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GRIZZLY SPORTS COLUMN

MISSOULA---The adage that brains and brawn do not mix once again fell by the wayside at Montana University during winter quarter. Information released by Registrar Leo Smith shows that 17 Montana University athletes or former athletes are included on the MSU scholastic honor roll.

Top scholar among the University athletes was footballer performer Rich Birgenheier of Harlowton, who earned straight A's. Another good student was Ed Whitelaw of Arlington, Ill., whose grade index was 3.90.

Others on the honor roll were footballer Paul Miller, Miles City, 3.76; track star Ken Nelson, Missoula, 3.72; football center Alan Dettman, Harlowton, 3.72; footballer Carl Schwertfeger, Milwaukee, 3.61; distance runner Art DeVries, Conrad, 3.52; trackman Craig DeSilvia, Missoula, 3.52; former football ace Joe Pepe, Missoula, 3.50; basketball and golf performer Jim Bryngelson, Billings, 3.33; basketballer Larry Riley, Roundup, 3.22; former Grizzly All-American Stan Renning of Great Falls, 3.17; baseball and football ace John Matte, Missoula, 3.05; baseball captain Floyd Ayers, Eden, Idaho, 3.00; and trackman Bill Walker, Philadelphia, 3.00.

Two former Grizzlies currently enrolled in law school also were included on the honor roll. They are Maury Colberg of Billings and Dick Dzivi of Kalispell. Another man deserving mention is former Kalispell coach Ralph Bergstrom, whose average in graduate school was 3.35.

The sports performers on the honor roll comprise roughly 15 percent of all athletes at MSU.

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