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MISSOULA--

Four members of Harley Levis' University of Montana track team left Missoula Tuesday for Berkeley, Calif. to compete in the 1968 National Collegiate Athletic Association Track and Field Championships Thursday through Saturday.

Making the trip are Levis, who left by car Monday; Willie Jones, senior from Monroe, Mich.; Tim Stark, junior from Polson; Mike Lyngstad, junior from Columbia Falls, and Roy Robinson, sophomore from Glasgow.

Jones and Robinson each qualified in three different events, but Robinson will compete in only two. Stark and Lyngstad will concentrate on one event each.

Because this is an Olympic year, running events will be converted to meters rather than the usual yard measurements.

Jones, a Grizzly standout for four years, qualified to compete in the 100- and 200-meter runs and the long jump. Willie qualified for the 100-meter event with a 9.4-second clocking in the 100-yard dash, the 200-meter dash with a 20.7-second running of the 220-yard dash, and the long jump with a leap of 24 feet, 2 1/2 inches. He is the Big Sky champ in the 100- and 220-yard dashes and placed second in the long jump.

Robinson also qualified for the 100- and 200-meter dashes and the 110-meter high hurdles. He will not run in the 200-meter event. He ran the 100-yard dash in 9.4 seconds, the 220-yard dash in 21.4 seconds, and the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.2 seconds.

Lyngstad threw the javelin 239 feet, 5 inches early this spring to qualify in that event, while Stark breezed through the 440-yard intermediate hurdles in 52.1 seconds to qualify for the 400-meter hurdles.

Levis was fairly certain that four was the largest number of University tracksters that had ever qualified for NCAA competition in a single year.

"Next year we hope to have eight," he said during the weekend.

All four Grizzlies will face opening competition on Thursday. They will work out Wednesday following their Tuesday flight from Missoula.