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June 8, 1976

TAYLOR NAMED BRUIN BASKETBALL ASSISTANT COACH

George Fox College's new basketball coach Sam Willard today (Tuesday, June 8) named Craig Taylor, a player for him for five years, as the Bruins new assistant coach.

Willard, who officially becomes GFC's next basketball coach and athletic director Aug. 15, says Taylor will take over from Rich Allen next season. Allen, the Bruins track coach, earlier this spring asked not to again have the basketball coaching duties.

Taylor, 25 next week, played under Willard three years at Caldwell High School in Idaho, then followed Willard to Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake, Wash., for another two years.

A 1974 George Fox graduate, Taylor, currently the Bruin baseball boss, will teach half time in the college's physical education department. He is completing a masters degree at Linfield College.

Taylor was a member and captain of GFC's national-contending 1972-73 basketball squad in the NAIA championships. For the Bruins he averaged 10 points a game, 12th best among all-time Bruin NAIA scorers. He averaged 4.96 rebounds and 2.01 assists a game on his way to both tip-off and all-district honors.

Under Willard at Big Bend, Taylor, a 6-6 forward, was the leading scorer and rebounder for two years (1969-71), carrying a 16.8 scoring and 10 rebound average. He also was team captain and an all-Northwest Community College League pick.

In high school Taylor was an all-conference and all-state basketball star in 1969 under Willard's coaching.

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Willard, at Big Bend for the last seven years, says Taylor will be an assistant in all areas, not specifically assigned to offense or defense, or forwards or guards, and will specifically help with recruiting.



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GFC'S WILLIS NAMED TO NATIONAL AIA BASKETBALL TEAM

George Fox College basketball standout Ray Willis is going to play ball on the national level.

Willis, a 1976 GFC graduate, has been tabbed to play with Athletes in Action, East team, beginning in September. The 6-5, 195 pound forward says he may have to turn down a second invitation for the Portland Trail Blazers' rookie camp to join the AIA squad.

Willis, 22, was the first George Fox player ever considered for pro basketball when invited to the Portland tryouts last spring as a free agent.

A product of Fremont High in Los Angeles, Willis played for GFC Coach Lorin Miller for three years, helping the Newberg Bruins earn three of their five consecutive NAIA District 2 championship appearances. In 1973 he was a member of the Bruin team that won the district title, entering NAIA national competition in Kansas City.

During the last year Willis has been completing his practice student teaching in Language Arts at Gregory Heights Elementary in Portland, and this summer he is a church youth group leader for the Grant Park Baptist Church in Portland, while living in Newberg.

Willis will report to a Campus Crusade for Christ staff training camp July 15 for two weeks, then begins training camp with the 11-member AIA East squad in Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 15. Composed of some of the nation's top former college stars, the AIA squad will take on some of the country's toughest universities and colleges.

Willis finished his GFC collegiate career number one in assists with 304 in



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BRUINS GET IDAHO BASKETBALL STANDOUT

A basketball standout from Boise, Idaho, will play his collegiate ball at George Fox College.

Athletic Director and basketball coach Sam Willard says Brian Barkdull a 1976 graduate of Borah High School in Boise will join the Bruins this fall.

Barkdull is 6-3, 180 pounds and is a forward. Last year he was his team's Most Valuable Player award winner, averaging 12 points a game with 52 per cent field goal average and a 68 per cent mark at the free throw line.

He also was named "Mr. Defense," a specialty with the Newberg Bruins, and grabbed 10 rebounds a contest.

Barkdull, interested in geology and business and economics has been involved in student government and in church activities.

The independent Bruins have four starting members returning from the squad that finished last season with the best regular season mark in NAIA District 2, at 19-8.

Willard, who replaces Lorin Miller after six years at the Newberg college, says he hopes Barkdull will provide some of the strength to keep the Bruins at the top.



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BRUINS GET WASHINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCORING LEADER

One of the top ten scorers in the history of Washington Community College basketball will join the George Fox Bruins this fall.

Gary Chenault, who averaged 22.5 points a game last season, will make the move to Newberg from Big Bend Community College with new basketball coach and athletic director Sam Willard.

Chenault, from Indianapolis, Ind., last year put through 540 points in 24 contests for the Big Bend Vikings in Moses Lake, Wash.

Willard, Big Bend coach for the last seven seasons, was tabbed in May to become the new Bruin coach. He originally recruited Chenault who will have three years to play with the Newberg team.

Last season Chenault, a guard, led the Vikings in both assists and free throws, and three times produced more than 30 points in a game, including one 36-point outburst. His point total was the highest ever at Big Bend.

Chenault, at 5-9, 155 pounds, may be one of the smallest players ever for George Fox, but has proved himself throughout his basketball career.

For his Broad Ripple High School in Indianapolis, Chenault was named team captian, was selected Most Valuable Player, and led the team in assists and free throws. He averaged 16.1 points a game his senior year, shooting at .510 per cent pace.

An honors student, Chenault is a business major.

Willard says Chenault may be one answer to keeping the Bruins at the top. Last season the independent Bruins, who have four starting members returning, finished NAIA District two action at 19-8, the districts best regular season



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1976-77 BRUIN BASKETBALL SCHEDULE SET

George Fox College, NAIA District 2's top basketball independent, will play a 28-game slate next year as it tries to repeat its performance as the top regular season finisher in the district.

Athletic Director and basketball coach Sam Willard announced the schedule Wednesday, (Aug. 25).

The Newberg Bruins will be a "road team" next year, playing nearly two-thirds of their games out of their own gym, the last season they will play in Hester Gym which is being replaced by a \$2.2 sports center now under construction.

About half of the Bruin's games will be with Northwest Conference teams as the Bruins meet six during the season: Willamette, Linfield, Pacific, Whitman, St. Martins and College of Idaho, with additional contests in the District Tip-Off. Willard's team also will meet Eastern Oregon of the Evergreen Conference and will challenge three other independents (Northwest Nazarene, Warner Pacific and Western Baptist) in six games. In addition, George Fox will tackle three non-district squads, including NCAA University of Puget Sound, Lewis-Clark State, and University of Alaska-Anchorage with two games in Alaska.

The meeting with St. Martins will be the first time the schools have met. The Willamette and UPS contests will be resumptions of previous series.

In the coming season the Bruins will play in 13 cities in four states and will have 10 home games and 18 away, including the District Tip-Off.

All home games will start at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Homecoming game with Lewis-Clark State at 8 p.m. Feb. 5.

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The Bruins will have four returning starters from a team that went 19-8 last year under Lorin Miller, the best regular season finish in the district. Willard, from Big Bend Community in Moses Lake, Wash., replaces Miller who has taken a coaching post in Kansas. The Bruins have been in the district playoff five of the last six years.



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September 2, 1976 (503) 538-8383 Ext. 217

BRUIN HOSTESSES SELECTED

From more than 30 seeking the positions, six George Fox College coeds have been chosen to serve as Bruin Hostesses for the coming school year.

The Bruins Hostesses provide service to basketball audiences, greeting them at the door, taking tickets, passing out programs, assisting the press and statistics crews, giving out information and answering questions, and helping with pre-season team get-togethers and game refreshments.

Selected following interviews are Lynette Wilhelm, a sophomore in home economics from Yamhill; Lois McIntyre, a junior in home economics from Chiloquin; Kandie Linden, a sophomore in music/christian education from Portland; Joni Frank, a senior in home economics from Glasgow; Montana; Sandy Brown, a junior in secondary education from Nehalem; and Janice Camp, a sophomore in elementary education from Hubbard.

The new hostesses were chosen by a committee of students and staff members, including college relations personnel, members of the athletic staff and basketball team, and former hostesses.



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BRUIN BASKETBALL STARTS

George Fox College basketball coach Sam Willard says he's planning on a "building season," for the basketball Bruins this year.

But that designation may be a little deceptive to those not familiar with the Newberg outlook this season. "Building" in this case, does not mean struggling through a year for experience, but "improving" on a base already established.

And it's a sturdy base: four starters back from a team that went 19-8 a year ago, the best mark in the school's 11 years of NAIA competition, and a mark that was the best regular season finish among the district's 13 teams.

Willard, who steps in this season for Lorin Miller who established that strong base over a six year period, knows he has pressure on him to keep up a winning tradition, and the 40-year-old former basketball coach at Big Bend Community College says he's ready.

"I'm not wanting to just maintain where we are, but to have a building season--to use last year as the start of even bigger things," Willard says.

Willard says there is a stronger team unity this year, mostly because of the large carry-over of returning players back again--10 to be exact.

And he says he's going to concentrate on personnel development as much as on maintaining a winning tradition as the district's top independent. "I'm not concerned just about winning, but how well we're doing things I want done--the accomplishment: I want us to play the best we can."

Beside a new coach there will be other differences this year. The Bruins should be much quicker. There's greater depth to go along with the four returning starters.

Quickness will come from some good recruit's, but also from the Willard emphasis. He says the new look will not be a fast break as such, "But getting to the other end of the court with the ball." Emphasis will come on quickness in defense --- a Bruin tradition --- as much or more than offense.

The Bruins will keep their established deliberate ball methods, with a control-type game, and now a motion-type offense. The Bruins also will be definitely team goal-oriented. In addition to the overall season effort, a set of internal offensive and defensive goals for the Bruins and their opponents has been set.

Last year the Bruins averaged 82.7 points a contest and opponents 75.2 for a 7.5 winning margin, the highest in the district. The Newberg crew also outrebounded those they faced by a 1.9 margin (43.9 to 42.0) and were better shooters (.477 to .446) on the floor. Willard says he has some ideas on how to improve even those statistics.

The Bruins, as an understatement, have a good nucleus. They need only to replace Steve Strutz in the Bruin machine. But that will be a difficult job. One of George Fox's best defensive players ever, Strutz wound up his career last year with a third place stand in all-time Bruin assist stats, and seventh in scoring.

