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Film of 1938 Berlin Olympics showing at University of Montana Thursday

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"Olympia I", first of two films of the 11th Olympic Games held in Berlin, will be shown at the University of Montana Dec. 4.

The showing at 9:15 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom is sponsored by the Program Council of the Associated Students at UM.

To document the Berlin Olympics, Leni Riefenstahl, the director, and her cameramen shot over a million feet of film. Out of this footage, which was shot by cameras hidden in pits, operated underwater, and mounted in cars, boats and ballons, two films were issued in 1938 in four languages.

Beyond its beauty and interest as a sports film, "Olympia I" records the refutation of Nazi racial theory when Jesse Owens, not Hitler, becomes the hero.

Tickets will be on sale at the UC Ballroom entrance for 75 cents for Thursday's showing, which is open to the public.

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