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WOMEN TRACKSTERS OPEN
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The University of Montana women's track team will open its 1974 season Saturday at the Whitworth College Relays in Spokane, Washington.

Schools participating besides UM are College of Great Falls, Flathead Valley Community College, Washington State University, Yakima Valley College and host Whitworth. In addition to various relays, several open events have been scheduled.

Montana's ten-member squad is coached by Sharon Dinkel and Pat Mihevic, graduate assistants at UM this year. According to Dinkel, Saturday's meet will primarily serve as an added workout for Montana. "This is our first meet and we need lots of experience. With only two weeks of practice behind us, we have several competitors who just aren't ready for competition yet," commented Dinkel.

Anchoring this year's roster are Alice Brinkerhoff and Mindy Sharp Harwood, who both placed in the National finals last year. Brinkerhoff took a fifth place in the 880-yard run with a lifetime best of 2:16.3. Harwood finished eighth in the 440-yard event. She has a personal best of 57.6 in the quarter mile. Brinkerhoff, a Missoula native, and Harwood a Hot Springs product, are seniors at UM.

Also back from last year's squad are Betsy McDonald, a Missoula sophomore who competes in the mile run, and Linda Loman, a senior long jumper from Ronan. Montana has three newcomers who will compete in the sprints. From Missoula are Debbi Anderson, a junior, and Coleen Brinkerhoff, a sophomore. Mary Armstrong, a freshman, is from Edina, Minnesota. Freshman Kassie McKernan, a native of Anaconda, will run the mile. Competing in the long jump and high jump is Susan Green, a Browning freshman. Throwing the discus will be Julie Yanchisin, a freshman from Billings.

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Montana will enter only one relay unit in Saturday's meet. Competing in the distance medley relay are Mindy Harwood, Alice Brinkerhoff, Betsy McDonald, and Kassie McKernan. In the open events, Montana will have Mary Armstrong and Debbi Anderson in the 100, Mindy Harwood in the 440 and Alice Brinkerhoff running the mile. Julie Yanchisin is UM's long entrant in the discus as is Susan Green in the long jump.

1974 Women's Track and Field Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Debbi Anderson	100, 220	Junior	Missoula
Mary Armstrong	100, 220	Freshman	Edina, Minnesota
Alice Brinkerhoff	440, 880	Senior	Missoula
Coleen Brinkerhoff	100, 220	Sophomore	Missoula
Susan Green	long jump, high jump	Freshman	Browning
Mindy Sharp Harwood	220, 440	Senior	Hot Springs
Linda Loman	long jump	Senior	Ronan
Betsy McDonald	mile	Sophomore	Missoula
Kassie McKernan	mile	Freshman	Anaconda
Julie Yanchisin	discus	Freshman	Billings

1974 Women's Track and Field Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meet</u>	<u>Site</u>
April 6	Whitworth College Relays	Spokane, Washington
April 20	Eastern Washington State Invitational	Cheney, Washington
April 27	Western Montana Invitational	Dillon
May 4	State Championships	Kalispell (Flathead Valley)
May 10,11	Northwest Regional Championships	Cheney, Wash. (Eastern Wash)
May 18,19	National Finals	Denton, Texas