The big key to Bruin fortunes is impressive Paul Cozens. The 6-6 forward, even with two years of college ball to go, has already earned the highest area basketball honors possible: an all-district choice both as a freshman and sophomore, and last year the only Oregon pick for the Little All-Northwest College squad chosen by coaches and sportwriters. This summer he continued to play, chosen to the 10-member Seattle AAU Junior Olympic All-Star team, playing in the national tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio.

But Cozens is not alone; also returning are the number two, three and four scorers: Tim Hardie and Dave Adrian, both 6-4 forwards; and Tom Hewitt, a 6-0 guard. Together they provided more than 53 points a game last year for the Bruins.

Also returning are Scott Audiss, a 6-7 center, expected to see much more action this season; 5-10 guard Gregg Griffin; 6-2 forward Jon Strutz, and 5-10 guard Mark Vernon.

Much is expected from quick Gary Chenault, a 5-9 guard who is a sophomore transfer from Big Bend where he finished last year with 540 points, the best scorer in the school's history and in the top 10 scorers in the history of Washington Community College basketball.

Also on board is Brian Barkdull, a 6-4 forward from Borah High in Boise where he averaged 12 points a game and was named Most Valuable and "Mr. Defense." Kirk Burgess, a 6-4 forward, also is new, a transfer from state runner-up Spokane Community College.

New freshmen include Irsie Henry, a 6-4 forward from Crenshaw High in Los Angeles where he earned Most Improved honors, averaging 10 point a contest and 8.1 rebounds; Ernie Struzinger, a 5-9 guard who averaged 13.8 points a game for Salem Academy last season and won all-league honors; and Roger Watson, a 6-5 center from Eugene's Churchill High.

The Bruins open their season Dec. 3 playing Lewis and Clark College at Pacific University in the District 2 Tip-Off. It will be the final year for the Bruins in Hester Gym. A new \$2.2 million sports center is currently under construction for 1977-78.



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GFC BRUINS OPEN SEASON FRIDAY

Senior guard Mark Vernon is the answer to the only major George Fox College question as the Bruins start their 1976-77 basketball campaign Friday (Dec.3).

Vernon, a 5-10 ballhandler from Seattle, has earned the starting nod for the only vacancy in the starting line up this season.

New Coach Sam Willard says he will not tamper with what was apparently a good thing last season when the Bruins went 19-8 for the best regular season finish in NAIA District 2.

Willard will again start four returning starters from last year when George Fox takes on Lewis and Clark College in the opening round of the district Tip-Off tourney in Forest Grove.

All-district forward Paul Cozens will start for his third year, as will senior guard Tom Hewitt. Cozens 6-6 has a 19.6 scoring average, the highest ever in Bruin NAIA competition, and was one-three in district rebounding and scoring last year, a higher combination finisher than for any other player.

Hewitt, 6-0, last season produced assists at the rate of 5.1 a game, best ever for a Bruin, along with 9.3 points.

Tim Hardie and Dave Adrian, both 6-4 forwards, also will start. Hardie, a senior, was the Bruins second leading scorer a year ago with 13.3 points and Adrian was third, with an 11.5 average.

Adrian, a sophomore, is the only Oregon starter on the squad the others are from Washington. Adrian captained his Sunset High team to the state championship in 1974-75.

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Despite the familiarity with the starting lineup, which appears to be a major advantage, Willard says there will still be the obstacle of overcoming the adjustment of players to the coaching change with Willard at the helm instead of Lorin Miller after six years.

"I'm liking what I'm seeing," Willard says, "I'm looking forward to the season."

First home game for the Bruins, their last year in Hester Gymnasium, will be Wednesday (Dec 8) as George Fox hosts Linfield for the first game in a home-and-home series that completes Friday (Dec. 10). The Bruins have a new \$2.2 million sports home under construction, but it will not be completed in time for use this season.



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1-1 BRUINS PREPARE FOR LINFIELD

On paper it doesn't look too bad --a win and a loss, and that in double overtime, but George Fox College basketball coach Sam Willard is not exactly pleased at the weekend performance of his Bruins.

George Fox stopped Oregon College of Education Saturday night 86-80, but had to struggle to do it, and the night before the Bruins bowed to Lewis and Clark 86-75 after finishing in 60-60 and 71-71 standoffs with the Pioneers at the end of regulation and the first overtime period.

The slow start compared to expectations has Willard seeking a solution as the Bruins prepare for Linfield College Wednesday night in Newberg. The game will be the first home affair for the Bruins this season and the first game of their final year in Hester Gym.

"I'd have to call it game slippage," Willard says of the somewhat lackluster season opening performances. Willard says he expected some stress as a new coach joins up with four returning starters, but was surprised even so.

Despite being disappointed in game concentration, both offensively and defensively, Willard says he also viewed a brighter side. "I saw a lot of good things happen," Willard says, "and I'm pleased about that."

Willard is concentrating practices this week on making adjustments, including less individual play and less ball dribbling.

It's a tough week for the Bruins who face six games in their opening nine days. Following the Wednesday clash with Yamhill County rival Linfield, in Newberg, the two teams face each other Friday night in McMinnville. Both colleges split their games over the weekend. Since competition was renewed in the 1971-72 school year the Bruins have a 8-5 advantage over the Wildcats. Last year it was close. In the first meeting in McMinnville it took four overtimes before George Fox took

a 123-116 win. The Wildcats came back in the next game to edge the Bruins 89-87 with a shot at the buzzer.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting Wednesday will be a reunion of sorts for two players. GFC's Hewitt and Linfield's Mark Wickman played together on a Ventures for Victory basketball team which toured South America this summer.

Monday (Dec.13) George Fox takes on Pacific University at home. The Boxers won the NAIA District 2 Tip-Off West over the weekend with wins over Oregon College and Lewis and Clark, the last a one-point victory in the final seconds.

After two games sophomore guard Dave Adrian paces the Bruins in scoring with an 18 point per game average. There are five players in double figures. Adrian is followed by sophomore guard Gary Chenault with 14.0, senior guard Tom Hewitt at 13.5, senior forward Tim Hardie with 12, and junior forward Paul Cozens with 10.5. Cozens is the top rebounder with 13, and Hewitt leads in assists with 12.



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BRUINS TAKE 7-1 RECORD INTO HOLIDAY BREAK

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The Newberg basketballers have played a game nearly every other night with eight games in the last 18 days. But it may be even tougher in the weeks just ahead. The Bruins will play six of their next seven games on the road.

Despite the hectic beginning it's been a good one for the Bruins who take a 7-1 mark into the holidays, their best pre-Christmas record in 12 years of NAIA competition. A win in the next outing would tie the existing winning string of eight games set in the 1973-74 season.

The current winning stretch was extended to seven in a row Monday night with an easy 90-73 win over visiting independent Western Baptist College. The Bruins also own four wins over Northwest Conference foes, (Pacific University twice and Linfield College twice) and two over Evergreen Conference opponents (Oregon College of Education and Eastern Oregon).

The single loss of the season came in the opener with the Bruins bowing in double-overtime to Lewis and Clark College.

In the winning process the Bruins have produced their highest scoring average ever--90.6 points a contest. That's an 8.7 winning margin over opponents.

Leading the scoring production with five players in double figures is senior forward Tim Hardie at 21.0. His average dropped after the Monday contest when he missed most of the action after being kicked in the leg five minutes after the start and collected just nine points.

Last year's all-district forward junior Paul Cozens is averaging 16.3 points a game and is the leader in rebounding with an 11.4 average, one more than last year when he led NAIA District 2 rebounding stats.

Scoring power also comes from the 14.1 average of senior guard Tom Hewitt, 12.5 from sophomore forward Dave Adrian, and sophomore guard Gary Chenault at 10.9. Hewitt is averaging 6.3 assists a game, a new Bruin individual record.

As a team the Bruins are hitting at a sharp .514 pace from the floor, with Cozens at .598, Hardie at .593. George Fox barely edges out opponents in rebounding, 41.9 to 41.1.

Sam Willard has called his team back for a night practice Sunday, Dec. 26, after the five-day layoff. The preparation will be for again meeting Linfield. The two Yamhill County teams will meet a third time in the opener of the John Lewis Classic 3 p.m. Dec. 29 at Willamette University. Warner Pacific also is in the four-team affair.

George Fox has a sweep over the Wildcats so far, 101-90 in the opener in Newberg and 91-84 in the McMinnville contest.

Following the Salem games the Bruins travel east for games with Whitman College in Walla Walla January 3, and with Eastern Oregon in La Grande the next night. It's then home for a first-meeting with St. Martins on January 8, then back on the road again for games January 14 and January 15 with Northwest Nazarene and College of Idaho in Nampa, and Caldwell, respectively.

GEORGE FOX COLLEGE BASKETBALL
ACCUMULATIVE

Thru Game No. 8

Record 7-1

	FIELD GOALS				FREE THROWS			REBOUNDS				TURNOVER						
	G	SM	SA	PGT	SM	SA	PCT	O	D	T	RPG	PF	TP	PPG	TO	VIOL	STL	AST
Adrian, Dave	8	38	32	463	24	31	.774	12	15	27	3.4	21	100	12.5	14	7	12	27
Audiss, Scott	6	5	9	556	2	3	.667	3	10	13	2.2	14	12	2.0	1	1	0	3
Barkdull, Brian	5	6	24	250	1	2	.500	9	6	15	3.0	6	13	2.6	3	1	2	2
Burgess, Kirk	8	13	20	650	12	16	.750	5	10	15	2.3	16	38	4.8	4	3	4	4
Chenault, Gary	7	33	66	500	10	15	.667	3	4	7	1.0	11	76	10.9	12	5	6	17
Cozens, Paul	8	55	92	598	20	26	.769	16	75	91	11.4	17	130	16.3	15	5	13	21
Griffin, Gregg	6	4	9	444	9	10	.900	0	2	2	0.3	10	17	2.8	6	2	5	5
Hardie, Tim	8	70	118	593	28	37	.756	22	43	65	8.1	24	168	21.0	10	3	7	10
Henry, Irsie	5	5	14	357	3	4	.750	1	3	4	0.8	7	13	2.6	3	0	1	2
Hewitt, Tom	8	43	90	478	27	33	.818	4	13	17	2.1	20	113	14.1	16	7	4	51
Laughland, Bob	4	0	3	.000	7	9	.778	1	1	2	0.5	1	7	1.8	1	1	2	4
Shepherd, Gordon	5	2	6	.333	5	8	.625	2	5	7	1.4	7	9	1.8	4	1	0	0
Sturzinger, Ernie	2	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0.0	0	1	0	0
Vernon, Mark	8	11	21	524	7	11	.636	4	10	14	1.8	18	29	3.6	11	3	9	38
STRUTZ, JON	1	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	38	15	53	6.6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GFC	8	285	555	514	155	205	.756	123	212	335	41.9	175	725	90.6	100	39	67	134
OPPONENTS	8	270	564	479	115	164	.701	133	196	329	41.1	195	655	81.9	104	63	79	134

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BRUINS LOSE PLAYER

George Fox College, which put together a 7-1 pre-Christmas mark, has lost some of its bench strength.

