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UM ACTORS NOMINATED FOR AWARDS

University of Montana drama students Bruce Hurlbut and Timothy Walker have been nominated for the Irene Ryan Scholarship Award in recognition of their performances in "Enrico IV," the UM entry in the American College Theatre Festival.

The regional competition will be conducted at the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association's FESTIVENTION '80, to be held in Missoula Jan. 23-26 on the UM campus.

The award was established by the late Irene Ryan, who was familiar to television audiences as Granny in "The Beverly Hillbillies" and who was also a stage star.

Hurlbut, from Great Falls, was nominated for his portrayal of Henry the IV in the Luigi Pirandello drama, in which a 20th-century aristocrat, after an equestrian accident, believes himself to be the 11th-century German Emperor. Walker, also from Great Falls, won recognition for his role of the Baron Tito Belcredi, the flamboyant jet-setter who resents the attention his rival receives by those who humor his fantasy.

Hurlbut and Walker will be competing with nominees from the five-state Rocky Mountain region. The first prize is \$500, to be used to further the theatrical progress of the winner, plus a chance to compete for the \$2,000 first prize at the national American College Theatre Festival to be held in Washington, D.C., in April.

The UM drama department has had four previous nominees for the Irene Ryan awards. They are 1977 regional winner Richard Hutzler, 1977 nominees Joe Arnold Loyd Smith, and 1978 nominee Jerry McGarrity.

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