan St. (1964)
- Most field goals made:
88—vs. Wyoming (1966) BYU 45, Wyo. 43
- Most free throws attempted:
93—vs. Manhattan (1954) BYU 43, Man. 50
- Most free throws made:
71—vs. Utah State (1957) BYU 39, USU 32
- Most rebounds:
134—vs. Denver (1962) BYU 71, DU 63
- Most personal fouls:
65—vs. Xavier (1965) BYU 32, Xav. 33
- Most players disqualified:
7—vs. Utah (1963) BYU 4, Utah 3
- Most points scored:
218—vs. Xavier (1965) BYU 115, Xavier 103

Opponents

1917-1976

	G	W	L	First-Last Game	PTS.	OPP.			
Air Force	3	1	2	1961-1965	237	210			
Alabama	1	0	1	1957	74	77			
Arizona	30	15	15	1951-1976	2292	2176			
Arizona State	33	17	16	1946-1976	2548	2598			
Arizona St. Coll.	3	2	1	1946-1948	135	144			
Arkansas	1	1	0	1947	68	48			
Army	2	2	0	1965-1973	147	132			
Baylor	5	3	2	1949-1963	353	311			
Beloit	1	0	1	1949	61	63			
Bowling Green	3	2	1	1949-1957	196	190			
Bradley	2	1	1	1953-1975	150	164			
Butler	1	0	1	1930	34	45			
California	5	3	2	1936-1969	303	302			
Cal State Fullerton	1	1	0	1972	89	68			
Canisius College	3	3	0	1942-1946	157	139			
Carbon College	2	2	0	1922-1943	123	46			
Chicago	1	1	0	1930	38	35			
Cincinnati	2	2	0	1930-1972	123	106			
Citadel	1	0	1	1960	83	94			
Colorado	20	5	15	1937-1956	914	1049			
Colorado College	11	5	6	1923-1936	413	405			
Colorado St. Coll.	11	8	3	1923-1938	491	408			
Colorado State	63	39	24	1938-1976	3937	3569			
Cornell	2	1	1	1965-1969	167	160			
Creighton	3	2	1	1964-1973	291	241			
Dartmouth	1	0	1	1958	75	88			
Dayton	2	2	0	1950-1959	132	105			
Delta	1	1	0	1947	66	61			
Denver	65	49	16	1933-1975	4006	3340			
DePaul	1	0	1	1964	75	84			
Detroit	1	1	0	1955	99	77			
Dixie	5	5	0	1927-1930	174	136			
Drake	1	1	0	1935	63	38			
Duke	1	1	0	1952	69	68			
Duquesne	2	0	2	1947-1954	86	120			
Eastern Kentucky	2	1	1	1950-1953	130	127			
Florida	1	1	0	1959	74	65			
Florida State	1	1	0						
Fresno St.	4	4	0	1935-1937	218	169			
Gila College	2	2	0	1931	102	51			
Gonzaga	1	0	1	1949	41	46			
Georgia	1	1	0	1969	89	82			
Hamline	1	0	1	1951	62	72			
Hastings	2	2	0	1935-1938	101	73			
Hawaii	1	0	1	1971	90	94			
Houston	3	1	2	1965-1969	255	282			
Idaho	8	4	4	1930-1948	384	339			
Idaho Southern	13	10	3	1937-1946	567	455			
Idaho St.	10	10	0	1948-1973	677	525			
Illinois	2	1	1	1965-1968	164	161			
Illinois Wesleyan	1	1	0	1930	34	33			
Indiana	2	0	2	1972-1973	102	157			
Indiana St.	3	2	1	1947-1951	222	212			
Iowa St.	3	0	3	1931-1958	121	158			
John Carroll	1	1	0	1930	58	27			
Kansas	3	1	2	1959-1972	211	249			
Kansas St.	5	2	3	1950-1973	350	386			
Kent St.	1	1	0	1960	66	51			
Kentucky	1	0	1	1951	64	84			
Laverne College	1	1	0	1936-	66	21			
LaSalle	4	1	3	1948-1966	269	294			
Los Angeles St.	2	2	0	1952	138	86			
Long Beach St.	3	1	2	1972-1976	263	272			
Long Island	3	0	3	1942-1947	140	161			
Louisiana St.	1	1	0	1960	67	57			
Louisville	1	0	1	1960	67	95			
Loyola	8	4	4	1931-1967	222	215			
Loyola (New Or.)	1	0	1	1959	76	84			
Manhattan College	3	2	1	1945-1955	203	178			
Marshall College	2	1	1	1948-1951	134	140			
Marquette	4	2	2	1930-1967	231	213			
Memphis St.	2	0	2	1960-1963	148	174			
Miami	1	1	0	1960	112	80			
