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Saturday, Jan. 23, is the final date for Montana high school seniors to register for the February test session of the American College Testing Program (ACT), according to Leo Smith, Missoula, director of the ACT program in Montana.

Students may obtain ACT registration forms and instructions from their high-school offices, Smith said. He stressed they must register in advance to take the tests.

The ACT battery will be given Saturday, Feb. 20, in 20 Montana towns. In

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(town) (local test center)

Smith urged students bound for college in the fall of 1965 to register for the Feb. 20 test date.

"Most admissions counselors are already processing applications from next fall's freshmen," he noted. "The earlier they receive a student's ACT record, the sooner they can process his application."

He pointed out that students gain no advantage by waiting to take the battery on the later test date in April because adjustments for educational growth are made in scoring tests taken at a later date. This means that a student must score slightly higher on the battery in April than in February to achieve the same scores.

Smith said that 10 colleges and universities and two schools of nursing in Montana are among the 900 institutions across the country which require or recommend that their prospective students take the ACT battery.

ACT sends a record based on results of the battery for each student to the college of his choice, Smith explained. The colleges use the records in academic and vocational counseling of students, admissions counseling, sectioning of large

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freshman classes, placement of students in advanced courses, selection of scholarship and loan recipients, and planning other student personnel programs.

In addition, ACT sends "feedback" reports to the student and his high school counselor. These reports include the student's test scores and show how he compares on the basis of these scores with other high school seniors throughout the nation. This information helps the student in his college planning, Smith said.

The ACT battery consists of a "Student Profile" section and one test in each of four subject areas: English, mathematics, social studies and natural science.

The four tests sample the student's ability to do the kinds of intellectual tasks college students typically perform in course work in these subjects. The Student Profile yields information about the student's educational aspirations, his extracurricular achievements in high school and his extracurricular plans for college, and his special needs for college (financial assistance required, type of housing desired, plans for part-time work).

"In effect," Smith said, "the Student Profile gives the student the opportunity to present himself as a special kind of person with unique aspirations, needs and potentials. The transmission of this information about the student to the college is a useful antidote for some of the common abuses of tests and grades. It gives students whose accomplishments are outstanding but whose high-school grades and test scores are only average to call attention to some equally important potentials."

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ACT Testing Centers  
February 20, 1965

<u>Town</u>	<u>College Testing Centers</u>
Helena	Carroll College, Room 300, Science Library Building
Great falls	College of Great Falls, Cafeteria, Student Center
Miles City	Custer County Jr. Coll., Student Center
Glendive	Dawson County Jr. Coll., Office, 900 N. Kendrick
Billings	Eastern Montana Coll. of Educ., Multipurpose Rm., Educ. Bldg.
Butte	Montana School of Mines, Rm. 104, Engineering Hall
Bozeman	Montana State College (Test administered Sat., 1 p.m.) Rm. 108, Reid Hall
Missoula	Montana State University, Rm. 115, Music Auditorium
Havre	Northern Montana College, Little Theater, Cowan Hall
Billings	Rocky Mountain College, Rm. A20, Admin. Bldg.
Dillon	Western Montana College of Education, Rm. 307, Admin. Bldg.
	<u>High Schools Serving as Test Centers</u>
Baker	Baker HS, Study Hall
Cut Bank	Cut Bank HS, Room 205
Lewistown	Fergus County HS, Room 30
Kalispell	Flathead County HS, Study Hall
Glasgow	Glasgow HS, Room 300
Great Falls	Great Falls HS, Cafeteria
Helena	Helena HS, Cafeteria
Libby	Libby HS, Study Hall
Plentywood	Plentywood HS, Room 206