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The winner of five national track and field titles and an All-American tackle on the Grizzly football team have been selected by the University of Montana Alumni Association as Athletes of the Year.

Mary Lalum, a 5-8 blond from Kalispell, and Larry Miller, a 5-9 and 250 lb. defensive tackle on the UM football team from Martinez, Calif., are the Montana Athletes of the Year, John Delano, executive director of the Alumni Association announced Friday.

Miss Lalum is a senior at Flathead County High School and has won five national AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) and Junior Olympic titles in the hurdles and long jump.

She has competed for the Kalispell Timberettes, coached by Neil Eliason, since 1963, and has won 27 state, 20 regional and provincial titles along with her national titles covering events from the 50-yard hurdles through the pentathlon in track and the long and high jump in the field.

In 1966 she set a national record in the AAU 12 and 13 year old division of the long and high jump in the field.

In 1970 she won the state pentathlon, took state AAU titles in the 100 meter hurdles, long and high jump, and finished third in the 80 yard hurdles in the National Junior Olympics at Knoxville, Tenn.

Miss Lalum is the secretary-treasurer of the Flathead County High Usherettes, a prep honorary, and plans to study special education in college and work with the handicapped. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lalum Kalispell.

Larry Miller was third team All-American as a defensive tackle last year when the Grizzlies went 10-0 and played in the Camellia Bowl. This season he has been nominated as Big Sky Lineman of the Week on three occasions and received the honor once.

Miller is a native of Martinez, Calif. was All-Big Sky first team last year and the undefeated conference heavyweight champion.

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At Alhambra High School in Martinez, Miller was the California state heavyweight wrestling champion in 1967 and was an All-Foothills and All-Contra Costa County football guard. He also was Alhambra High School's "Athlete of the Year" in 1967.

At Grays Harbor Junior College in Aberdeen, Wash., he was vice-president of the student body, twice All-American honorable mention in football, twice All-Washington Junior College heavyweight wrestling champion.

In 1969 Miller was Grays Harbor's Athlete of the Year and won the Northwest Greece-Roman Freestyle championship.

Grizzly football coach Jack Swarouth said, "Larry certainly is an outstanding young man who is dedicated and hardworking. He is a credit to the game, his family, his coaches, the University and our community. I'm happy for him because I know he deserves it."

Miller is a physical education major and plans to either play professional football or teach and coach.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Prenice Miller, Martinez, Calif.

Miller and Miss Lalum will receive their awards at a noon luncheon next Friday in the University Center on the UM campus.

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