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AREA STUDENTS CRACK THE BOOKS AT UM LAW SCHOOL

MISSOULA --

Four students from southwestern Montana entered The University of Montana-Missoula School of Law this fall.

Brandy Cutting of <u>Wise River</u>, Tim Dick and Tim McHugh of <u>Butte</u> and John Giles of <u>Twin Bridges</u> were chosen from an applicant pool of nearly 500. 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 knowledged 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. In addition to their regular studies, some students research and write law review articles and help prepare legislation for the Montana Legislature.

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