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ATHLETES OF YEAR
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MISSOULA---

A pair of Montana high school students will be honored as Athletes of the Year this Saturday during the University of Montana's homecoming football game with Idaho State University.

Hal Stearns, <u>Harlowton</u>, president of the UM Alumni Association, said the students to be honored are Vicki Brown, Butte, and Craig Stiles, Malta.

The pair will be introduced during half time of the gridiron contest and they also will ride in the Grizzlies' Homecoming Parade Saturday morning from downtown Missoula to the University campus.

Miss Brown, 17, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Brown, 2945 St. Ann St., <u>Butte</u>, and Stiles, 16, is son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stiles, Malta.

A senior at Butte Public High School, Miss Stiles was a member of the All-State Women's All-Star Softball Team two successive years. She was named Most Valuable Player by umpires and coaches at this year's tournament.

The Butte coed, who was a member of the National Honor Society as a junior for ranking in the top 5 per cent of her high school class scholastically, also has been named to the NHS as a senior for being among the top 10 per cent of her class.

Following state competition, Miss Brown participated with the championship teams from Montana in the National Softball Tournament at <u>Cincinnati</u>, <u>Ohio</u>, and <u>Chatanooga</u>, <u>Tenn</u>., two successive years.

Miss Brown also was a member of the Butte Girls' Track Team. She attended the Divisional Meet at Dillon this spring. Placing third in javelin competition entitled her to participate in the State Meet at Billings this spring.

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Stiles, a junior at Malta High School, broke the state record in the javeline throw by approximately 20 feet with a toss of 242 feet 7 inches at the 1969 State Track and Field Meet at the University of Montana in May. He was named "Most Valuable Trackman" during both his freshman and sophomore years at MHS.

Also an outstanding football player, Stiles is starting quarterback for the Malta Mustangs. He was a starting guard on the varsity basketball team as a sophomore.