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MISSOULA---

A pair of Grizzly basketball players, a Bruin football All-American, and the University's long-time trainer were all honored Monday night during and after the Grizzlies' season-closing basketball game with Weber State College.

Don Parsons, senior center from Richland, Wash., received the Dragstedt Award as the team's most valuable player during the 1967-68 season.

Parsons, in a two-year career up to the Weber State game Monday night, had scored 571 points in 47 games for a 12.1 per game average. His field goal percentage for two years was an outstanding 47.8 per cent, and he averaged 8.2 rebounds per game during his career.

Parsons transferred to Missoula from Columbia Basin Junior College in Washington. He never played high school basketball.

Receiving the Eaheart Award as the outstanding defensive player for Montana this season was senior guard Rick Johnston of Albuquerque, N.M., who transferred as a junior from the New Mexico Military Institute.

Johnston had some fine performances against outstanding guards this season to merit the honor. His career scoring average up to Monday night was 10.4 points per game, and his field goal percentage was 46.4 per cent. He was shooting 50.3 per cent from the field up to Monday night's game.

Bob Beers, Montana's All-America linebacker in 1967, received a plaque commemorating his selection from Wick Temple of the Associated Press bureau in Helena.

Topping off the night of awards was the presentation of a desk set to Naseby Rhinehart, Montana's athletic trainer since 1935, in conjunction with his selection to the Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame last year.