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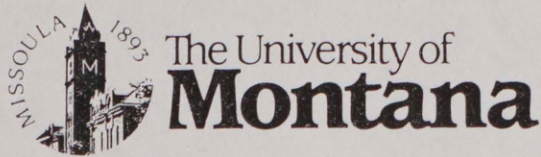
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2003 MONTANA SCIENCE FAIR COMING SOON TO UM

MISSOULA--

The University of Montana is hosting the 48th annual Montana Science Fair. The public is invited to view displays on April 7 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and on April 8 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. The event will be held in the Adams Center and admission is free.

High school students in grades nine through 12 (Division I) will compete in 14 categories. Sixth-grade students and junior high school students in grades seven and eight (Division II) will compete in physical and biological sciences within their grade levels.

Judging will take place from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on April 7, and the awards ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on April 8 at the University Theater.

The top four Grand Award winners in Division I will win expense-paid trips to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair, scheduled for May 11-17 in Cleveland.

The Montana Science Fair is sponsored by the UM Foundation Excellence Fund, the Missoula Exchange Club and the offices of the president, academic affairs, student affairs, and research and development. The fair was founded in 1955 by Reuben Diettert, professor emeritus of botany. Diettert directed the fair for 18 years.

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