

VANDAL FLASHBACK — 1962-63 was the greatest cage season in Idaho history as the Vandals finished 20-6 under Joe Cipriano, now head coach at Nebraska. Left, Gus Johnson (43) blocks a shot against unidentified Oregon Duck at Memorial Gym, Feb. 8, 1963, while veteran official Louie Soriano watches closely. Johnson tallied 18 points and 25 rebounds in the 79-61 triumph. In center, all-time UI scorer Chuck White (33-white) tips in two for the silver and gold against the Washington Huskies, Feb. 23, 1963. Idaho won 63-56 as White led the way with 19 points. At right, the Huskies triple team Johnson in the same contest. (UI Sports Information File Photos)

Idaho vs. Washington State

JANUARY 21, 1976

Welcome to the first basketball activity in William H. Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center.

We are extremely pleased that the first-ever University of Idaho basketball reunion is taking place in conjunction with the cage opener in this grand facility. A special hello to our former performers, their families and friends.

The annual "Battle of the Palouse" could be a barn burner as the Cougars from Washington State are currently tied for first place in the PAC-8 Conference (thru Jan. 15). George Raveling's charges are a nifty 9-2.

On the otherhand the battling Vandals are 4-9 (thru Jan. 15). They have played one common foe to date and the results are interesting. Illinois State's fine club came to town the first week of January and left with two losses.

WSU handed ISU a 76-71 setback and two nights later the Vandals turned the trick, 61-60 in overtime to close out 48 years of action in Memorial Gymnasium.

Last winter the Pullman squad had to fight its way from behind in the final minute to subdue Idaho, 76-70, in a game played at the Performing Arts Center.

Junior Steve Puidokas continues to pace the Cougars attack in scoring and rebounding. The 6-11 center-forward is averaging 18.4 points and 11.7 rebounds a game. Only one other WSU performer is in double figures and that's Ron Davis at 17.2.

Co-captain Steve Weist has assumed the scoring

leadership for Idaho as he seeks to become the Vandals all-time scoring champion, dethroning Chuck White. Weist is only 125 points away (thru Jan. 15) and is averaging 13.1 a contest after a slow start, due partly to a lingering illness.

If the Vandals are to start off in a winning fashion in Kibbie Dome they must get a good team effort. Several players have given good performances, but overall have been sporadic. One of them has been co-captain Ervin Brown. He seems to thrive on home contests and falters on the road. In the last outing against Illinois State, Brown had 25 points, 11 rebounds. He's averaging 9.7 points and 5.7 boards.

Junior college transfer Chris McGuire has seen his early season scoring pace dip considerably in recent contests. He's now shooting at a 12.8 clip.

Vandal boss Jim Jarvis expects to start his smaller unit so that they can work the pattern offense more efficiently. They include Weist and Tommy James (7.6) at guards, Brown and Rodney Johnson (5.2) at the forwards and Chris Price (6.0) at pivot.

Following tonight's contest the silver and gold will have to get ready for a rematch with Gonzaga's Bulldogs on Friday night — right here in Kibbie Dome. Tipoff will take place at 8:05 p.m.

Sit back now and enjoy the two contests and the rest of the festivities. Be sure and stay in your seats at intermission of the main event so that you can renew acquaintances with all former lettermen who will be introduced.

Washington State

75-76 Schedule

86		San Diego St.	81
78		Seattle Univ.	58
82		Jacksonville	77
83		San Francisco St.	68
99		S.W. Louisiana	65
74		Long Beach	80
81		Dayton	91
76		Illinois St.	71
95		Montana St.	89
62		Stanford	60
74		Calif.	69
J 15	Th	Oregon State	
J 17	S	Oregon	
J 21	W	at Idaho	
J 25	Su	at Gonzaga	
J 31	S	at Washington	
F 5	Th	Southern Cal.	
F 7	S	U.C.L.A.	
F 10	T	California Poly	
F 12	Th	at U.C.L.A.	
F 14	S	at Southern Cal.	
F 19	Th	California	
F 21	S	Stanford	
F 26	Th	at Oregon State	
F 28	S	at Oregon	
M 6	S	Washington	

