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MISSOULA---Montana University will have two skiers entered in the NCAA championships March 24-26 at Bridger Bowl near Bozeman. One of the slatmen-- junior Rudy Ruana of Milltown--rates among the nation's five best collegiate slalom qualifiers.

Ruana won both heats of the qualifying round last weekend at Bridger Bowl, turning in a time of 1:28.1. His time was more than three seconds faster than his nearest competitor. The MSU skier has had previous experience in the national event, ending up among the best 10 collegiate slalom men in the 1958 NCAA finals. Ruana did not compete last season.

Grizzly jumper John Manz, a junior from New Haven, Conn., also qualified in jumping last weekend, ending among the top five qualifiers. Coaches Homer Anderson and Bob Steele said they were "very pleased" with the showing of the Grizzly slatmen in the meet.

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MISSOULA---Montana University basketballers will be honored at an April 2 banquet at the MSU Lodge, coach Frosty Cox has announced. The get-together is open to the public and tickets may be secured at the MSU Athletic Department.

Donald Nutter of Sidney, an MSU law graduate and former well-known referee in Montana circles, will be the guest speaker. Dean Robert Sullivan of the University Law School will be master of ceremonies.

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