

Urey and Holter presented the Order of the Grizzly, on Nov. 12

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Two scientist from the University of California, San Diego will be among six former Montanans who will be presented the Order of the Grizzly in a ceremony in San Francisco, Friday, November 12.

The two UCSD recipients are Nobel laureate Harold C. Urey, Professor of Chemistry-at-Large, and Norman J. Holter, Assistant to the Chancellor and formerly a specialist in physics at the UCSD Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics. The awards will be presented by Robert Johns, President of the University of Montana, at a banquet in the Fairmont Hotel. President Johns initiated the award last spring to honor persons whose accomplishments reflect credit on the University or the State.

The grizzly bear is identified with the University of Montana as the traditional mascot. Each new member of the Order of the Grizzly will receive a bronze replica of the mascot, created by Rudy Autio of the University staff and molded and cast on the campus.

Four other recipients, now all residents of California, are: Paul E. Hoover, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Crocker-Citizens National Bank of San Francisco; Louis B. Lundborg, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of America in San Francisco; Peter H. Odegard, Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley; and Walter L. Pope, Senior Circuit Judge in San Francisco.

Dr. Urey, a 1917 graduate of the University of Montana, is a nuclear chemist whose discovery of heavy hydrogen won him a Nobel Prize in 1934. He has also made fundamental contributions to the production of the atomic bomb through processes for separating the isotopes of the elements and to the space age through an exhaustive study of the earth's solar system. He serves as a Ranger TV Experimenter for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and at present is considered one of the world's leading authorities on the subject of the moon.

Dr. Urey majored in zoology at the University of Montana. The year following graduation he spent as a research chemist in industry before returning to the University as an instructor in chemistry. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California in 1923. Mr. Holter, who was born in Helena, Montana, is a biophysicist by training. He holds degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California and has studied in Heidelberg, Germany, and at the University of Chicago, the Oakridge Institute for Nuclear Studies, and the University of Oregon Medical School.

He is president, research director, and trustee of The Holter Research Foundation, Inc, of Helena, a non-profit research laboratory which conducts original scientific research in the physical and biological sciences. Its activities have included free scientific assistance to hospitals and physicians, free intensive training of physicians in handling radioisotopes, free services to the mining industry, financial aids to special graduate student programs, and aids to public education via free lectures, radio and TV presentations.

The principal civic contributions of the Foundation have been to assist in the establishment of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, the detection of early Russian atomic explosions, the pioneering of radiotelemetry in the biological sciences, and the creation of a new medical subspecialty referred to as "Dynamic Electrocardiography."