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MISSOULA--

The former track coach at Butte Central High School, Butte, is the new University of Montana assistant track coach.

Jerry Downey, 29, will assist Grizzly track mentor Harley Lewis and complete requirements for a Masters degree in English and physical education next year.

Downey coached at Butte Central from 1966-1970 and guided his 1968 cross country team to the Class A state title. Three other Downey coached cross country teams took second in the state competition.

His best year in track at Butte Central was 1969 when he coached the Maroons to a second place in the divisional meet and third in the state finals. Downey also was the wrestling coach at the Butte school.

Downey is a graduate of Butte Central and earned his Bachelors degree at Gonzaga University, Spokane, in 1965.

Lewis said, "A man of Downey's caliber and experience will be a great asset to the UM program." Downey succeeds Jim Casey, who completed masters degree requirements and will coach track at Moses Lake, Wash.

He is married to the former Mary Kay Moriarity, Butte.

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