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Education workshops slated for six school districts in state

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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana will sponsor six communication workshops for school personnel and parents beginning Sept. 20.

Six state school districts and the other institutions of higher learning in Montana are cooperating in workshop planning.

Dr. R. Wayne Pace, chairman of the University of Montana Department of Speech Communication, who is program coordinator, said the six programs have three main objectives:

To improve the abilities of individuals involved with schools to communicate on the personal level and in the school situation.

To provide ways by which individuals might bring about continuing improvement in their communication behavior.

To relate communication research to the problems of interpersonal relationships within organizations.

The six school districts scheduling the workshops on specific dates and the respective local coordinators for each workshop include:

Whitefish, Sept. 20, William Flint; Victor, Sept. 27, Douglas McLaren; Twin Bridges, Oct. 11, Mrs. Lynn Giles; Helena, Nov. 1, James Weir; Ronan, Nov. 8, Joe McDonald, and Cut Bank, Nov. 11, Richard Moore.

The workshops will be financed under a federal grant of $3,562 through the State Council for Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and matching funds from the more
University of Montana and school district resources totaling $1,839.

Each of the six participating districts is expected to host approximately 125 elementary and secondary school teachers, administrative and staff personnel and parents during the community service and continuing education programs.

Plans are now under way to sponsor similar workshops in a dozen other Montana communities next year, including several in central and eastern parts of the state. A tentative list for next year's programs includes Troy, Hamilton, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, West Yellowstone, Great Falls, Glasgow, Wibaux, Livingston, Dillon and Eureka.

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