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AREA STUDENTS CRACK THE BOOKS AT UM LAW SCHOOL

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Seven students from northwestern Montana entered The University of Montana—Missoula School of Law this fall.

Chosen from an applicant pool of nearly 500 were David Gordon of <u>Browning</u>, Tim Peck of <u>Bigfork</u>, Kelli Rose of <u>Libby</u>, Steve Woodruff and Ann Moderie, both of <u>Polson</u>, and John Parker and Kevin Duff, both of <u>Whitefish</u>. They are among a group of 80 students entering the class of 1999.

Founded in 1911, UM's law school has drawn national recognition for its effective integration of legal theory and practice into its curriculum. Students are required to apply their book knowledge to hands-on experiences, Law Dean E. Edwin Eck said.

"University of Montana students not only study the theory of contract law, corporate law, and estate planning law, they also apply their knowledge by drafting contracts, creating corporations, and preparing and probating wills," he said.

Students in their third year of study represent clients in one of the school's 12 legal clinics.

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