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	CLASS	HOMETOME
35	Norton Barnhill,	W	6-4	205	22	SR	Winston-Salem, N.C.
42	Ron Davis	W	6-5	200	21	SR	Phoenix, AR
52	James Donaldson	P	7-1¼	245	17	FR	Sacramento, CA
25	Marty Giovacchini	G	6-2	175	21	JR	Salt Lake City, UT
11	Brian Grun	W	6-4	190	20	JR	Hoquiam
44	Randy Huebner	P	6-10	240	19	JR	Winfield, KS
30	Edgar Jeffries	W	6-4	180	21	SR	Youngstown, OH
54	Greg Johnson	P	6-6	212	20	JR	Saginaw, MI
15	Steve Johnson	G	6-1	175	10	SO	Tacoma
22	Ken Jones	G	6-0	165	19	SO	Detroit, MI
40	Karl Krug	P	6-7	220	21	JR	South Gate, CA
10	Dave Niehl	G	5-9	172	20	JR	Spanaway, Bethel
55	Steve Puidokas	P	6-11½	255	20	JR	Chicago, IL
24	Harold Rhodes	W	6-3	170	21	JR	Florence, AL
32	John Tessem	P	6-11	195	17	FR	Bothell
14	Wilbur Warren	G	6-2	200	20	JR	Port Angeles

HEAD COACH: Coach George Raveling
 ASSOC. COACH: Tom Pugliese
 ASST. COACH: Mark Edwards

1975-1976

IDAHO SCHEDULE

79	Utah	99
77	San Jose St.	94
62	Arizona	88
69	Portland	70
77	Portland St.	100
68	San Fran. St.	65
82	Regis College	75
51	Texas-El Paso	86
61	UTEP	75
64	Seattle Pac.	51
61	Ill. St.	60 (OT)
62	N. Arizona	82
65	Weber St.	80
J 16	Gonzaga	A
J 21	Wash. St.	H
J 23	Gonzaga	H
J 30	Montana	A
J 31	Montana St.	A
F 6	Montana	H
F 7	Montana St.	H
F 13	Boise St.	H
F 14	Idaho St.	H
F 20	Boise St.	A
F 21	Idaho St.	A
F 27	N. Arizona	H
F 28	Weber St.	H
M 5-6	Big Sky Tourney at Champion's Court	

Idaho

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Age	Hometown
32	Ervin Brown (CC)	G-F	6-3½	185	Sr.	20	E. Palo Alto, Calif.
44	Johnny (Mickey) Brown	F	6-6	185	Jr.	21	Independence, La.
20	Stanley Cooks	F	6-5	175	Fr.	18	San Bernardino, Calif.
10	Tommy James	G	6-0	165	Jr.	21	Portland, Ore.
12	Rodney Johnson	G-F	6-5	195	So.	19	Portland, Ore.
34	John Langrell, III	F	6-6	185	Fr	18	Roseburg, Ore.
42	James Lee	F	6-6	175	Jr	20	Pimento, Ind.
24	Chris McGuire	F-C	6-8	173	Jr.	20	Henderson, Ky.
54	James Nuess	C	6-10½	190	Sr.	21	Hermiston, Ore.
52	Christopher Price	F C	6-8½	198	So	19	San Bernardino, Calif.
14	Terry Scodeller	G	6-2	180	So	21	Everett, Wash.
30	Steve Weist (CC)	G	6-2	185	Sr	22	Santa Barbara, Calif

HEAD COACH: Jim Jarvis (Oregon State, '65)
 ASSISTANTS: John G. Smith (Central St., Okla. '48)
 G. Wesley Sodorff (Lewis-Clark St. '71)

Vandal Cage History Will Come To Life Tonight

(Editor's Note: Sam Bacharach was asked to write this story because of his life-time interest in University of Idaho athletics and various associations which afforded him an opportunity to follow events closely. The 1971 UI graduate grew up in Orofino and, as a student there, made regular trips to Moscow to see the Vandals play — especially in 1962-63 when Gus Johnson led the team to the school's greatest basketball record (20-6). He stood in long lines to get into Memorial Gymnasium. Later as a university student, he attended the games and served as editor of the "Idaho Argonaut." Following graduation, he also covered UI athletics, including a stint as sports editor of the "Lewiston Morning Tribune," which gave him access to their files to compile this article. Now, he attends graduate school and edits "Context," the UI alumni magazine. He also assists several members of the media in covering current Idaho athletic functions. — DEC)

By SAM A. BACHARACH

Memorial Gymnasium is nearly empty tonight, but it hasn't always been that way as the Vandals played their home basketball game in the old structure for 47 years, starting with the 1928-29 season. It hasn't been left completely alone as the teams in tonight's game will dress there, but instead of climbing the steps that have seen so many athletes, they will hustle across the street.