Basketball Coach Sam Willard says Brian Barkdull, a freshman from Boise, Idaho, has left the team. Barkdull, a 6-4 forward, is not returning to the college winter term in order to carry out a mission with his Mormon Church.

For the Bruins Barkdull saw action in five of eight games, averaging 2.6 points a contest in a reserve role, and carrying a 3.0 rebounding average.

A year ago Barkdull was named Most Valuable for his Borah High School squad, averaging 12 points a game with a 52 per cent field goal accuracy. He also was named "Mr. Defense."

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BRUINS DOWN PACIFIC FOR 6-1 RECORD

George Fox College's All-District forward Paul Cozens has been taking second place as the scoring attention went to senior teammate Tim Hardie so far this season.

But Cozens Friday night showed why he's not to be overlooked. The 6-6 Seattle-product collected 30 points and a game high 16 rebounds to lead the Bruins to a 106-94 win over Northwest Conference Pacific University in Forest Grove.

Cozens, in his best night of the young season, hit a spectacular 14 of 15 shots from the floor (a .933 accuracy) and was two for two in the free throw department. His rebounds pushed his season total to 79 for an 11.3 average, a new record pace in George Fox NAIA history.

Cozens and senior guard Tom Hewitt, also a Seattle native, combined for half the Bruins points with Hewitt collecting a career high 24 points while dealing out 10 assists.

Hewitt pushed his season assist mark to 51 for a 7.3 assists per game average, the highest pace ever for a Bruin.

The victory over the Boxers completed a sweep for coach Sam Willard's crew which downed Pacific 88-77 four nights earlier in Newberg.

The win was the sixth in a row for the Bruins following a season-opening double-overtime loss. The start is among the best ever for George Fox.

The Bruins put a scare into their fans, who dominated the Forest Grove audience. It was Pacific out in front 8-0 before the Bruins found the basket for the first time three minutes into the game. It took another four minutes to catch up at 14-all.

The teams swapped buckets for the next three minutes with seven ties before George Fox reeled off four unanswered buckets in the next 2½ minutes to break a

26-26 deadlock and race to a 34-26 lead. It was a lead never lost as the Bruins posted a 54-47 halftime margin.

The Boxers were not through however. They came back within three points at 58-55, 3½ minutes into the second half before Hewitt in a 65 second span scored on a layup, hit a 15-foot jumper, and three of four free throw tries to push the Bruins to a 10-point 65-55 lead.

Cozen's tip-in at 2:25 put the Bruins over the century mark and gave the Bruins their widest lead at 12 points.

Only six Bruins scored in the outing, all but one in double figures. In addition to Hewitt and Cozens, Hardie picked up 19 to push his season total to 159 for a 22.7 per game average, a new Bruin high. Sophomore guards Dave Adrian and Gary Chenault added 14 and 13 points, respectively, and Kirk Burgess had 6.

The Boxers were paced by Cliff Martin with 22 points. They also dominated the rebounding 46-38.

Both teams had 40 field goals, but the Bruins hit on 70 attempts for a hot .572 average, to 80 attempts for a .500 for their hosts.



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In the winning process the Bruins have produced their highest scoring average ever--90.6 points a contest. That's an 8.7 winning margin over opponents.

Leading the scoring production with five players in double figures is senior forward Tim Hardie at 21.0. His average dropped after the Monday contest when he missed most of the action after being kicked in the leg five minutes after the start and collected just nine points.

Last year's all-district forward junior Paul Cozens is averaging 16.3 points a game and is the leader in rebounding with an 11.4 average, one more than last year when he led NAIA District 2 rebounding stats.

Scoring power also comes from the 14.1 average of senior guard Tom Hewitt, 12.5 from sophomore forward Dave Adrian, and sophomore guard Gary Chenault at 10.9. Hewitt is averaging 6.3 assists a game, a new Bruin individual record.

As a team the Bruins are hitting at a sharp .514 pace from the floor, with Cozens at .598, Hardie at .593. George Fox barely edges out opponents in rebounding, 41.9 to 41.1.

Sam Willard has called his team back for a night practice Sunday, Dec. 26, after the five-day layoff. The preparation will be for again meeting Linfield. The two Yamhill County teams will meet a third time in the opener of the John Lewis Classic 3 p.m. Dec. 29 at Willamette University. Warner Pacific also is in the four-team affair.

George Fox has a sweep over the Wildcats so far, 101-90 in the opener in Newberg and 91-84 in the McMinnville contest.

Following the Salem games the Bruins travel east for games with Whitman College in Walla Walla January 3, and with Eastern Oregon in La Grande the next night. It's then home for a first-meeting with St. Martins on January 8, then back on the road again for games January 14 and January 15 with Northwest Nazarene and College of Idaho in Nampa, and Caldwell, respectively.



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BRUINS LOSE PLAYER

George Fox College, which put together a 7-1 pre-Christmas mark, has lost some of its bench strength.

Basketball Coach Sam Willard says Brian Barkdull, a freshman from Boise, Idaho, has left the team. Barkdull, a 6-4 forward, is not returning to the college winter term in order to carry out a mission with his Mormon Church.

For the Bruins Barkdull saw action in five of eight games, averaging 2.6 points a contest in a reserve role, and carrying a 3.0 rebounding average.

A year ago Barkdull was named Most Valuable for his Borah High School squad, averaging 12 points a game with a 52 per cent field goal accuracy. He also was named "Mr. Defense."

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BRUINS DOWN PACIFIC FOR 6-1 RECORD

George Fox College's All-District forward Paul Cozens has been taking second place as the scoring attention went to senior teammate Tim Hardie so far this season.

But Cozens Friday night showed why he's not to be overlooked. The 6-6 Seattle-product collected 30 points and a game high 16 rebounds to lead the Bruins to a 106-94 win over Northwest Conference Pacific University in Forest Grove.

Cozens, in his best night of the young season, hit a spectacular 14 of 15 shots from the floor (a .933 accuracy) and was two for two in the free throw department. His rebounds pushed his season total to 79 for an 11.3 average, a new record pace in George Fox NAIA history.

Cozens and senior guard Tom Hewitt, also a Seattle native, combined for half the Bruins points with Hewitt collecting a career high 24 points while dealing out 10 assists.

Hewitt pushed his season assist mark to 51 for a 7.3 assists per game average, the highest pace ever for a Bruin.

The victory over the Boxers completed a sweep for coach Sam Willard's crew which downed Pacific 88-77 four nights earlier in Newberg.

The win was the sixth in a row for the Bruins following a season-opening double-overtime loss. The start is among the best ever for George Fox.

The Bruins put a scare into their fans, who dominated the Forest Grove audience. It was Pacific out in front 8-0 before the Bruins found the basket for the first time three minutes into the game. It took another four minutes to catch up at 14-all.

The teams swapped buckets for the next three minutes with seven ties before George Fox reeled off four unanswered buckets in the next 2½ minutes to break a

26-26 deadlock and race to a 34-26 lead. It was a lead never lost as the Bruins posted a 54-47 halftime margin.

The Boxers were not through however. They came back within three points at 58-55, 3½ minutes into the second half before Hewitt in a 65 second span scored on a layup, hit a 15-foot jumper, and three of four free throw tries to push the Bruins to a 10-point 65-55 lead.

Cozen's tip-in at 2:25 put the Bruins over the century mark and gave the Bruins their widest lead at 12 points.

Only six Bruins scored in the outing, all but one in double figures. In addition to Hewitt and Cozens, Hardie picked up 19 to push his season total to 159 for a 22.7 per game average, a new Bruin high. Sophomore guards Dave Adrian and Gary Chenault added 14 and 13 points, respectively, and Kirk Burgess had 6.

The Boxers were paced by Cliff Martin with 22 points. They also dominated the rebounding 46-38.

Both teams had 40 field goals, but the Bruins hit on 70 attempts for a hot .572 average, to 80 attempts for a .500 for their hosts.



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BRUINS WIN JOHN LEWIS CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP;
SET NEW SCHOOL RECORD OF NINE STRAIGHT WINS

Riding a record-breaking nine game winning string, George Fox's Bruins Monday night (Jan. 3) test their abilities out of state for the first time this season.

The Bruins will take on Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., then return to Oregon Tuesday night for a game in La Grande with Eastern Oregon.

Bruin players say they have a score to settle with the Missionaries. Last year, in the final game of the season, Whitman, at home, tripped the Bruins 100-88 to take the Bruins out of a NAIA District 2 playoff berth.

A convincing win over Willamette University Thursday night in Salem was the ninth in 10 starts this season for Sam Willard's squad and broke an eight-game win string record in NAIA competition set in the 1973-74 season when the Bruins won their 18th through 25th games.

The 89-75 victory over the Bearcats also gave the Bruins the championship of Willamette's annual John Lewis Holiday Classic. Wednesday the Bruins stopped Linfield College 93-80 for the right to play Willamette in the finals. For the Bruins it was their third win this season over the Wildcats.

In the Linfield contest junior forward Paul Cozens put through 19 points to move into second place in all-time Bruin scoring, surpassing the 1,112 total set by guard Sammy Ibarra in three years ending with the 1973 season.

