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FOLLOWING SECOND-PLACE FINISH AT MSU

MISSOULA——

The University of Montana ski team will not compete in the Weber State College Invitational meet at Ogden, Utah this weekend as originally scheduled.

Gary Nelson, Grizzly second-year coach, said that lack of money and the fact that the skiers would miss too much school were primary reasons for the cancellation.

"We'll stay in Missoula and practice," Nelson said. "We'll be competing in the Hellgate Cup races in Missoula Jan. 25 and 26.

Although the Grizzlies did finish second to perennial Big Sky champ Montana State at the MSU Invitational last weekend, Nelson said his skiers should have scored more points.

"I don't think we could have beaten them, but we should have been a lot closer," Nelson said. "I know we can ski better than we did in Bozeman."

Nelson did single out three of his skiers for good performances at Bridger Bowl. They were Gary Keltz, Butte freshman who finished second in cross country; Jan Wessel, Oslo, Norway sophomore, who competed in all four events, and Craig Menteer, Spokane, Wash. freshman, who did well in the slalom.