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Three high school graduates have been awarded \$150 Montana State Press Association scholarships to major in journalism at Montana State University, and one other student has been selected as an alternate.

Dean Nathan B. Blumberg of the MSU School of Journalism announced that the annual awards will be presented to Wilbur H. Wood of Roundup, Mary Lou Cushman of Great Falls and Jerry Hollor~~o~~n of Corvallis. The alternate is Donna Wilson of Wilsall.

The State Press Association freshman scholarships, offered to encourage outstanding high school students to prepare for a career in journalism, were increased from \$100 to \$150 for the coming year. Dean Blumberg said the winners and alternate this year were chosen from the strongest group of applicants since the scholarships were inaugurated in 1957.

Wood is the son of Mrs. Annie E. Larsen of Roundup. He ranked second and served as salutatorian in a graduating class of 37, was editor of his high school newspaper, and has worked on the weekly Roundup Record-Tribune.

Miss Cushman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cushman of Great Falls, ranked third in her June graduating class of 147 at Central Catholic High School. She was feature editor of the school newspaper and editor of the yearbook. Her father is a noted Montana author.

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Holloron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Holloron of Corvallis, was salutatorian of a class of 25. He served as sports editor of his school newspaper and as assistant editor of the school annual. He is working on the Daily Ravalli Republican in Hamilton this summer.

Miss Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Wilson of Wilsall. She was valedictorian of her June graduating class of 16, served as assistant editor of her school newspaper, and was an outstanding member of the high school staff that edited the "All-State Kaimin," a special newspaper published during the fall meeting of the Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association.

In addition to the outstanding academic records and journalistic accomplishments of the winners and alternate, each was a leader in at least one extra-curricular activity, Dean Blumberg noted.

"The Montana State Press Association deserves great credit for its contribution to the future of the press in this state," he said. "The School of Journalism received three good job offers for every one of its graduates last June, and the profession needs the kind of new blood supplied by students such as these who have been awarded scholarships."

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