Miami (Ohio)	1	0	1	1959	93	110			
Michigan	4	2	2	1930-1956	177	169			
Michigan St.	3	2	1	1956-1964	235	244			
Montana	26	20	6	1941-1964	1873	1652			
Montana St.	11	10	1	1939-1964	653	520			
Montana St. Coll.	57	28	29	1925-1941	2450	2486			
Montana Mines	2	2	0	1928	56	48			
Muhlenburg College	1	1	0	1948	60	56			
Murray St.	2	2	0	1953	166	131			
Nebraska	4	3	1	1930-1936	183	162			
New Mexico	51	34	17	1956-1976	3698	3357			
New Mexico St.	11	3	8	1960-1976	805	852			
NYU	1	1	0	1965	97	84			
Nevada-Reno	14	10	4	1929-1976	696	596			
Niagara	4	3	1	1947-1976	291	280			
Northwestern	1	0	1	1945	41	61			
North Dakota	3	2	1	1928	123	109			
North Carolina St.	2	0	2	1952-1956	140	170			
Notre Dame	1	0	1	1956	66	91			
N.E. Louisiana	1	1	0	1975	100	81			
NW Louisiana St.	1	0	1	1948	57	59			
NW Oklahoma St.	1	1	0	1948	79	50			
Occidental	1	1	0	1929	47	43			
Ohio St.	5	2	3	1956-1965	447	437			
Oklahoma	2	1	1	1960-1962	137	134			
Oklahoma City	5	0	5	1955-1968	382	414			
Oklahoma St.	4	2	2	1961-1972	192	206			
Old Dominion	1	1	0	1976	80	77			
Omaha	1	1	0	1943	45	60			
Oregon	14	6	8	1954-1969	988	954			
Oregon St.	10	4	6	1927-1971	571	626			
Pacific	4	2	2	1961-1976	305	284			
Pepperdine	2	0	2	1944	82	112			
Phillips	2	1	1	1928	78	81			
Portland	2	2	0	1957-1959	140	126			
Providence	1	1	0	1962	81	78			
Regis	3	3	0	1949-1951	192	150			
Rhode Island	1	1	0	1975	82	49			
Rice	2	2	0	1963-1972	185	151			
Ricks College	2	2	0	1927-1940	130	80			
San Diego St.	2	0	2	1940	85	91			
San Francisco	5	3	2	1946-1975	325	331			
San Jose St.	5	5	0	1948-1969	341	303			
Santa Clara	15	11	4	1951-1971	1028	898			
Seattle	6	4	2	1963-1975	519	492			
Seton Hall	2	1	1	1950-1959	145	141			
Snow College	4	4	0	1929-1946	257	136			
Southeastern Coll.	1	1	0	1925	40	21			
St. John's	4	1	3	1951-1976	279	295			
St. Joseph's	5	2	3	1962-1968	375	386			
St. Bonaventure	2	2	0	1965-1967	195	155			
St. Louis	4	3	1	1930-1954	272	245			
St. Francis	2	1	1	1953-1969	166	166			
St. Mary's	3	3	0	1956-1967	249	189			
Stanford	4	3	1	1969-1971	328	319			
Syracuse	4	0	4	1947-1969	228	267			
Tennessee	1	0	1	1957	68	83			
Temple	3	2	1	1942-1966	179	168			
Texas	4	3	1	1967-1976	307	284			
Texas A&M	1	1	0	1972-	83	81			
Texas Christian	3	3	0	1953-1955	190	159			
Texas-El Paso	16	9	7	1966-1976	928	897			
Texas Tech	2	2	0	1968-1969	160	139			
Toledo	3	2	1	1949-1951	178	162			
UCLA	13	7	6	1929-1971	853	919			
USC	6	2	4	1933-1971	409	454			
Utah	155	83	72	1918-1976	8107	8008			
Utah State	151	82	73	1919-1976	8498	8123			
Valparaiso	2	1	1	1945-1949	120	129			
Vanderbilt	1	0	1	1957	56	89			
Villanova	2	1	1	1951-1971	160	165			
Virginia Tech	1	1	0	1967	97	64			
Wake Forest	3	1	2	1952-1969	254	252			
Washington	12	6	6	1950-1961	712	763			
Washington St.	4	3	1	1946-1959	229	191			
Weber State	8	6	2	1938-1976	496	442			
Western St.	11	10	1	1924-1937	554	351			
Western Kentucky	3	0	3	1946-1955	162	210			
West Virginia	2	1	1	1947-1973	136	151			
Wisconsin	2	1	1	1931	16	32			
Wittenberg	1	0	1	1930	36	43			
Wichita	5	0	5	1962-1975	360	412			
Wyoming	104	57	47	1919-1976	6107	5944			
Xavier	2	2	0	1964-1968	202	178			