Cozens, an all-district pick for the last two years, needs 163 points to take over the all-time scoring title set in four years by Gordy Loewen at 1,300.

Cozens' 19-point production against the Wildcats was matched by Tim Hardie, with almost equal sharing by Dave Adrian at 18 and Gary Chenault at 17.

Down at the half by a 44-42 deficit, the Bruins came back, especially on

the boards and went ahead 50-49 after four minutes and gradually increased their lead to 16 points in the final minutes of the game.

Willamette led the Bruins for the first five minutes in the championship game, but a 20-foot jump shot by Gary Chenault, in the starting lineup for the first time this season, put the Bruins in front 11-10 and they never looked back.

Following a 48-37 halftime lead, bolstered greatly by the 26 points by Hardie, the Bruins jacked their lead up to 25 points with 10 minutes left and Willard played everyone on his bench while sitting down his starters.

In addition to claiming the tourney championship trophy, Cozens and Hardie both gained all-tournament team honors for the classic.

The Bruins are scoring at a 90.7 points a game pace after 10 contests, the highest in 12 seasons of NAIA competition. They lead opponents, scoring at an 81.0 clip, by 9.7 points. Hardie leads in the point production with a 21.5 per game average, the highest ever for a Bruin. He's shooting at a .582 pace. Five Bruins are in double figures with Cozens at 16.7 on a .592 pace, Dave Adrian with 13.0, Tom Hewitt at 12.7 and Chanault at 11.2

Cozens is the top team rebounder with an 11.4 average, one higher than last season when he was the top rebounder in the district.

Hewitt continues at a record rate in assists with a 6.3 average per game and now is in third place in Bruin total assist records with a 290 total.

As a team the Bruins are hitting just over half of all shots (.510) and are .747 at the foul line. Opponents are being out-rebounded 43.0 to 41.9.

Willard credits the winning season to good game concentration and to the necessity of winning to nail down a post-season playoff berth. "We're playing with a real purpose," he says.

Yet to be improved, he adds, is in converting from offense to defense quickly and in some general defense work. Improvement there could keep the win streak going.

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January 10, 1977

BRUINS LOSE FIRST GAME IN 12 STARTS

"It was the poorest that we've done," summarized a saddened Coach Sam Willard after his George Fox basketball squad dropped a 81-72 decision to visiting St. Martins College Saturday night.

"We weren't going to the basket and were lackadaisical on the boards," he continued. Willard paused contemplatively, then scribbled on a scrap of paper, "We'll be back."

The loss, only the second of the year, snapped a school record 11-game win streak by the Bruins to give them an 11-2 record.

The game was tighter than the score indicates. The lead rotated four times and the score knotted twice in the second half.

St. Maritns utilized a 2 minute, 50 second Bruin vacation in the opening minutes of play to build an early 4-0 lead. George Fox then returned the favor by holding the Saints scoreless for almost two minutes while establishing an 11-6 lead. They then held on to the lead until, with three seconds left on the clock, wing Bert Evans of the Saints connected to capture a 40-39 edge at the half.

The second half opened with several quick exchanges of the lead until Bruin forward Tim Hardie hit one underneath the bucket to make the score 45-42 for George Fox. A persistent Saint's squad tied it at 54 and 56, before a three point play by Bryan Howell put the visitors ahead for good. George Fox suffered cold spots of 2 minutes, 2:42, and 2:16 which the Saints cashed in for 7, 4, and 9 points respectively.

GFC's Hardie continued to dazzle with a 27 point game total. Bert Evans of St. Maritns won second honors with 23 points. Saint post Bryan Howell grabbed the most rebounds for the game with 9, and Bruin forward Paul Cozens collected 7.

The Bruins hit 28 of 52 from the field and 16 of 25 free-throw attempts for .538 and .640 percentages, respectively. A .554 field goal mark was earned by St. Martins as they connected on 36 of their 65 attempts. The Saints shot nine of 13 for .692 percentage from the line.

Rebounding honors went to the victors, although George Fox was barely edged, 34-31. St. Martins also committed more fouls, 23 to the Bruins' 16.

George Fox, now faces Northwest Nazarene in Nampa, Idaho Friday, in a battle of independents. The Crusader's have a 12-3 mark. Next scheduled home contest for George Fox is Wednesday (Jan. 19) with Willamette University. Game time is 7:30 p.m. in Hester Gym.



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11-2 BRUINS TO TEST IDAHO SQUADS

The philosophical outlook "you can't win them all" is not much consolation this week to George Fox College's basketball squad and coach Sam Willard.

The Bruins are still assessing their 81-72 loss to visiting St. Martins Saturday night. The loss, only the second of the season, was the first in 12 starts for the Bruins and ended a school record 11-game win streak.

For Willard the assessment is simple: "it was our poorest effort so far--we were not shooting well and not going to the ball--and they caught us real flat."

The Bruins are working on the answers this week under Willard's outlook. "We'll be back."

And it will have to be a strong comeback to start a new winning string. The Bruins face a rough weekend in Idaho against strong Northwest Nazarene Friday night (Jan 14) in Nampa and then College of Idaho the following night in Caldwell.

The Crusaders are the other top independent in the district, now with a 12-3 mark after losing to improving College of Idaho over the weekend.

Willard says the NNC-GFC match-up "won't be a game but an event" because of the interest in the clash of the independents. For Willard it will be a homecoming of sorts. Willard is an NNC graduate and helped the Crusaders to a NAIA national playoff position in 1957.

After 13 games the Bruins have five in double figure scoring. Six-four senior forward Tim Hardie is the pace setter with a 22.5 points per game average, following a 28-point production against St. Martins.

Junior forward Paul Cozens, a two-time all-district choice, is averaging 17.2 points a contest and dominates the rebounding over with a 10.9 average. Cozens is shooting at a .580 pace and Hardie at .563.

Assist leader Tom Hewitt also is averaging 12.5 points a game. He has 84 assists for a 6.5 per game average, the highest ever for a Bruin, and the senior guard is just 11 short of the all time career record of 322.

Sophomore forward Dave Adrian maintains an 11.8 scoring average and sophomore guard Gary Chenault is at 11.1.

The Bruins earned their 11-2 record on an 89.0 point per game average, an 8.4 margin over opponents who are being outrebounded by an average of 41.4 to 40.9.

Jan. 17.

BRUINS SWEEP IDAHO PAIR FOR 13-2 RECORD

George Fox College, making good on a traditionally tough eastern road swing into Idaho, assured itself of a top place in NAIA District 2 standings this week with a pair of wins to boost them to a 13-2 record.

The Bruins, winning their eighth and ninth straight road games, settled at least for a while who is best among the district's independents with a surprisingly easy 91-87 win over Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa. The following night the Bruins stopped College of Idaho by an 80-78 count to earn a victory in Caldwell over the Northwest Conference leaders.

The NNC contest was headlined by Idaho newspapers as a "homecoming" for Bruin Coach Sam Willard. And it was a good one for the former NNC player and Caldwell High School coach.

The Newberg team raced to an early lead and allowed only an 18-18 tie after the first eight minutes in leading by up to 13 points (41-28) in the opening half before settling for a 12-point 46-34 halftime spread.

It was an impressive Bruin squad that opened the second half by bursting to a 20-point lead after two minutes of action when a basket by all-district forward Paul Cozens opened a 56-36 lead.

NNC, with a hot .634 second half shooting, kept in the game as the Bruins eased off and the Crusaders closed the gap. George Fox, up by a comfortable 88-79 margin with a minute and a half to go, still had a 90-83 edge with 41 seconds left before the struggling Crusaders, losing their fourth game in a row, came back for the final 91-87 count.

Hot-shooting forward Tim Hardie, leading Northwest scoring,

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pumped through 29 points for the Bruins to lead all scorers with three of his teammates also in double figure scoring. Sophomore guard Gary Chenault had 20, Cozens 19 and forward Kirk Burgess 11. NNC's Rommie Lewis paced the Crusaders with 27 points and 12 rebounds. Cozens grabbed 11 in the board battle, won by the Bruins at 44-43.

In the College of Idaho contest, the only time the two teams meet this season, George Fox built up a 22-14 lead after eight minutes, but then let it go to drop to a 22-22 standoff 2½ minutes later, and the host Coyotes took a 31-30 lead with 4:32 left in the opening stanza.

But it was the Coyotes time to cool and the Bruins scored three quick buckets in the next minute, two on jump shots by Chenault, to recapture a 36-31 lead. The teams then settled for a 42-each tie with 42 seconds left before Cozens with a jumper from the left side with three seconds left sent the Bruins into the locker room with a two-point edge.

George Fox regained its eight point lead with a 64-56 score at 11:14 of the second half with a shot by Tim Hardie at the top of the key, but in another cool spell the Bruins scored just four points in a six minute span as the Coyotes narrowed the gap to 68-66 with 4:13 to go. It was as close as they were to come.

The Caldwell contingent kept up the pressure and with 18 seconds were still within two at 78-76, but a pressure free-throw line production by Chenault with 14 seconds left kept the Bruins in front as the Coyotes put through their last basket with eight seconds left and the ball went to the Bruins.

It was a game of super offense for both teams. The Coyotes lost the game despite a .667 first half accuracy and a .514 second

half for a game average .585.

George Fox, meantime, was .568 and .552 for a .561 mark. Hardie again paced all players with a 26 point effort on 12 field goals. Chenault collected 16 points, Adrian (on a classy 7 of 8 field goal attempts) 14, Cozens 12, and Hewitt 10. Cozens was the top rebounder on both teams with 12.

For Hewitt, a 6-0 senior from Seattle, the C of I game had special significance. On a pass to Hardie who scored from the top of the key, Hewitt provided an assist that earned him a mark in GFC record books.

Hewitt now has 324 career assists to break the old record of 322 set by Ed Fields who finished in the 1972-73 season. Hewitt's 6.46 a game average for assists this season also is a new record pace.

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BRUINS AWAIT WILLAMETTE AT HOME,

THEN VENTURE TO ALASKA

It'll be a welcome return back to Hester Gym Wednesday (Jan. 19) as the Bruins come back home again after playing six of their last seven games on the road.