She may be alone tonight, but if the Peanuts comic strip is any example, there are lots of memories to keep the walls from tumbling down. Maybe even a cheer or two are still hidden inside from the Gary Simmons led 17-9 record in 1958, or the 20-6 mark in 1963. She'll never see the lines again, but just 13 years ago students lined up outside in mid afternoon and studied their way through the preliminary game just to get a seat for the varsity contest. Capacity crowds of 3700 to 3800 were a certainty that year.

That was the year that Gus Johnson was added to an already potent lineup and Chuck White shot his way into the Vandal record book. White and Johnson are both back tonight and will get a chance during the varsity game to see the man who, if all goes well, will take over the top spot in career scoring, Steve Weist. But neither one of them has caught the single season leader, Simmons, who is also here tonight. He canned 530 during his senior year.

The 1962-63 season is one to remember, and was exceeded only by a string in the late teens and early 1920s. Its 20-6 record is a modern day record for the Vandals who play Washington State in tonight's main game. Interestingly enough the 1963 season saw the Vandals and the Cougars meet five times with the Washington team pulling off an upset in the last of the games to prevent a sweep by the potent Vandals.

The 1962-63 season started optimistically as illustrated by this story which ran in the Lewiston Morning Tribune, Dec. 4, 1962. The late Bayne McCurdy, who was then sports editor, wrote, "The sweet smell of success marked the debut of the University of Idaho Vandals here Monday night as Coach Joe Cipriano's sharpshooters rolled past the Long Beach State 49ers with ease, turning a convincing 85-68 victory."

Further down in the story he got to the personnel and wrote, "The final returns aren't in on that count (Gus Johnson) but from the time he put on an exhibition of 'dunking' the ball in the pre-game warmup until he was taken out of the game in the second half the fans knew they had a genuine 'find' in Johnson, a 6-6 transfer student from Boise Junior College.

"While they took Johnson to their hearts, the fans didn't overlook the other starters on this good looking Idaho squad. Forwards Chuck White and Tom Whitfield also displayed great scoring touches. And that doesn't take anything away from Guards Rick Porter and Lyle Parks, who played steady games both ways for an opening performance."

The Vandals entered the Far West Classic tournament at Portland during the Christmas vacation with a 5-0 record as one of the favorites, but lost two straight because Johnson was ineligible to play. They squeezed out a 64-63 win over WSU in the last game of the tournament. The difference Johnson made was obvious as the Vandals had scrambled the Cougars 94-57 before the trip to Portland and picked up 75-67 and 72-65 wins before being upset 66-57 in the last of the series.

Johnson was such a force on the team that even opposing fans loved him. An Associated Press dispatch from Eugene reported that the Vandals won by a single point in an overtime, 59-58. The big center fouled out with one minute gone in the overtime and the AP reported Duck fans gave Johnson a "two-minute ovation." The next night Idaho had either gotten used to Eugene, the Ducks or both and took the home team for a swim 81-58.

The AP that night reported "Chuck White of Idaho consistently was fed slick passes from Center Gus Johnson as he broke in for layins and wound up as the high scorer with 19 points. Rich Porter had 17 and Johnson 16 for the winners."

The scoring wasn't always that even, though, as Johnson and White both had 41 point nights that gave them a share of the Idaho game record until Weist put in 42, Dec. 22, 1973, against Western Washington State.

Further examination of newspaper clippings from that great year turned up a name that means something to Idaho fans today. The AP reported from Corvallis, that "Jim Jarvis, the sophomore who was expected to provide Oregon State with outside shooting this season finally did it Saturday night and led the Staters to a 64-47 victory over Gonzaga." The papers didn't report it, but Jarvis remembers that as the year "Gus couldn't play" in the Far West Classic and the Beavers trounced the Vandals 80-53.

