18 UM law school students honored at barrister's event

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MISSOULA--

Eighteen law students at the University of Montana in Missoula were honored recently at the annual UM Barrister's Awards Banquet.

Sandra Muckelston, assistant dean of the UM School of Law, also received a special award from the UM Student Bar Association at the banquet, which was held Saturday, April 24, at the Club Chateau east of Missoula. Carol Mitchell, a second-year student, made the presentation, thanking Assistant Dean Muckelston for her four years of "excellent service" to the UM law students. Muckelston, who has resigned her position, joined the Law School faculty in 1972.

The banquet was part of weekend activities which included a marathon race, smoker, golf tournament and Barrister's Ball.

Recipients of the student awards were:

Steven P. Ruffatto, Brockton, received the Wall Street Journal Award (a year's subscription to the paper). Ruffatto also received the John P. Acher Award for outstanding student achievement, the Law School Certificate of Excellence, the Order of Barristers and the Prentice-Hall Tax Award, an honor given to the graduating senior achieving the highest grades in federal tax courses.

Donald W. Molloy, Malta, received the Justin Miller $100 Savings Bond Award for the best student contribution to the "Montana Law Review" during the academic year. Molloy also received the Law School Certificate of Excellence.

Robert Lohn, Missoula, received the Scribes Award as an outstanding member of the "Law Review."

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Others receiving the Order of Barristers, membership in the National Honorary Society for Moot Court participants, were:

Michael B. Anderson, Bozeman; Dana L. Christensen, Missoula; Mae Nan Ellingson, Missoula; Allan L. Karell, Ballantine, and Michael T. McCabe, Helena. The award is presented for outstanding achievement in appellate advocacy.

John Leslie Alke, Helena, received the Edward A. Cremer, III, Environmental Law Award as the law student writing the best research paper dealing with the environmental law.

Also named to receive Law School Certificates of Excellence were:

Charles R. Anderson, Butte; Michael B. Anderson, Bozeman; James R. Carlson, Miles City; Maxon R. Davis, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mae Nan Ellingson, Missoula; Allan L. Karell, Ballantine; Daniel C. Murphy, Butte; Robert C. Pyfer, East Helena; Christopher B. Swartley, Souderton, Pa., and Karen S. Townsend, Missoula.

Townsend was also selected to receive the Phi Delta Phi Award as the most outstanding student in the UM School of Law. She was also named the outstanding Student Bar member by the Student Bar Association.

Randy H. Bellingham, Billings, received the Student Bar Association's President's Award.

Also named to receive SBA Outstanding Service Awards were:

W. Arthur Graham, Townsend; Robert F. James, Great Falls; Gregory R. Todd, Billings; Jeanne M. Krigger, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Kevin A. Campana, Anaconda; Carol A. Mitchell, Missoula, and Douglas B. Olson, Burnsville, Minn.

Robert E. Sullivan, UM law dean, also announced the establishment of a new scholarship in 1976 by the Scott, Linnell, Neill and Newhall firm of Great Falls.

An award has also been established in memory of James M. Kilbourne, who practiced law in Billings. The award will be made annually for demonstrated excellence in legal writing. Recipients of these new scholarships will be named for the 1976-77 school year.