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MISSOULA--

University of Montana track hopes for 1969 got a big boost Tuesday with the announce­ment that two of Oregon's top graduating high school runners, one of them a former Montanan, will enroll at the University of Montana this fall.

The two scholarship winners are half-miler Pat Duncan, formerly of Butte, and sprinter Dave Smith, both from Grant's Pass in Southwestern Oregon.

Duncan has run the 880-yard distance in 1:55.1, which would have been good enough for a fourth-place finish in the Big Sky Conference championships two weeks ago and was good enough for the best 880 time in Oregon prep circles this year. Duncan still holds the Montana Class AA 880-yard run record of 1:59.3.

His time of 1:55.1 is .4 seconds faster than the Montana over-all high school mark of 1:55.5 set in 1963 by Randy Hyvonen of Red Lodge.

Smith impressed UM Coach Harley Lewis with his 47.7-second lap in the mile relay and his 49.3-second running of the regular 440-yard dash.

The young sprinter has also run the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds and the 220-yard dash in 21.7 seconds.

Grant's Pass competes in the Class A-1 circuit in Oregon, which is comparable to Montana's AA rating.