It wasn't until February when the Cougars pulled their upset that the Vandals lost a game with Johnson in the lineup. The Lewiston Tribune's Jack Carter wrote it this way, "Pullman-Idaho ran out of 'Gus' Friday night and lost the WSU 66-57. The winning Cougars rallied in the last 4:30 of the basketball game which saw the Vandals throw the ball away more than 20 times.

"It was the Vandals' first loss with Johnson in the lineup," he wrote.

Johnson wasn't without an effect on the record book as well as the fans and the opposition. He averaged 20.3 rebounds per game, which still stands as an Idaho record and electrified the entire gym with his defensive exploits. In the game that White broke Simmons' scoring record, Johnson had a superlative performance, hitting 27 points, hauling down 26 rebounds, blocking nine shots and picking up "about 15 assists," according to the Lewiston Tribune.

Newspaper accounts read "White etched his name on Idaho's record book as its best scorer in history when he broke Gary Simmons' career scoring record. The 6-4 Seattle ace needed eight points to top Simmons' mark of 1,065.

"The points did not come easily and it seemed White was playing with the record definitely in mind during the first half. He didn't break into the scoring until 11:50 had been played in the period, and then getting a layin . . .

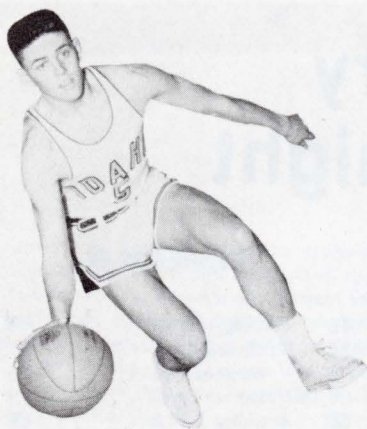
" . . . He pulled even with Simmons with 2:15 left on another jump shot and missed a chance for the record in the first half by missing a free throw in the last 10 seconds. A driving layin, so typical of his scoring, finally gave White the record after 5:30 of the second half and the fans came to their feet in a spontaneous tribute."

Johnson and White weren't the only potent scorers on the team as Rich Porter had his night March 1, against Gonzaga. The Spokane team used a zone defense and Porter canned 29 from outside to go with White's 26, 17 by Johnson, and 13 by Tom Whitfield for an 87-81 victory.

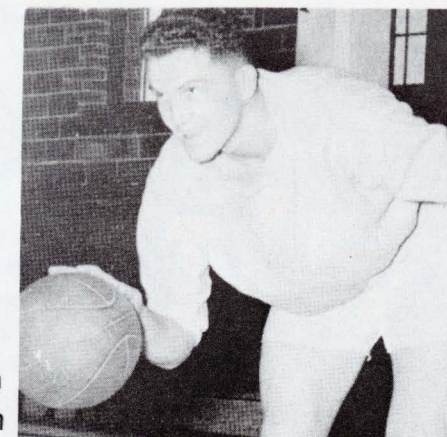
White put in 41 the next night for win number 19 against four losses as Montana State took it hard 106-79. The Vandals lost the final two to Washington 58-50 and Seattle University 95-88, but it was still the best season a modern day Vandal team ever recorded.

So, you see, the old building has a lifetime of memories — faces, names and events from the past that will be long remembered, even though she sits across the street from the action tonight. What's one night in nearly a half a century?

