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UM CAGER IS
A CHAMP SHOOTER

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One of Montana's 1970 cagers not only has a fairly good eye for shooting a basketball, but is a pretty good shot when it comes to trapshooting.

Saying that the Grizzly's Jim Clawsen is a pretty good shot with the shotgun is an understatement and he has nine national titles to prove he is an expert.

Not only is Jim Clawsen an expert marksman, but father and brother, both named Gene, happen to also hold several national titles. In fact when one enters the Clawsen residence at 501 E. North in Missoula one sees from 50 to 100 trophies, platters and awards of the Clawsen shooting excellence.

Among Jim Clawsen's many national honors are two-years, (1963-64) position as co-captain of the U.S. sub-junior (14 years and under) team at the North American Clay Target Championships and membership on five All-American teams. His most recent accomplishment is a fourth place in the North American Men's Doubles Championships.

Jim Clawsen is also a member of the University of Montana basketball team and track squad. The 6-6 junior forward was redshirted last year and is developing into a fine player, UM coach Bob Cope said. "Jim consistently gives us 110 per cent in practice and plays solid ball when he's in a game," Cope said. "If all our kids put as much into basketball as Jim, we'd have a team that would compete with anybody."

Clawsen also throws the discus for coach Harley Lewis. "Jim is a consistent performer in track too," Lewis said. "If he improves as much as he did last season, he could place in the Big Sky meet this season." Clawsen pegs the plate-shaped object about 145 feet.

As a prep athlete at Sentinel High School in Missoula, Clawsen played basketball for Montana assistant basketball coach Lou Rocheleau and also competed in track under coach Rocheleau. The former Spartan athlete was the second leading scorer and leading rebounder for Sentinel in 1966. The Missoula team placed fourth in the Big 32 tournament in Bozeman that year.

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In track, Clawsen competed in two Montana High School Interscholastics in the discus. He also won the men's AAU discus throw in 1966 in state competition.

Jim's father, Eugene, is one of the select few who graduated from Montana as a nine letterman for the Grizzlies. He competed in football, basketball and track in the early 1940's.

Jim Clawsen is a business major and an advanced Army ROTC cadet. While in the service, Clawsen hopes to compete for the U.S. Army trapshooting team.

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