DEAN AND LEO NICHOLSON

*Winningest father and son coaching combination in history of collegiate basketball with 1,114 victories (they are answer to a question in one version of popular board game Trivial Pursuit)

*Directed Central Washington basketball program for 61 seasons (1929-30 to 1989-90) coaching more than 500 different student-athletes

*Between Leo and Dean, they influenced hundreds of Central Washington University students, not only on the basketball court but in the classroom as well. More than 200 went on to have careers in coaching making the university the unquestioned leader in producing high school coaches in the state of Washington

Leo Nicholson (1901-1967)

*Nicholson Pavilion named in his honor in 1964
*NCompiled 505-271 record in 34 seasons, leading Wildcats to first-national tournament berth in 1950
*Elected to three Hall-of-Fames – the NAIA, the Helms Athletic Foundation Hall-of-the-Fame and CWU's Hall-of-Fame
*1925 graduate of the University of Washington Law school where he played football and basketball for Huskies
*Also served the university as its football, golf and tennis coach and as athletic director and chairman of the physical education department. Compiled record of 45-26-6 in 10 seasons as football coach
*Served as President of the NAIA and was executive committee member for 10 years
*Served as President of the Evergreen Conference, Washington State Coaches Association, and Washington Association of Healthy, Physical Education and Recreation
*Lectured in Southeast Asia for the U.S. State Department

Dean Nicholson (1926 – )

*Compiled career record of 609-219 becoming only 17th coach in collegiate basketball history to win 600 games
*Winningest coach in the history of the NAIA national tournament with 38 victories and was voted to the NAIA's 50th anniversary all-time team in 1987
*Elected to three Hall-of-Fames – NAIA, CWU and Washington State Basketball Coaches Association Hall-of-Fame
*Also coached baseball and tennis at CWU
*NAIA National Coach-of-the-Year in 1970 when he led Wildcats to second-place finish in national tournament. Seven times was voted NAIA District 1 Coach-of-the-Year
*Also made his mark in classroom, being selected CWU's Distinguished Teacher Award winner in 1983. As undergraduate was elected president
of student body
• Was outstanding player leading Wildcats to 1950 national tournament. Only player in school history to win four all-conference awards
• Coached at the 1970 USA–Pan American Development Camp
• NAIA representative to the U.S. Olympic Basketball committee and coached at the Olympic camp and trials in 1971 and 1972
• Head coach for AAU teams that toured South America in 1972 and 1973 for the NAIA All-Star team in the Cup of Nationals tournament in Colombia in 1974
• Assistant Coach for the West team in the 1982 National Sports Festival in Indianapolis, Ind.
• Served as a member of the NABC's Hall-of-Fame committee