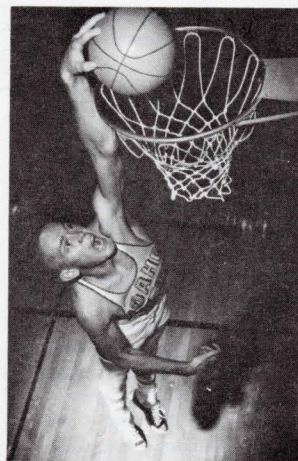
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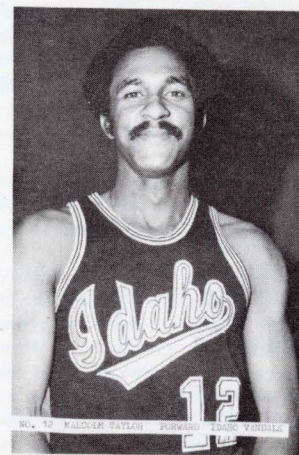
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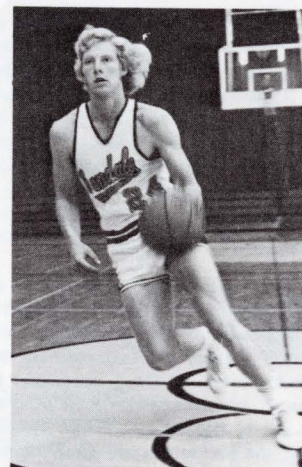
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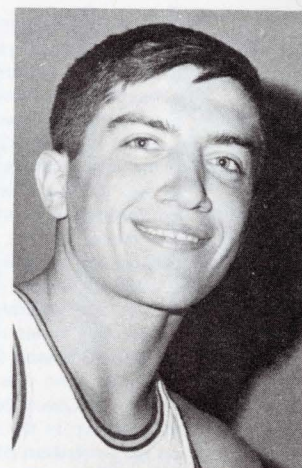
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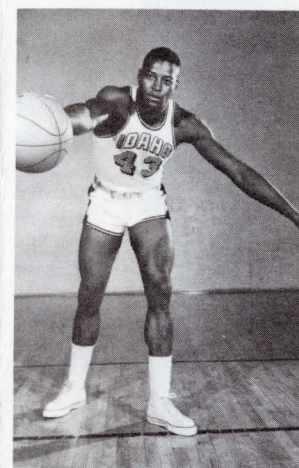
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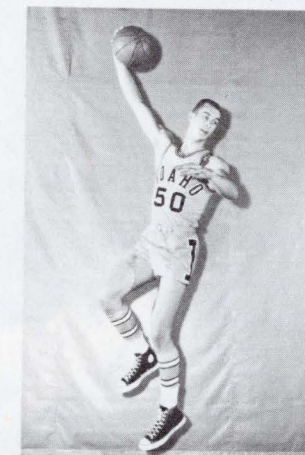
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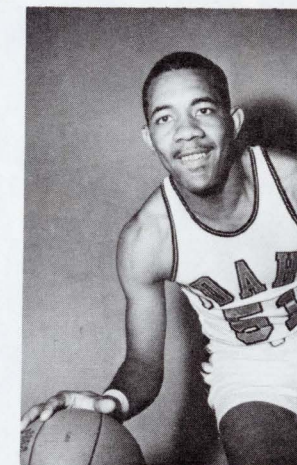
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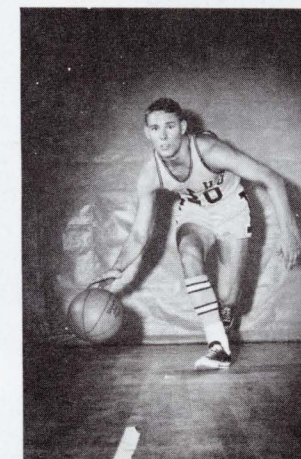
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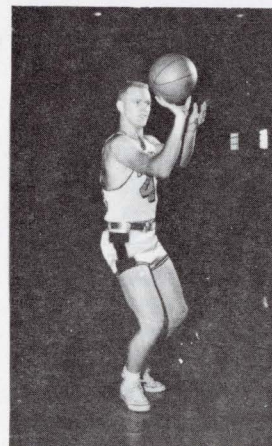
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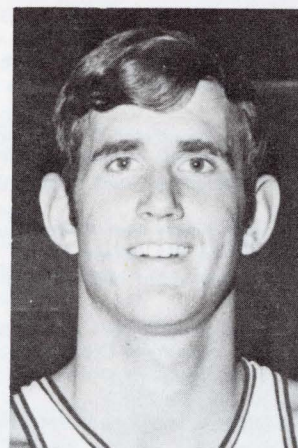
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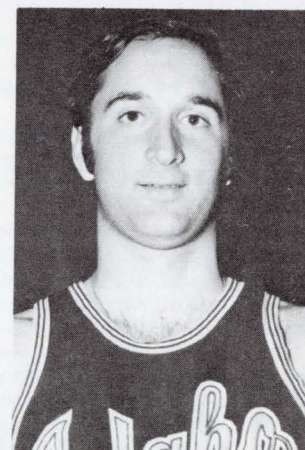
