Naseby Rhinehart Sr., awarded the Grizzly Cup 23 years ago, sees son win same award

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MISSOULA, Mont., June____ In the field of parental pride, there is probably no greater emotion anywhere than in the heart of Naseby Rhinehart, Sr., in Missoula, Montana, this particular June. Naseby, a Negro of considerable athletic prowess, was awarded the Grizzly Cup by Montana University 23 years ago for displaying "outstanding loyalty, service and scholarship as well as athletic ability" during his undergraduate years at MSU.

This week, Naseby Rhinehart Sr., saw the same annual award go to his son, Naseby Rhinehart Jr., as a highlight of the awards presentation ceremonies on the Montana campus.

Father-son athletic combinations no longer are a rarity in collegiate circles. But what is so rare as a father and son, representing a minority race, receiving one of the highest athletic awards an institution can bestow.

Between them, the Rhineharts boast a solid quarter-century of service to Montana. Naseby, Sr., came to MSU from Milwaukee in 1931 and earned nine letters in football, basketball and track. A month after graduation in 1935, he became Montana's athletic trainer, a post he holds today.

Naseby, Jr., or Pete, as he is known on the campus, entered Montana in 1954, lettered three years in football, one year in basketball and four years in track. He was an all-state selection in football and basketball at Missoula County High School and named to the high school All-American grid team in his senior year.

The end of college does not mean the end of athletics for Pete. He has been offered a try-out with the professional Philadelphia Eagles football team.

But there is more to the story of the Grizzly Cup. Awarded since 1921, the cup epitomizes the ideal in collegiate athletics---loyalty, integrity, service
scholarship and athletic ability.

The originator and donor of the award for several years was Dr. W. E. Shriver, long-time head of the physical education department at Montana. In 1935, Morris McCollum, veteran manager of the Associated Student Store, took over the job of buying and presenting the annual award. In 1939, McCollum purchased a huge permanent cup on which were inscribed the names of all those who were awarded individual cups.

The names on the side of this permanent trophy will not soon be forgotten at Montana. Commencing with Larry L. Higbee in 1921 and ending with Naseby, Jr., in 1958, are names that constantly are interwoven in Grizzly athletic lore.

Higbee, earned a total of six letters, and now is general sales manager for Goodyear Tire Co., Akron, Ohio. Gil Porter, of Missoula, became the only man to win the trophy twice when he copped it in 1922 and 1923.

Angus "Cammie" Meagher, now a doctor in Sunnyside, Wash., earned the cup in 1924. Russ Sweet, a member of the Grizzly all-time track team, and now deceased, was the winner in 1925. Edward "Chief" Illman, earned the trophy the following year, and 1927, Clarence Coyle took the honor.

In 1928 it was Eddie Chinske, then of Michigan City, Ind., and now a professor in the P.E. department at Montana. Two present-day regular Army colonels earned the honor the next two years. Tom Davis of Butte, won the award in 1929 and the following year, Ray "Feet" Lewis, Butte, gained the nod of the selection committee.

In 1931 the winner was Glen "Snick" Lockwood, then of Missoula and now in Albuquerque, N. M. as head of that state's rehabilitation program. Lowell Dailey, of Scobey, and now president of the Southern California branch of the Montana Alumni Assn., took the award in 1932. In 1933, it was Dale Hinman of Greybull, Wyo. Al Dahlberg, a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force and a brother of Montana's athletic director, "Jiggs" Dahlberg, won the award in 1934.

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And so it went, down through the years. Great athletic names, great individuals, now successes in their chosen fields. Henry Blastic, Chicago; Bill Lazetich, Anaconda; Robert Thornally, Chicago; Tom O'Donnell, Casper, Wyo., killed in action in World War II; Charles "Bill" Jones, Livingston; Henry "Dutch" Dahmer, Havre; Charles "Timer" Moses, Midwest, Wyo.; John Helding, Missoula, who won 12 letters at Montana; Jack O'Loughlin, Missoula; Ray Bauer, Great Falls; Robert "Lefty" Byrne, Billings; Jack Luckman, Glasgow; Ed Anderson, Missoula; Murdo Campbell, Great Falls; Dale Shupe, Harlem; and Don Williamson, Butte.

For the athletically inclined, the scholastic route through college is not an easy one. All in all, athletics have consumed 6,199 hours of Pete Rhinehart's time. But still, with all the time taken from his studies, Rhinehart has a 6-plus average through 12 quarters of a business administration-accounting major. To duplicate this amount of time devoted to earning an education, a student would have to have a 40-hour-a-week job for each week he attended college.

Pete also is a First Lieutenant in advanced Army ROTC; a member of Silent Sentinel, a senior men's honorary; Akpha Kappa Phi, business fraternity; and vice-president of the lettermen's club.

"Like his father," McCollum said in making the presentation, "Pete exemplifies the 'Montana Man'---athlete, perhaps, but always the scholar and the gentleman."

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