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### UM NATIONALLY RATED IN YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM

MISSOULA--

The National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) at the University of Montana, which provides sports and educational activities to low and moderate income youths in the Missoula area, has been rated with two other schools as the top program in the nation.

About 160 colleges and universities in the country participate in the NYSP.

In a recent letter to the UM program director Harley Lewis, the NYSP Advisory Council and its national program director Jim Wilkinson commended UM for "providing outstanding facilities, personnel and other resources which helped make this program a resounding success."

This summer the UM program served an average of 290 youths a day and a total of 420 on the UM campus. According to Keith Glaes, activity director for the program, the participants, ages 10 to 18 years, were instructed in health, drug, career and social education and competed in sports activities.

"It was more than a day camp," Glaes said, "because the kids were taught specific physical skills, team and individual competitions and recreational activities in addition to the other education four days a week throughout the summer."

Carol Glaes, the program's liaison director, helped to coordinate the various services provided by the University and Missoula agencies and businesses.

UM provided administration of the program and the UM Student Health Service supplied physical examinations and health supervision for all the youths. Educational sessions were conducted by the Missoula Alcohol and Drug Program, the

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Missoula County Sheriff's Department, U.S. Army and Navy recruiting offices and Samurai Martial Arts in Missoula.

The Missoula Lion's Clubs contributed funds for children who couldn't afford to correct dental or vision problems.

Hot lunches were provided through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and bus service was furnished by Beach Transportation Company.

UM has participated in the NYSP since 1971 and this was the second year its program has received a commendation.

"We are very proud of the program," Lewis stated. "Keith and Carol Glaes have done an excellent job in putting together and presenting the kids with so many opportunities they other wise wouldn't have."

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