But for Sam Willard's team it's not been all that bad playing out of their own friendly confines. The Bruins have won nine straight road contests in boosting their record to a sharp 13-2.

Included in that win string were two games this weekend in Idaho on a traditionally tough eastern swing. The Bruins took care of rival independent Northwest Nazarene Friday by a 91-87 count, after leading up to 20 points at times, then came back Saturday to knock off improving College of Idaho 80-78.

"They were good ones to win," Willard says. "We played really well and we got the job done."

But Willard is not getting over-confident because of the wins. He has only to remember that the last Bruin loss, one of only two this season in 15 starts, was at home. In that contest the Bruins bowed to St. Martins, 81-72.

Now it's Willamette at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The two teams clashed once before this season in the championship battle of the John Lewis Classic at Willamette. GFC took the game, and the trophy, with an 89-75 win.

"We've got to keep our concentration and learn not to relax at home," Willard says. "Willamette has a good team and they are coming on."

The Bruins will have a four-day break after the Bearcat contest, but there will be another long road trip as Willard and company travel north to Alaska to take on University of Alaska-Anchorage in two contests Monday (Jan. 24) and Tuesday.

The two teams have met only once before in their past, with the Bruins besting the Sourdoughs last year in Newberg, 76-67.

Senior forward Tim Hardie, one of the best shooters in the Northwest small college action, with 29 and 26 productions on the Idaho swing, is now averaging 23 points a game with a .560 accuracy. But he's bested in the connection percent by junior forward Paul Cozens .590 accuracy. He's averaging 17.0 points a game and is the Bruins top rebounder with an 11.0 average.

Senior guard Tom Hewitt made a notch for himself in the Bruin record book by dishing out five assists in the College of Idaho game to boost his career total to 324 to better the previous record 322 total set by Ed Fields ending with the 1973 season. Hewitt's 6.46 assists per game this season also is a school record pace.

Keeping the Bruins at their 88.5 point per game total, 7.6 above opponents, are sophomore forward Dave Adrian at 11.3, Hewitt at 12.0 and sophomore guard Gary Chenault at 12.1.



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BRUINS EDGED BY WILLAMETTE

January 24, 1977

It's almost a rare occasion for George Fox College to lose at home. But that's what the Bruins did last Wednesday as they gave up a ten-point lead to let visiting Willamette University leave with a 90-87 win.

The loss was just the third for the Bruins on the season against 13 wins, but it was the second loss in a row at home for a team which has a remarkable string of nine wins on the road.

The Newberg-based Bruins again took to the road Sunday, flying northward to Anchorage, Alaska, for a pair of contests Monday and Tuesday nights with the University of Alaska.

Wednesday's game was the second tangle for the Bruins and Bearcats. January 30 the Bruins crushed the Salem squad 89-75 on their floor to win the John Lewis Classic championship title.

In Newberg the lead changed ten times and was tied six. A ten-point GFC lead in the second half matched a ten-point Willamette lead in the first half.

Bruin forward Tim Hardie, the top scorer in the district, hit for two consecutive buckets in the early going, but Willamette answered with ten points to secure an early 10-4 lead. They kept their cushion and built it to a ten-point margin at 32-22 before George Fox found its way again, hitting for 11 points to WU's lone free throw to tie it up at 33 each with 3:12 in the half.

The teams settled for point trading until Bruin forward Kirk Burgess hit a pair from the free-throw line with two seconds left to give the Bruins a narrow 41-40 halftime lead.

Bruin forward Paul Cozens and senior guard Tom Hewitt each scored four points in the first four minutes to open the second half. Cozens scored 14 points in 7½ minutes to give the Bruins a 77-67 lead with 6:31 remaining.

It was Willamette's turn, however, as the Bearcats scored 13 points to three for George Fox to catch up at 80. After a couple of lead changes, it was GFC 85, Willamette 82 and 1:56 to go.

But it was not to be for the Bruins who went scorless for all but 18 seconds of the game's remainder. Willamette didn't though, putting through six points, including a lay-in by Tony Hopson to seal the game.

Burgess came off the bench to grab ten rebounds for the Bruins, while Cozens, with an 11 rebound average, but not feeling well during the game, settled for just four boards. He was the scoring leader, however, with 28 points, displacing Hardie who is averaging 23.1 points, but settled for 16 for the evening.

The Bruins try their own gym again this Friday (Jan 28) as they host Warner Pacific College at 7:30 p.m.



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BRUIN ACE NEARS RECORD

Two-time all district forward Paul Cozens could earn yet another honor Friday (Jan. 28).

The 6-6 George Fox College star needs just eight points to set a new Bruin career scoring record.

The existing record of 1,300 points is owned by Gordy Lowen who played in 100 games in the 1969-72 seasons with 13.00 average.

Cozens has 1,923 points in 73 contests for a 17.71 average and will set the record as a junior.

The Bruins Friday take on rival independent Warner Pacific College in a 7:30 p.m. contest in Newberg. George Fox is 14-4 following a split with University of Alaska-Anchorage Monday and Tuesday in Alaska. The Knights are 0-15.

The game is the first of a home and home pair with the Knights. George Fox over 12 years of NAIA competition holds a 14-4 advantage over the Portland squad, but they lost a crucial game to the Knights in the next to last contest last season to spoil a chance at the independent district berth.

GFC coach Sam Willard may be hoping for another scoring outburst by senior guard Tom Hewitt. He put through 36 points, at a 65 per cent pace against Anchorage Tuesday night, just one point short of a school game record set by Cozens two seasons back. The Bruins won 87-85 to partially make up for the overtime 75-73 loss the night before.

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Hitting at a .511 pace the Bruins scoring punch after 18 games is led by senior forward Tim Hardie with 21.8 points a game average. He's one of five players in double-figure scoring. Cozens at 17.9, Hewitt 12.8, guard Gary Chenault 12.2 and forward Dave Adrian 10.3. Cozens is the top rebounder with 10.7 average and Hewitt leads in assists with 6.5 average.



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GFC'S COZENS SETS SCORING RECORD AS BRUINS ROLL BY WARNER PACIFIC

George Fox College's super forward Paul Cozens provided most of the excitement in an otherwise lackluster game as the Bruins rolled past Warner Pacific College 81-59 Friday night.

The game was stopped at 9:21 of the opening half as Cozens took a pass from Mark Vernon and on a four-foot jump shot from the lane, broke the all-time Bruin scoring record. The 6-6 junior, with the bucket put through points 1,301 and 1,302 to pass the previous scoring record of 1,300 set by Newberg's Gordy Loewen in the 1969-72 seasons.

Loewen, who still holds the rebounding record of 978, was on hand to watch his mark fall. He recorded his total in 100 games. Cozens passed the mark in 74 contests and is now averaging 17.59 points a game for his career.

Cozens, an all district pick the last two seasons and an all-Northwest choice last year, also leads the Bruins in rebounding with 193 on the season for a 10.2 average and at that pace could pass the rebounding career total next season.

A standing ovation and public acknowledgement of the occasion followed the record-breaking shot as the game was halted for a minute.

The winless Portland squad, 0-16 following the loss, provided little pressure on the Bruins who upped their record to 15-4, the most wins for any district team.

George Fox blitzed to an opening 10-0 lead before the Knights could score three minutes into the game. The Bruins were ahead 27-20 following Cozens' now

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famous shot, then allowed the Knights just two more buckets in the remainder of the half while putting through 17 points of their own. The Knights were shut out for the final 6½ minutes as the Bruins owned the boards 24-10 and made 19 of 37 shots from the floor to just 12 of 23 for the visitors.

With a 22 point, 46-24, halftime lead, Bruin coach Sam Willard called it good and came back to start the half with his starters sitting on the bench. And the Bruin reserves, with the occasional assistance of one starter back in the lineup at a time, held their own with both squads putting through 35 points in the closing half.

Willard played all 14 members of his squad with 12 of them getting on the scoreboard while gaining playing time. Sophomore guard Gregg Griffin added eight of those second half points, six on eight free throw tries, and freshman forward Irsie Henry put through six points on three field goals.

With the outcome never in doubt Bruin fans found their greatest excitement in the closing seconds as sophomore forward Jon Strutz, with 26 seconds left, made his first basket of the season on a three-foot turn-around jumper in the lane and fans went wild as the Bruins wrapped up win number 15.

Cozens finished the game with his first half nine points. High point honors went to the district's leading scorer Tim Hardie with 15 points, all but two in the first half as he also watched nearly all of the action from the bench. Junior forward Kirk Burgess topped both teams in rebounding with 12, eight of them in the opening half.

The Bruins face another independent this week. Thursday (Feb. 3) George Fox takes on Western Baptist in a 9 p.m. contest in the Salem Armory.

The Bruins have not lost to the Warriors in the last six years and hold a 12-1 series lead on 12 straight wins following a first-time meeting loss in 1970-71 season.

Saturday it's Homecoming and the Bruins host Lewis-Clark State College of Lewiston, Idaho in an 8 p.m. contest. The Bruins bested the Warriors 97-69 in a similar Homecoming contest last year. George Fox holds a 7-3 series edge since competition began five seasons back.



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BRUINS SPLIT ON ALASKAN VENTURE

George Fox College found the weather warm but the reception by the University of Alaska on the cool side as the basketball Bruins settled for a split in a pair of contests with the Sourdoughs in Anchorage.

The Newberg-based squad traveled the 4,000 miles to drop their opener in an overtime affair, 75-73, Jan. 24 then came back to post a narrow 87-85 victory the next night. The loss was just the first on the road in 10 starts.

Senior guard Tom Hewitt was the hero in the victory as he produced a career high 36 points to pace the win. Hewitt, shooting a blistering 65 per cent pace from the floor, put through 23 of his points in the first half, including three consecutive jump shots in the first 57 seconds to give the Bruins an early 6-0 lead.

The Seattle product, who is the team's assist leader with a 6.5 average a game, settled for two for the evening as he instead provided the scoring punch, including six of eight free throws.

