

LUMBERJACK LEGENDS

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Harold P. Blome writes: "I first attended NANS in 1909 at which time we had three saw mills. On the Fourth of July we had celebrations on ground which is now on or about your football field. The events include bronco riding by local cowboys and sawing logs against time by men who worked in the several logging camps. The saws were six or seven foot cross cuts with one man working on each end. These men were called Lumber Jacks. It was phenomenal how fast the two Lumber Jacks cut a big log in two . . . (from this) the athletic teams adopted the name of Lumber Jacks . . ." Mr. Blome is the younger son of R. H. H. Blome, second president of Northern Arizona Normal School (NAU). His letter was written in July, 1977.

WHEELS

The Lumberjack Wheels first became a part of Lumberjack homecoming and NAU tradition in 1932 when they were used to carry the king and queen, Chester Fuller and Helen Gibbons, for the first time. This tradition of carrying the king and queen in the annual homecoming parade has been broken only a few times, never in recent years.

COPPER AXE

It was but nine months after NAU students received their pure Arizona copper axe in Feb., 1933, that it was stolen.

The axe had been constructed to the specifications set by the students, and the handle carried the school nickname, "Lumberjack" in raised letters.

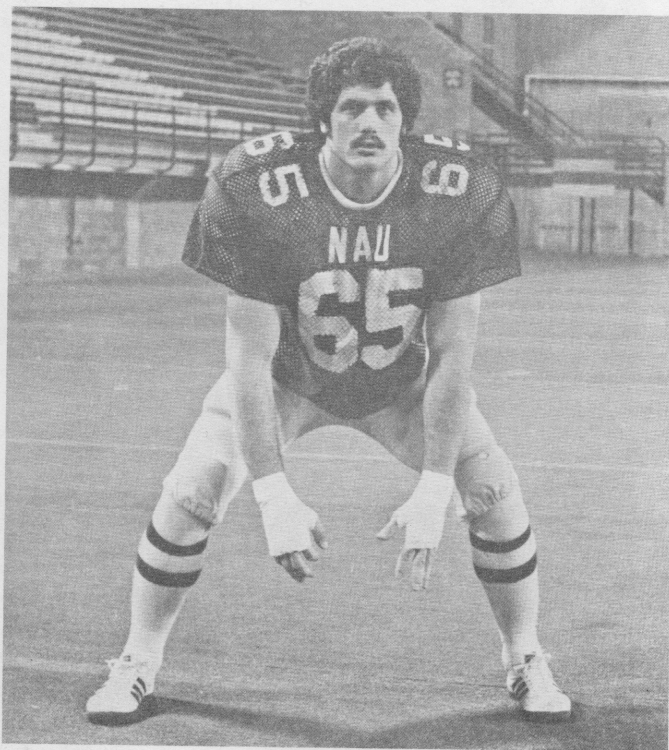
Deputy sheriff Jim Gregg and NAU night watchman J. E. Donnell captured the thieves after a 30-mile chase and returned them and the axe to Flagstaff.

The thieves, who turned out to be six Arizona State University freshman football players, told officials they had stolen the axe to boost ASU's athletic spirit. The students were Rhodes Neece, Paul Guthrie, James Jiacoletti, Howard Hooten, Howard Wynn and Albert Dalmolin.

School and police officials termed the incident "a prank," and no charges were filed. Coach Mark McIntosh's Lumberjack football team had defeated ASU earlier in the season 13-0 and another contest was scheduled.

NAU students clipped the hair of the ASU students, painted them blue and gold and paraded them through the streets of Flagstaff. NAU defeated ASU in the second contest, 6-0.

Today, the axe is presented, cradled in a log, to NAU's athletic fans as the NAU band plays "Timber."



NEAL HIGGINSON

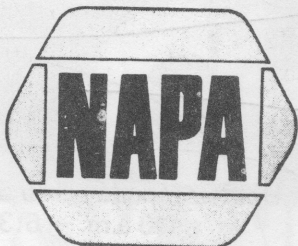
YOST AWARD WINNERS

1978	Neal Higginson	Nose Guard	1962	Lanny Westbrook	Off Guard
1977	Larry Friedrichs	Off Guard	1961	Lanny Westbrook	Off. Guard
1976	Larry Friedrichs	Off Guard	1960	Alex Amado	Off. Tackle
1975	Larry Friedrichs	Off Guard	1959	Mel Huffaker	Linebacker
1974	George Kaegle & Bruce Ivor	Nose Guard Def. Tackle	1958	Hosie Maddox	Off. Tackle
1973	Tim Sanford	Off Guard	1957	Glen Morgan	Off. Tackle
1972	Joe Sanchez	Center	1956	Jim Taylor	Guard
1971	John Nuttall	Off Guard	1955	Manuel Leyva	Tackle
1970	Dick Basserman	Split End	1954	Manuel Leyva	Tackle
1969	Tom Anderson	Def. End	1953	Darrell Miller	End
1968	Mark Lomas	Def. End	1952	Frank Gomez	End
1967	Bud Wiedoff	Def. End	1951	Jess Sanchez	Tackle
1966	Dick Ries	Linebacker	1950	Marlin Spaw	Tackle
1965	Bill Shorty	Def. End	1949	Vince Cisterna	End
1964	Charles Harvell	Center	1948	Vince Cisterna	End
1963	Rex Mirich	Def. Tackle	1947	Vince Cisterna	End
			1946	Bill Johnson	Guard

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