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MISSOULA --

The University of Montana Student Documentary Unit’s award-winning 1995 production, "Staying Home," will air on Missoula television station KPAX, Channel 8, Sunday, Sept. 22.

The station will rebroadcast the program, which aired statewide last December, from noon to 1 p.m.

The documentary won the Society of Professional Journalists’ National Mark of Excellence Award in the category of in-depth reporting. That award, to be presented Friday, Sept. 20, in Washington, D.C., is the third national SPJ award for the Student Documentary Unit.

"Staying Home?" focuses on a critical decision faced by young Montanans -- whether to stay home and accept relatively low wages or leave the state to pursue higher incomes. It was produced by a team of 20 broadcast journalism and radio-television seniors in the UM School of Journalism’s Department of Radio-Television. The unit is supervised by radio-TV Professor Bill Knowles; other advisers for the unit are professors Gregory S. MacDonald and Joe Durso Jr.

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