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Five award presentations will highlight the Grizzly Den luncheon Wednesday in the Florence Hotel when a group of outstanding athletes from the University of Montana will be honored.

Two basketball stars and three football players will receive awards for their excellence. Cagers Dave Gustafson and Howard Clark will receive the Dragstedt and Eaheart awards, while Tuufuli Uperesa, Karl Stein and Jim Nordstrom will be awarded the Weskamp, Dillon and Golden Helmet trophies.

Dave Gustafson is a senior guard on the Grizzly basketball team and the second leading scorer in the Big Sky. He also won the mythical conference free throw percentage crown and was selected as the recipient of the C. R. Dragstedt Award.

The Dragstedt Award was established by Elmer and Carl Dragstedt in memory of their father Charles R. Dragstedt and honors the outstanding basketball player. The award also contains a \$100 scholarship.

Howard Clark is a junior forward from Kansas City, Mo. and will receive the John Eaheart Memorial Award as the outstanding Tip defensive cager. The 6-6 Grizzly led the team in rebounding and finished fifth in the conference in that category.

The Eaheart Award was established in 1961 in memory of Johnny Eaheart, a Grizzly basketball guard who was killed in a plane crash over Flathead Lake. Eaheart was an outstanding defensive player from 1947-50 for the University of Montana. He played with former Grizzly coach Bob Cope and new head Montana basketball coach Lou Rocheleau. The Award was established by Floyd Eaheart and Mrs. Shirley Myrdal (father and sister).

Tuufuli Uperesa wins the Paul Weskamp Memorial Award for the second consecutive year. The 6-3 and 250 lb. offensive tackle was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League. He was a second string All-American in 1969 and an All Big Sky unanimous choice.

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The Weskamp Award was established in memory of Paul Weskamp, an outstanding offensive tackle for Ed Chinske's 1954 Grizzlies. The community of Ronan established the award in 1967 in his honor following his death.

Karl Stein will receive the Terry Dillon Memorial Award as the outstanding back on the 1969 Montana football team. Stein is a junior free safety from San Anselmo, Calif. and a member of the Kodak All-American squad. He was also a unanimous choice as a first team All Big Sky player. Stein set the league interception mark with eleven.

The Dillon Award was established in 1964 following the tragic death of Grizzly Great Terry Dillon. Dillon played offensive and defensive ^{halfback} for Montana and went on to professional football to star as a defensive back for the Minnesota Vikings. Dillon's jersey has been retired in the University of Montana Athletic Department (number 22).

Jim Nordstrom was a tri-captain on the undefeated 1969 Grizzly football team with Tuufuli Uperesa and quarterback Ray Brum. He is the recipient of the Golden Helmet Award presented by the Coca Cola Bottling Company to denote the hardest hitter on the Montana team.

Nordstrom, during the crucial conference games, knocked down nine passes in three consecutive contests and sent two quarterbacks hobbling to the bench. Nordstrom is a junior from Vancouver, Wash.

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