In the game, played at Elmendorf Air Force Base, the Bruins built up an 8-0 advantage and still lead by that amount (33-25) with six minutes to go in the opening half, but fell behind at 44-43 with three seconds on the clock after not scoring for a three-minute span. But it was Hewitt again, this time as the buzzer sounded, who put in a 15-foot jump shot to give the Bruins a 45-44 lead.

The game was just as tight in the second half as the squads battled through numerous ties, lead changes and brief scoring edges. The largest was a five point 52-47 lead for the Sourdoughs after 2½ minutes of action.

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With 4:50 on the clock the teams were knotted at 78 each before guard Gary Chenault with a running layup through the key put the Bruins on top for good. But the game still remained in doubt.

Crucial blocked shots, miscues, time outs, and free throws kept the game in suspense. The Bruins were up by just two (83-81) with 2:06 remaining before Hewitt scored on a layup to make it 85-81 but fouled out in the process.

Alaska's star Richard Rust missed the free-throw, then the Bruins missed a shot and the Sourdoughs came back to make it 85-83 with just one minute left.

George Fox called two consecutive timeouts with 55 seconds left trying to get the ball in bounds. Both teams missed on "certain" shots before Alaska's Gary Brown fouled on a rebound attempt and Bruin forward Kirk Burgess sank both free-throws to ice the game with 28 seconds left.

The Alaska effort was nearly a one-man show by super-shooting Richard Rust who canned 41 points on 17 of 27 attempts (62 per cent) and grabbed 13 rebounds. Forward Paul Cozens led the Bruins on the boards with 12. District leading scorer Tim Hardie settled for 11 points, half his normal average.

The earlier Bruin loss, just the fourth of the year, occurred on a night in which Anchorage set an all-time record high of 45 degrees for that day. The game was the third overtime of the season for the Bruins -- all on the road.

Both teams tallied 68 points at the end of regulation. Neither team led by more than three points in the opening half and it was George Fox in front 36-35 at the break.

The hosts bulged out to a nine point 49-40 lead after the 4½ minute mark in the second half but the Bruins came back with 20 points to 11 for the Sourdoughs to take a 60-58 lead at 8:57. The teams then traded buckets for the regulation standoff.

In the overtime, George Fox took a 73-72 edge with 49 seconds left on a left-corner bucket by Adrian. Anchorage came back with a counter at 13 seconds

on a shot from the key by Rust and that gave the ball to the Bruins with Anchorage ahead 74-73 but the Bruins with the last chance to score.

But Brown stole the ball on a Bruin pass at the half court and the ball went to Alaska for keeps. Paul Cozens fouled with one second and Alaska got the icing point by Rust.

The Bruins acutally lost at the foul line. Both teams got 32 field goals. Both had 13 free-throw tries, the Sourdoughs converting on 11 and George Fox on nine.

Cozens led in both rebounding and scoring for the Bruins with 10 and 21, respectively. Hardie had 19 points.



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GEORGE FOX BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CHANGES

Two basketball schedule changes are coming up in the next week for the George Fox Bruins.

The Thursday (Feb. 3) game with Western Baptist College is now being scheduled for Willamette University, rather than at Cascade High in Turner. The game will start at 7:00 p.m. rather than the usual 7:30 p.m. start.

The scheduled Feb. 12 game with Warner Pacific College of Portland is being advanced to Thursday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The game will still be played in the Portland college's gymnasium.

Warner had a scheduling conflict with their gymnasium use and George Fox agreed to the change, according to Bruin coach Sam Willard.

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BRUINS FACE THREE GAMES IN FIVE DAYS

It's Homecoming for the George Fox Bruins Saturday (Feb. 5) and Sam Willard's squad will be hoping for a warmer reception in their own home gym than they've been experiencing.

The 15-4 Bruins are 10-2 on the road this season, and just 5-2 at home, including back-to-back losses in their last two contests in Hester Gym where they are playing for their final season with a new sports center under construction.

The Bruins will take on visiting District One independent Lewis-Clark State Saturday night in the 8 p.m. contest, delayed a half-hour because of day-long Homecoming activities. The Bruins bested the Warriors 97-69 in a similar Homecoming contest a year ago, but lost in Lewiston 101-87. George Fox holds a 7-3 series edge since competition began five seasons back.

Before meeting Lewis-Clark the Bruins first must tangle with Western Baptist in a rematch Thursday night. The game will be at 7 p.m. at Willamette University.

The Bruins have not lost to the Western Warriors in the last six years and hold a 12-1 series lead on 12 straight wins following a first-time meeting loss in the 1970-71 season. In Newberg earlier this season the Bruins finished on top, 90-73.

Following the Homecoming contest the Bruins have to come back Monday night (Feb. 7) for their third game in five-days as they meet Willamette University for the

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third time this season. George Fox rolled to an easy 89-75 win in the first meeting in Salem to capture Willamette's John Lewis Classic championship. But the Bruins were stopped at home Jan. 19 as the Bearcats took a 90-87 win. The two schools did not meet last season and the Bearcats hold a 10-5 advantage over 10 years of NAIA competition for the Bruins.

George Fox honed up for Western by demolishing another independent, Warner Pacific, Saturday night in Newberg by an 81-59 count. With a 22-point 46-24 edge at the half Willard benched his first string in the second half and played the reserves who still maintained the margin. All 14 Bruins saw action and 12 made it on the scoreboard.

The game was stopped at the 9:21 point of the opening half with an acknowledgement and standing ovation as center-forward Paul Cozens put through a four-foot jump shot from the key to break the all-time Bruin scoring record. The 6-6 all-district pick for the last two seasons raised his career total to 1,302 points to pass the previous scoring record of 1,300 points set by Gordy Loewen, of Newberg, in the 1969-72 seasons in 100 games. Cozens reached the point in 74 contests and as a junior. He's averaging 17.59 points a game and is the team's top rebounder with a 10.2 average this year.

Two-thirds of the way through their 28-game schedule, the Bruins are averaging 87.2 points a game, 7.1 more than opponents. They're ahead in rebounding by a narrow 40.6 to 39.8 edge. Five Bruins are in double-figure scoring. In addition to Cozens, Tim Hardie at 21.5, Tom Hewitt at 12.5, Gary Chenault 12.2, and Dave Adrian at 10.3.



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February 7, 1977

BRUINS STOP LEWIS-CLARK IN HOMECOMING GAME

George Fox College ran off 19 unanswered points and outscored Lewis-Clark State by a 29-4 margin in a 5½ minute span Saturday night to roll to its 17th victory of the year.

Before a standing-room-only Homecoming crowd the Bruins came from a nine-point, 47-38, half time deficit to climb to a 21 point lead late in the second half.

In what may have been one of their greatest second-half shows ever the Bruins treated fans to an awesome display of both defense and offense after once getting sparked after a disappointing first half which featured a .390 per cent shooting pace by the Bruins. George Fox was never ahead in the opening stanza.

But behind a 51-54 count seven minutes into the second half, the Bruins' Kirk Burgess and Paul Cozens combined for five straight layins with Burgess getting the go-ahead bucket at 10:33. The roar was deafening in Hester Gym which has only two games left in its 31-year career.

The Bruins never trailed again and the Bruins then reeled off their 19 straight points with Cozens, Tom Hewitt, and Mark Vernon each getting three baskets in the span to push the Bruins to an unbeatable 83-67 lead.

For the visting Warriors it got worse as George Fox built its lead to 21 points at 89-68 with three minutes remaining.

A pleased Sam Willard credited the determination of his Bruins and started to single out individual players, but ended by listing nearly every one of his 12 players who saw action.

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Cozens, who brought the already standing crowd to even louder cheers with a one-handed stuff shot in the scoring spree, finished with 24 points to lead the Bruins. He also grabbed off 10 rebounds, but was topped in that category by forward Tim Hardie who garnered 12 to go with his 18 points, 10 of them on 11 free throw attempts. Hewitt added 21 points as the three Bruins combined for 63 points.

Senior guard Mark Vernon had one of his best nights with 10 points while dealing out eight assists to top the Bruins.

George Fox finished with a .469 shooting average and was a sharp .905 from the free throw line on 19 of 21.

Lewis-Clark was better in the field goal department with a .514 average but had a poor .357 night at the line. George Fox dominated the backboard by a 48-41 margin.

Thursday night (Feb. 10) the Bruins take on independent Warner Pacific in a game in Portland. The game has been moved up from the scheduled Saturday night contest.

Tuesday the Bruins will be in Lewiston, Idaho to again meet the Warriors.



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February 14, 1977

BRUINS KNOCK KNIGHTS FOR 18th WIN

Shooting at a sizzling, record-breaking pace of .603 per cent from the field, George Fox College Thursday night exploded in the final minutes to dump Warner Pacific College 76-62.

The Newberg Bruins outscored their hosts 14-1 in the final three minutes to run their season record to 18-5 as they make a strong bid for an NAIA District 2 playoff berth.

George Fox missed just eight shots in the second half as they scored at nearly a 70 per cent clip (.692) hitting 18 of 26 attempts. That followed a .531 first half. The .603 shooting from the floor broke the previous record of .593 set in 1971 against the University of Victoria.

And the Bruins weren't lacking at the line either. There they were a perfect 1.000 on six of six free throws.

The scoring record was not the only one to fall. Senior guard Tom Hewitt in his 23rd game of the year, produced seven assists to run his season total to 145 to establish a new season record. It breaks his assist total of 138 set in 27 games last year. Earlier this year Hewitt passed the all-time career total in assists.

George Fox was never behind following the first 4½ minutes with Warner, but that doesn't mean there wasn't some doubt as to the outcome. After building up an eight point lead after 10 minutes (26-18) the Bruins had to settle for a three point 38-35 half time edge.

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And at one point five minutes into the second half Sam Willard's crew had a 13-point bulge at 52-39 but saw it dwindle to a narrow one point advantage at 62-61 with 3:50 to go and the Knights with the ball.

After a series of miscues on both ends and a couple of time outs the Bruins put it together as they did against Lewis-Clark State five days before to literally explode with a string of unanswered points.

Leading the charge with four points each in the final minutes were guards Tom Hewitt and Gary Chenault and forward Kirk Burgess.

