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WESKAMP MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING UM LINEMAN

MISSOULA--

The Ronan, Mont. Jaycees, in cooperation with the University of Montana athletic department, will sponsor an annual Paul Weskamp Memorial Award for the outstanding Grizzly football lineman.

Weskamp, an outstanding Grizzly tackle under Coach Eddie Chinske in 1953 and 1954, died Jan. 30 of this year, a victim of cancer.

The 1954 University football brochure described Weskamp, then a junior, as the "team's fastest lineman," who "should be able to establish himself as one of the league's (Skyline Conference) top tackles." He was also mentioned as a "definite All-Conference candidate."

Weskamp was named as an All-Skyline honorable mention selection as a sophomore and junior, but injury kept him out of action in his senior year. He played fullback as a freshman after service duty and a year out of action. His nickname during his grid career was the "White Buffalo."

The award to the outstanding lineman will be a complement to the Terry Dillon Memorial Award, annually given to the outstanding player, which has usually been a back.

The original idea for the award came from Missoula sports writer John Campbell, and the award was approved by University athletic director Jack Swarthout.

The Ronan Jaycees, of which Weskamp was an active member, have appointed a committee under Lynn Jackson to look into purchasing a large trophy which will be placed in the Adams Field House at the University.

The trophy's recipient, to be named each year by a committee appointed by Swarthout, will be judged on ability, character and sportsmanship.

In addition to the Weskamp award, the Ronan Jaycees are spearheading a drive to erect a community center in Ronan, to be called the Paul Weskamp Memorial Building.