Results 1917-1976

1917-1918

40 BYHS	29
57 Lehi HS	30
32 BY Coll.	36
58 Hinckley HS	28
21 Utah	27
38 Utah	28
246 (4-2)	178

1918-1919

58 PGHS	19
73 Lehi HS	14
46 Springville HS	19
84 Sp. Fork HS	18
22 Utah	50
23 Utah	26
21 Utah	31
50 BY Coll.	24
377 (5-3)	201

1919-1920

67 West HS	19
34 Springville HS	19
49 BYHS	32
54 AF Am. Leg.	34
27 Utah St.	55
30 Utah	41
261 (5-2)	200

1920-1921

33 Utah AA	29
43 PGHS	14
56 BYHS	23
29 Alumni	25
31 Provo Am. Leg.	25
22 Utah	16
43 Utah St.	45
16 Utah	29
30 Utah St.	28
303 (7-2)	234

1921-1922

23 Provo Am. Leg.	32
35 Provo Am. Leg.	24
28 WAA	31
47 Lehi HS	25
32 BYU Frosh	22
26 Lehi HS	23
36 AF Am. Leg.	10
39 Utah St.	22
34 Utah St.	36
32 Utah	27
29 Utah	16
361 (8-3)	268

1922-1923

51 Carbon Coll.	25
44 West HS	20
24 BY '27	17
36 Utah	29
24 Utah	19
19 Utah St.	52
30 Utah St.	36
43 Utah	35
18 Utah	24
22 Utah St.	23
37 Utah St.	26
348 (7-4)	306

1923-1924

27 Colo. St. Coll.	33
34 Colo. St. Coll.	31
38 Wasatch HS	25
39 Nephi HS	25
38 Utah	21
36 Utah	26
36 Utah St.	43
38 Utah St.	21
37 Utah	22
34 Utah	32

23 Utah St.	25
30 Utah St.	27
36 Colorado Coll.	39
40 Colorado Coll.	38
32 Colorado Coll.	25
518 (11-4)	429

1924-1925

54 W. Colorado	18
55 W. Colorado	27
34 Apex	22
31 Provo HS	24
44 Nephi HS	20
28 West HS	16
41 Utah	36
24 Utah	36
24 Utah St.	23
48 Utah St.	36
29 Utah St.	26
22 Utah St.	42
34 Utah	32
35 Utah	33
32 Colorado Coll.	41
34 Colorado Coll.	42
25 Colorado Coll.	39
594 (6-5)	513

1925-1926

33 Apex	31
40 SE Coll.	21
38 W. Colorado	30
53 W. Colorado	32
36 Montana St.	20
52 Montana St.	33
34 Utah St.	36
52 Utah St.	43
34 Utah	39
37 Utah	24
18 Montana St.	41

31 Montana St.	36
22 Utah	21
35 Utah	31
36 Utah St.	32
31 Utah St.	49
582 (11-5)	519

1926-1927

47 Alumni	33
22 BY '31	26
44 BY '31	22
50 Apex	22
35 Utah St.	42
38 Utah St.	44
31 Utah	34
40 Utah	34
38 Montana St.	53
33 Montana St.	49
35 Utah	37
39 Utah	42
20 Montana St.	43
37 Montana St.	67
34 Utah St.	62
47 Utah St.	50
590 (4-12)	660

1927-1928

41 Arthur	39
42 Dixie JC	31
53 Ricks Coll.	31
32 Dixie JC	25
30 Dixie JC	24
22 Oregon St.	37
44 Montana St.	69
42 Utah St.	48
41 Utah St.	52
26 Utah	31
25 Utah	31
31 Utah St.	39
35 Utah	31

37 Utah	30
41 Montana St.	43
37 Montana St.	43
41 Montana St.	57
49 Utah St.	35
669 (8-10)	696

1928-1929

33 Alumni	48
38 Vico Oil	37
34 Dixie JC	24
47 Colo. St. Coll.	39
42 Arthur	26
25 Magna	41
50 North Dakota	53
42 North Dakota	26
31 North Dakota	30
32 LA AC	23
33 Alhambra AC	27
49 Hollywood AC	44
41 Pac. Coast AC	28
42 Las Vegas	26
30 Phillips U.	30
38 Phillips U.	51
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