Dave Adrian got the other two points as the Bruins allowed just one point on a free throw in the closing moments to open their lead to the widest of the evening.

The win came despite the services of senior forward Tim Hardie, the district's top shooter, with a 21 point a game average, who was sidelined with the flu.

Four Bruins in double figures picked up the slack: Hewitt and Chenault with 14 a piece, Adrian with 13 and junior forward Paul Cozens with 16 to lead the team. He also took down 11 rebounds as the winless Knights went down for their 21st straight loss.

The Bruins were in Lewiston, Idaho, Tuesday night (Feb. 15) to try for win No. 19 to tie the school record in season wins.

They'll be back in Newberg Thursday night (Feb. 17) to host Whitman College. In Walla Walla earlier this season, the Bruins and their hosts took an overtime to settle the contest with George Fox on top 100-95.



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February 16, 1977

FINAL GAME MONDAY IS "NOSTALGIA NIGHT" FOR GFC'S HESTER GYM

Monday (Feb. 21) will be "Nostalgia Night" as George Fox College plays its final varsity game in its 31-year-old Hester Gym.

The Bruins next fall will have a new sports home, a \$2.2 million, 50,000 square foot complex now under construction. The Coleman H. Wheeler Sports Center is to be completed this spring with formal dedication ceremonies next fall.

To mark the ending of an era, the final game, which matches the Bruins with Northwest Nazarene College, will be preceded by pre-game ceremonies starting at 7 p.m. The last game will be delayed until 8 p.m.

Affectionately known as "Hester Dome" to its friends, the old concrete-block gymnasium was built in 1946 and used the first year without heat and final furnishings. It cost \$40,000, and was built largely by student-faculty labor with contractors only for the roofing structure.

Hester Gym is the second gymnasium on the campus, replacing a one-room facility constructed in 1916 and razed the year the present gym was constructed.

Although still containing the same playing floor Hester Gym is on its third scoreboard, and has had extensive refinishing inside, including a new, lower ceiling, lighting and wall finish. It's seating capacity of 1,100.

The new sports center ultimately will be able to handle crowds of nearly 3,000. Crowded conditions for spectators with standing-room audiences for some Bruin games is one of the chief reasons for the new sports center. But so is the need for more physical education space. The new gymnasium, when complete, will have three basketball

courts, classrooms, multi-purpose physical education rooms, new faculty offices and handball courts.

The old gymnasium, in addition to serving as the home for hundreds of basketball games, also has housed chapel sessions, music festivals, summer conferences, rained-out picnics, May Day celebrations, students in a temporary dormitory, and even served as a ground breaking site when a pile of earth was shoveled over in a bucket to start a new building across campus on another rainy day.

Hester Gym was named for a former college board member and community leader Dr. Thomas Hester. That name is to be retained in some manner in the new complex when the gymnasium is gutted and "recycled" into a nearly \$2 million fine arts center beginning this summer.

The new sports center is being named for Coleman Wheeler, a prominent Oregon lumberman who was a major contributor and helper with the project.

The old gym has housed George Fox ball teams that have gone from independent status to affiliation with the old Willamette Christian College Conference, then the Oregon Collegiate Conference, and back to the present status as a major small college independent member of the NAIA.

During the building's stand, it has gone through five college presidents and 10 coaches. Their total season wins and losses are unknown, however, because of the lack of records in earlier years. The winningest season appears to be 19 wins, reached in 1957 under coach Ralph Beebe and in 1973-74 and 1975-76 under Lorin Miller. This year's Bruins were 18-5 going into contests this week.

Former coaches and players and college officials associated with construction of the existing gym are being invited as special guests for the program, and the general public is being invited as long as space is available.

March 1, 1977

BRUINS TAKE PLAYOFF TRIP TO HAWAII

The chance of a lifetime for many is a trip to Hawaii and that was the "reward" this week for a top season by the George Fox College basketball Bruins.

The Newberg-based squad flew to the island state early Thursday morning for the first round of the NAIA District 2 championships, meeting the University of Hawaii--Hilo.

The Bruins, in the playoffs for their sixth time in seven years on the basis of a 20-8 mark, the most wins in the school's history, got the trip but not the game as they bowed 85-79 to the hosts before a sell-out crowd of 3,000 in the Hilo Civic Auditorium.

A crowd of 500 was reported on hand for the 7 a.m. opening of ticket sales Thursday morning and all were gone by 2 p.m. for the playoff showdown. The game was broadcast live back to Newberg on radio and was televised throughout the islands, including a re-broadcast the following day. Both major daily papers featured entire-front page sports stories on the game and the Bruins.

Although Bruin coach Sam Willard praised the reception and the people, he maintained, in an hour-long post-midnight news conference, that most NAIA District 2 schools are still somewhat skeptical about the University of Hawaii-Hilo and its relationship to the previously existing district of 13 schools in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

It could leave UH-Hilo as the representatives for the Northwest when it is 3,000 miles away, played only one district college in the regular season, played only 20 games and played all but four at home.

George Fox, paced by the 13 points of sophomore guard Dave Adrian, settled for a 50-43 halftime deficit in the game, after leading 20-15 after 7½ minutes, then falling back by nine.

The nearly equally matched teams in size and ability traded buckets and scoring leads throughout the first 14 minutes of the second half and the Bruins built up a four-point lead (66-62) over their hosts with 8½ minutes to go, but the Vulcans, in the playoff and the district for their first time, rallied to tie and move ahead at 70-69 on two free throws with 6:37 remaining and the Bruins could not come back, with some key turnovers in the final minutes spelling the difference.

Willard later said the hectic pace of a game every other night for 12 days was probably a factor in some weariness, along with the suddenness of the travel decision which left the Bruins playing in their final game of the season on Wednesday night in Olympia, arriving back in Newberg at 2 a.m. then leaving for the Portland airport at 6 a.m. for the long flight and travel to Hilo.

Junior forward Paul Cozens lead all scorers with 27 points on 13 of 21 field goal attempts. Adrian finished with 22 on 9 of 11 tries, and senior forward Tim Hardie contributed 14.

The game actually was settled at the foul line. Both teams hit for 35 field goals, GFC on 59 attempts and the Vulcans on 54. At the line the Bruins were 9 of 13 and the host 22 of 28. The rebounding was 28-26 for Hilo. GF's Tom Hewitt was the top playmaker with nine assists.

For the Bruins now its a waiting game to see if they will be invited to participate in the National Christian College Athletic Association national championships Mar. 17-19 in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Bruins were ranked number one in that association this week and are to hear Friday on the decision.



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March 2, 1977

TWO BRUINS MAKE ALL-STAR TEAM

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First-year coach Sam Willard directed the Bruins to a 20-8 regular season mark and a trip to Hawaii to end the season. The Bruins bowed in the district championships 85-79 to Hilo, Hawaii, in a sellout game before 3,000 persons in the city's civic auditorium.

The game was broadcast live back to Newberg on radio and was televised throughout the islands, including a rebroadcast the following day. Traveling at the expense of the host school, in the district for the first year, the Bruins then stayed an extra day on their own after the game to enjoy the islands and to cap a season that involved traveling 15,575 miles, including a regular season trip to Alaska in January.

The 20 wins broke the 19-game mark in wins set three other seasons in the college's history. Also falling were several scoring marks, including the new 86.0 level up from 82.7 set last year, and assist and rebounding marks. Along the way the Bruins produced the longest winning streak in 12 seasons of NAIA competition -- 11 games, from the second through the twelfth game.

The team's 2,495 total points is a new record in NAIA competition based on a new record 1,003 field goals and record 489 free throws.

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The field goal accuracy of .503 per cent is the highest ever, breaking the old .477 mark a year before, and the .740 mark at the line is the best ever, topping the .729 mark recorded last season. The assist total of 657 also was a new level, 38 more than the total last year.

Individually it also was a super season. Junior forward Paul Cozens, for the third straight year, was named to the District 2 All-Star team, pulling the third highest total votes. The 6-6 standout after the 18th game passed the career scoring mark of 1,300 set by Gordy Loewen in the 1968-72 seasons. He pushed the new record to 1,495 and has one more year to add to that total. His accuracy from the field of .568 on 221 of 389 attempts was a new individual record, breaking his .556 average a year ago. To go with that he picked off 305 rebounds in the season, a new record, for a 10.5 average. His career total of 775 moves him to second among all-time NAIA stats.

Also earning All-District honors was senior forward Tim Hardie who produced points at the pace of 20.1 a game, a new Bruin NAIA record. His 249 shots made in one season also was a new record and his 562 total points for the season was just five short of the all-time mark of 567 set by Rob Wunder in the 1973-74 season.

Also going into the record books was senior guard Tom Hewitt who became the top playmaker in NAIA competition with a single season record of 177, a record pace of 6.0 and a career total of 404, also a record. His 111 games played in a Bruin uniform also is a career record. During the season the team leader also had a game high of 35 points, just one point short of the all-time record of 36 set by Cozens in the 1975 season. He averaged 11.8 points on the season, one of five Bruins in double figures. In addition to Cozens and Hardie, sophomore forward Dave Adrian had an 11.3 average and sophomore guard Gary Chenault was at 11.5 in scoring.

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In the playoff George Fox was down at the half by a 50-43 count, only to come back to build up a four point lead at 66-62 with eight minutes to go before the host Vulcans moved ahead and some key turnovers in the final minutes kept the Bruins on the short end. The game was actually settled at the foul line. Each team had 35 field goals and at the line the Bruins picket up 9 on 13 tries and Hilo 22 on 28 attempts.

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GEORGE FOX'S PAUL COZENS: HONORS CONTINUE

Paul Cozens, impressive in both rebounding and scoring, appears destined to be George Fox College's most honored player ever as he re-writes the Bruin record books.

The 6-6 junior forward for the third straight year has been named to the NAIA District 2 All-Star team, a feat no other Bruin has ever accomplished.

A first team Little All Northwest team member last season, chosen by sportswriters, sportscasters and collegiate sports information directors, Cozens continues to improve on his earlier records.

