UM STUDENTS RANK AMONG TOP COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHERS

MISSOULA —

Photographs by four University of Montana—Missoula journalism students were judged among the best in the 51st College Photographer of the Year competition.

Judges focused their attention on the work of two UM student photojournalists in naming the top five award winners from a field of 272 entries in the sports action photography category. First place went to Steven W. Adams of Missoula for his photograph, "Thrills and Spills," while Derek Pruitt of Bozeman snapped up third place for his photo, "Mud Run." Adams and Pruitt, both graduate students, are photo interns this summer at the Indianapolis Star Tribune and the Patriot Ledger in Quincy, Mass.

Seanna O'Sullivan, a junior from Ketchikan, Alaska, garnered third place out of 120 entries in spot news for her photograph, "The Waiting." O'Sullivan is a photo intern at the Great Falls Tribune.

Greg Rec, a senior from Baltic, Conn., captured two Awards of Excellence for "Rain Delay," a feature photo, and "Self-portrait, Barcelona," in the personal vision category. There were 507 feature photography entries and 415 personal vision photography entries. Rec is a photo intern this summer at the Boston Globe.
This is the second year that UM student photographers have fared well in the international competition, said Patty Reksten, associate professor of photography. UM placed in seven categories last year.

The winning photographs will be included in a traveling exhibit that will visit UM in the next year, Reksten said.

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