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GRIZZLY SKIERS HEAD
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MISSOULA---

The University of Montana ski team, bolstered by funds donated by Missoula area ski enthusiasts, left Friday morning for Steamboat Springs, Colo. to begin practicing for the upcoming N.C.A.A. Championships March 27-29.

The Silvertips placed second in the Big Sky Conference Championships and third in the N.C.A.A. Qualifying Meet held simultaneously in Missoula March 1-2 to earn the right to go to nationals.

However, a depleted travel budget made it appear that the Grizzly contingent would be unable to afford the trip, and that would have given Weber State College, which finished behind the Grizzlies in both meets, the opportunity to send its entire squad.

But Grizzly Coach Gary Nelson and his skiers were determined to raise enough money for the trip and did so just in time. Eight UM skiers will make the trip.

Montana's alpine entries will be Timm Fredrickson, Spokane, Wash. junior; Rick Gibbon, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho senior; Rusty Lyons, Waitsburg, Wash. senior, and Craig Menteer, Spokane, Wash. freshman.

Others competing will be Mick Hagestad, Kalispell sophomore, in downhill and jumping; Gary Keltz, Butte freshman, in slalom, cross country and jumping; David Lloyd, Claresholm, Alta. junior, in slalom and cross country, and Jan Wessel, Oslo, Norway junior, four-way.

The slalom event will take place Thursday, with downhill and cross country slated Friday and jumping Saturday.