After the 18th game of the season the Seattle product set a new school scoring mark and by season's end had pushed it to 1,495 with another year to add to the total. Cozens' accuracy from the field of .568 per cent on 221 of 389 attempts is a new George Fox individual record, breaking his .556 average a year ago.

To go with his scoring, averaging 18.1 this season to improve a 17.65 average for the first two years, Cozens also pulled down 305 rebounds on the season, a new school record, for a 10.5 average. His career total of 775 moves him to second among all-time Bruin rebounders and he should claim that title next season.

Cozens also leads the team in steals with 51 and produced 71 assists for a 2.45 average and has climbed to fifth place in all-time Bruin assist totals.

Cozens, who holds the school's individual game scoring record of 37 points, against Pacific University this season, hit a spectacular 14 of 15 from the floor to set a new field goal game accuracy mark of .933.



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March 7, 1977

KELSO'S TIM HARDIE NAMED NAIA ALL-STAR

Setting a new school record for scoring, George Fox College's Tim Hardie has been named to the NAIA District 2 All-Star team.

Hardie, a 1973 Kelso High product, produced points for the Newberg Bruins at the rate of 20.1 a game, among the top in the district. He boosted his two-year George Fox career average to 16.73, the second highest pace ever, topped only the the 17.80 average of teammate Paul Cozens, (Seattle) also picked to the all-star team for his third straight year.

Hardie, a 6-4 senior forward, shot at a .526 pace from the field and his 249 field goals made in one season is a new George Fox record. His 562 total points for the 28 game season was just five short of the all-time Bruin mark of 567 set by Rob Wunder of Seattle in the 1973-74 season. He had a single game high of 34 points.

At the line Hardie, 22, was 64 of 88 for a .727 average. He was the team's second leading rebounder with a 7.2 average (Cozens was at 10.5) on 201 rebound grabs.

Hardie helped George Fox to the District 2 playoffs and a trip to Hawaii where the Bruins were tripped by University of Hawaii-Hilo 85-79 in the championship opening round.

Hardie came to George Fox via Highline Community College where he earned all-conference honors in the Northwest Association of Community Colleges and averaged 22 points a game and 11.9 rebounds to lead the team.

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At Kelso High Hardie was captain and an all-conference selection, shooting at a 19.1 clip as a junior and 16.0 as a senior when he also averaged 10 rebounds a game.

Hardie, married this summer, is a physical education major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hardie, 601 North 20th, Kelso.



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March 28, 1977

BRUIN BASKETBALLERS KEEP WINNING

The George Fox College basketball season may be over but Bruin players continue to play and win.

Bruins Tom Hewitt, Tim Hardie, Mark Vernon and Paul Cozens formed the backbone of an AAU team that this week won the championship of the YMCA Gold Ball Tourney held in Longview, Wash.

The team downed Newberg's Smith Drywall team 103-98 for the title. That team also has former George Fox players Bob Wright, now director of the Newberg Herbert Hoover Boys Club, and Ray Willis. Also on the squad are Linfield's Mark Wickman, and Lewis and Clark College players Tony Wilder and Ed Nichenk.

Playing four games in the eight-team tourney, the George Fox crew, also involving Kelso-Longview players, won all four contests, averaging 111 points an outing.

George Fox's senior guard Tom Hewitt was named the tourney's most valuable player coming up with crucial points to keep his squad winning. He averaged 21 points a game, including 28 in the final contest. GF's Tim Hardie, one of the top scorers in NAIA District 2 competition, averaged 28 points and had a 29 point output in the championship game. Vernon, a GF guard, recorded 12 assists in that game. Both Hewitt and Hardie and district all-star Paul Cozens were named to the tourney All-Star team.



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April 6, 1977

BASKETBALL BRUINS RECEIVE HONORS

George Fox's All-District forward Paul Cozens is the Bruins' Most Valuable Player for the season.

The 6-6 junior recieved the MVP designation at a campus awards program which featured an all-Seattle sweep of top honors.

Cozens, a three-time pick for the All-District honors in NAIA District 2, a second-team All-Northwest choice, and a third-team NAIA All-American, established a new career scoring record during the season, pushing the total to 1,495 with his senior year still to go.

Cozens, a product of West Seattle High, is second in career rebounding with a total of 775. Cozen's accuracy from the field of .568 is a new individual record. He averaged 10.5 rebounds a game during the season. He received the MVP award for the second season in a row.

Named team captain was senior guard Tom Hewitt. The 6-0 Hewitt, also from West Seattle, became the top playmaker in George Fox NAIA competition with a single season record of 177 and a record pace of 6.0 a game for a career total of 404. His 111 games played in a Bruin uniform also is a career record.

During the season the team leader had a game high of 36 points (against Alaska-Anchorage), just one point short of the all-time 37 game total set by Cozens in 1975. Hewitt averaged 11.8 points a game on the season, one of five Bruins in double figures.

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The Most Inspirational trophy went to Mark Vernon, a senior guard who backed up Hewitt in assists with 155 and who averaged 3.2 points a game. Vernon, who will return next season with another year of eligibility left, was cited for his spark to the team. He's from West Seattle via Highline Community College.

Most Improved honors went to sophomore guard Gregg Griffin, a product of Seattle's Queen Anne High School. Griffin averaged 2.0 points a game in a reserve role.

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4	Oregon College of Ed. (Tip-Off)	86-80
8	Linfield College	101-90
10	Linfield College	91-84
11	Eastern Oregon College	88-71
13	Pacific University	88-77
17	Pacific University	106-94
20	Western Baptist College	90-73
29-30	John Lewis Classic	
	Linfield	93-80
	Willamette	89-75
Jan. 3	Whitman College*	100-95
4	Eastern Oregon College	78-62
8	St. Martins	72-81
14	Northwest Nazarene	91-87
15	College of Idaho	80-78
19	Willamette University	87-90
24	University of Alaska *	73-75
25	University of Alaska	87-85
28	Warner Pacific College	81-59
Feb. 3	Western Baptist College	91-70
5	Lewis-Clark State	95-79
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Bruin Outlook:

HOW IT LOOKS FOR 1976-77

Sam Willard calls it a "building season." But that designation may be deceptive. "Building" in this case does not mean struggling through a year for experience, trying to develop a future team, but "improving" on a base already established. And what a base: four starters back from a team that went 19-8, the best in the schools 11 years of NAIA competition, and a mark that was the best regular season finish among the district's 13 teams last season.

Willard, who steps in for Lorin Miller who established that strong base over six years, knows he has the pressure on him to keep up the winning tradition. He says he's ready.

"I'm not wanting to just maintain where we are but to have a building season[^] to use last year as the start of bigger and better things," Willard says. He says he's "excited about what I'm seeing" among his players and notes a strong team unity because of the large carry-over of players.

The winning George Fox tradition as the top independent, and in the district playoffs five of the last six years is a challenge, but Willard says he's also going to concentrate on the development of personnel. "I'm not concerned just about winning, but how well we're doing things I want done--the accomplishment; I want us to play the best we can." If its like last year, it should be super.

Beside a new coach there will be other differences. The Bruins should be much quicker. And there is greater depth to go along with the four returning starters. Quickness will come from some good recruits, but also from the Willard emphasis. He says the new look will not be a fast break as such "but getting to the other end of the court with the ball." Emphasis will come on quickness in defense, as much or more than offense.

The Bruins will keep their established deliberate ball methods, with a control-type game, and now a motion-type offense. The Bruins will be definitely goal-oriented. In addition to the overall season effort, a set of internal offensive and defensive goals for the Bruins and opponents has been set.

Last year the Bruins averaged 82.7 points a contest and opponents 75.2 for a 7.5 winning margin, best in the district. The Bruins outrebounded those they faced by a 1.9 margin (43.9 to 42.0), and were better shooters (.477 to .446) on the floor. Willard has some ideas on how to improve even those statistics.

The Bruins, as an understatement, have a good nucleus. They need only to replace Steve Strutz in the Bruin machine. But that will be a difficult job. One of George Fox's best defensive players ever, Strutz wound up his career last year with a third place stance in all-time Bruin assist stats (227 for a 2.77 average), and seventh in scoring with 757 points. Also missing via graduation is Nick Sweeney (see page 5).

The big key to Bruin fortunes is ~~Paul Cozens~~ Paul Cozens. Accolades are already coming to the 6-6 forward, even with two years of college ball to go. He's already earned the highest area honors possible: An all district choice both as a freshman and sophomore, and last year the only Oregon pick for the Little All-Northwest College squad chosen by coaches and sportswriters. This summer he continued to play, chosen to the 10-member Seattle AAU Junior Olympic All-Star team playing in the national tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio.

But Cozens is not alone; also returning are the number two, three and four scorers: Tim Hardie, Dave Adrian, and Tom Hewitt, respectively. Together they provided more than 53 points a game. To that is being added the talents of two transfers, and four freshmen to bolster the other six returning players.

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Dec. 3-4	NAIA DIST. 2 Tip-Off Tourney	T.B.A.
Dec. 8	Linfield College	Newberg
Dec. 10	Linfield College	McMinnville
Dec. 11	Eastern Oregon College	Newberg
Dec. 13	Pacific University	Newberg
Dec. 17	Pacific University	Forest Grove
Dec. 20	Western Baptist College	Newberg
Dec. 29-30	Willamette University (John Lewis Classic)	Salem
Jan. 3	Whitman College	Walla Walla
Jan. 4	Eastern Oregon College	La Grande
Jan. 8	St. Martins	Newberg
Jan. 14	Northwest Nazarene College	Nampa
Jan. 15	College of Idaho	Caldwell
Jan. 19	Willamette University	Newberg
Jan. 24	University of Alaska	Anchorage
Jan. 25	University of Alaska	Anchorage
Jan. 28	Warner Pacific College	Newberg
Feb. 3	Western Baptist College	Salem
Feb. 5	Lewis-Clark State College (Homecoming)	Newberg
Feb. 7	Willamette University	Salem
Feb. 12	Warner Pacific College	Portland
Feb. 15	Lewis-Clark State College	Lewiston
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