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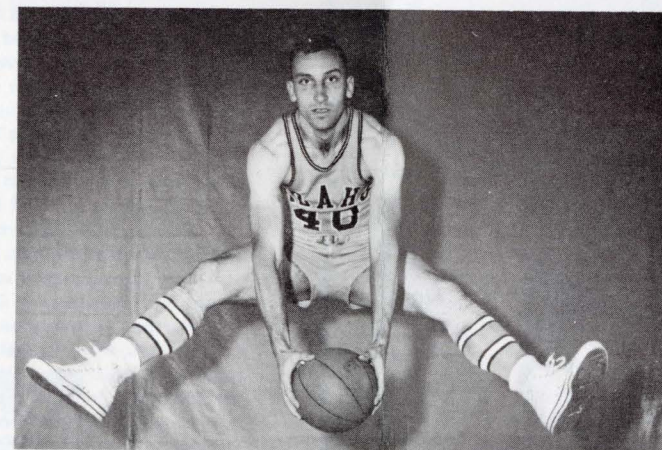
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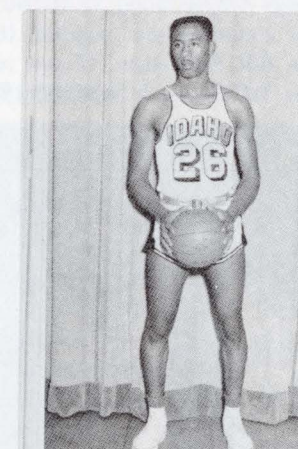
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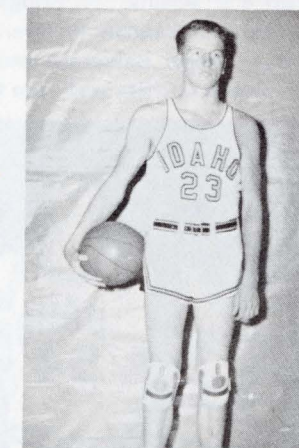
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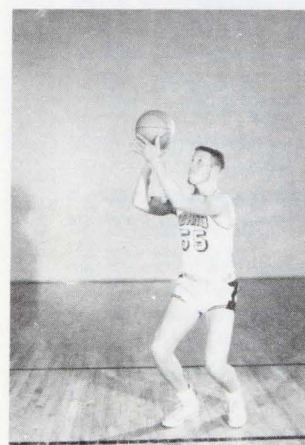
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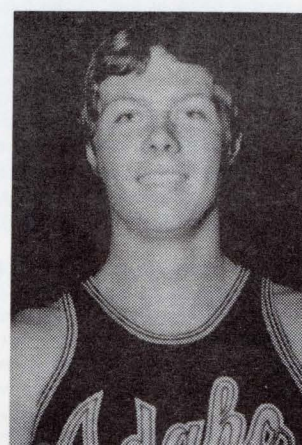
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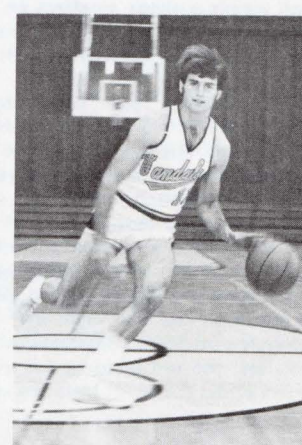
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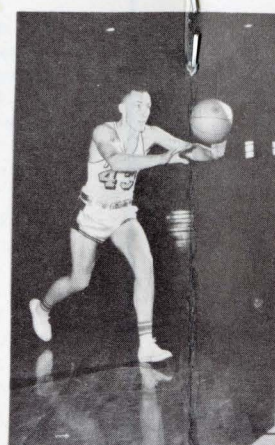
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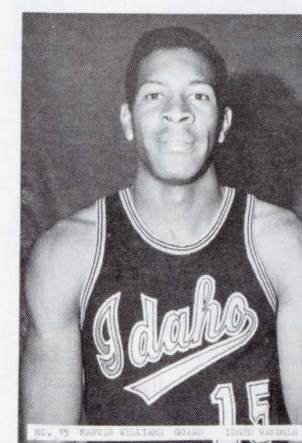
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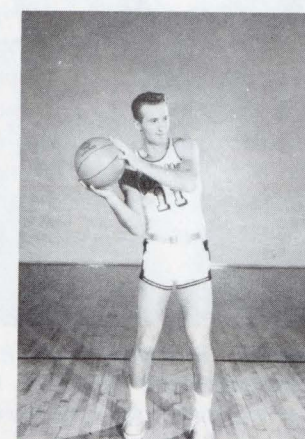
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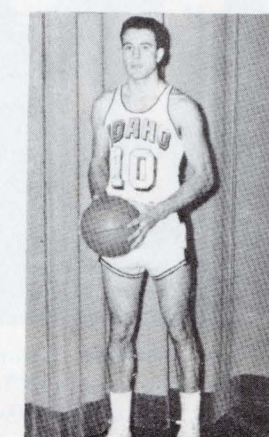
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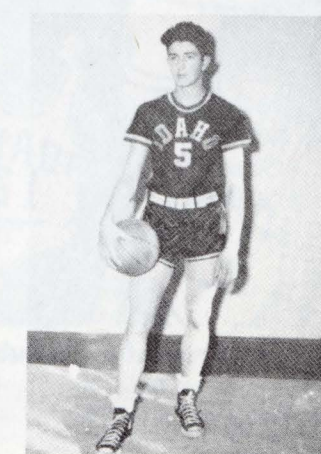
Marvin Williams



