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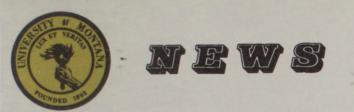
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A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM U OF MONTANA; KIDS GET INTO TWO CAGE GAMES FREE

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana athletic department, through basketball coaches Ron Nord and Bob Cope and ticket manager Gary Hughes, have decided a special Christmas present for Missoula's high school and grade school students, and younger kids as well.

Arrangements have been made for these students and children to see two University basketball games free in the Adams Field House during the Christmas holiday.

The first game, set this Saturday night, pits the Grizzlies against the highly-touted Washington State University Cougars. Three days later the Grizzlies will host Fresno State College, another tough opponent.

Both games begin at 8 p.m.

"We certainly hope that all the local kids will make an effort to get to these two games," Cope said Tuesday. "Washington State and Fresno State are a couple of real fine basketball teams, and we know everyone who comes will be well entertained."

University classes will be closed starting Saturday with the end of final exam week, and many of the school's students will be heading home for the holiday period.

"With most University students gone, there should be plenty of room for the kids on both nights," Cope said.

The two games will be the last ones at home for Montana until January 12 and 13, 1968 when they host Gonzaga University in the first Big Sky Conference match in Missoula for the Tips. During the holiday, the Grizzlies will travel to Evansville, Ind. for the Evansville Classic Tournament Dec. 28-9.

Featured teams are Montana, George Washington University, Florida State University and the University of Evansville.