Lyle Parks



Bill Bauscher



Herb Millard



FIRST CAGE SQUAD – 1905-06 was the first season that the University of Idaho officially participated in inter-collegiate basketball. The team finished 4-3. Against the Cougars, UI was 1-2, winning 32-10, but losing 28-12 and 18-16. Coach J.G. "Pink" Griffith guided the Vandals in seven seasons including the inaugural. (Back row, l-r) Jim Galloway, Rodney Small, George Wyman, Roger Balderson and captain Bill Robertson. (Front row, l-r) Bob Horn manager Ed Magee and mascot "Maje," Coach Griffith and Tom Galloway. (UI Sports Information File Photo)



1975-76 VANDALS – (Seated l-r) Terry Scodeller, Rodney Johnson, Co-captain Ervin Brown, Tommy James, Co-captain Steve Weist and Stanley Cooks. (Standing, l-r) Ron Langrell, Jimmy Lee, Chris Price, Jimmy Nuess, Chris McGuire, Mickey Brown and Dan Bennett who isn't with the squad any longer. (Sam Bacharach photo)

WASHINGTON STATE ALUMNI

No.	Name	Cougar Cage Years
4	Nick August	1960-61
10	Mike Gomez	1969-71
14	Bob Niehl	1972-74
20	Rich Steele	1973-75
22	Ray Erickson	1964
24	Gary Elliot	1968-70
30	Mert Kennedy	1957-59
32	Charlie Sells	1960-62
34	Bill Galbraith	1956-58
40	Jim Hepton	1960
42	Jim Walton	1962-64
44	Mike Rawlings	1971-72
50	Ricky Brown	1974-75
52	Caspara Blums	1964

IDAHO ALUMNI

No.	Name	Vandal Cage Years
1	Tom Moreland	1961-65
2	Jay Anderson	1963-65
3	Gary Simmons	1956-58
4	Malcolm Taylor	1969-71
5	John Nelson	1969-71
6	Rick Nelson	1973-75
7	Jim Thacker	1968-69
8	Bob Pipkin	1966-67
9	Dave Schlotthauer	1965-67
10	Jerry Skaife	1965-66
11	Rich Porter	1961-63
12	Bob Ross	1966-70
13	Tim Cummings	1970-71
14	Waylon Coleman	1957-59
15	Tom Flynn	1951-54
16	Dwight Morrison	1952-54
17	Nelson Levias	1960-63
18	Bruce McIntosh	1950-53
19	Chuck Kozak	1961-65
20	Jim Sather	1952-55
21	Ed Haskins	1965-66
22	Gene Stroebe	1974-75
23	Ken Maren	1960-62
24	Jim Prestel	1955-57
25	Marvin Williams	1967-71
26	Gary Floan	1958-62
27	Rollie Williams	1956-60
28	Lyle Parks	1960-63
29	Bill Bauscher	1952-56
30	Herb Millard	1949-52
31	Gary Sather	1956-57
32	Henry Harris	1973-74
43	Gus Johnson	1963

Co—Coaches Wayne Anderson (1950-53, Football & Baseball)
Elra (Squinty) Hunter (1917-21)



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