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\$10,700 NSF GRANT GOES TO UM STUDENT GROUP FOR AIR POLLUTION STUDY

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana Student Environmental Research Center (SERC) has been awarded a \$10,700 grant by the National Science Foundation for a student originated study of air pollution in the Missoula Valley.

A total of eight UM students will participate in the research project, which will begin in June. Thomas J. Mozer, <u>Great Falls</u>, a junior in chemistry at UM, is project director.

The project is an outgrowth of an SERC air pollution and respiratory disease study which has been in progress since last June under the direction of SERC coordinators

John R. McBride, <u>Youngstown</u>, <u>Ohio</u>, a graduate student in environmental studies at UM, and Christine Anderson, Hibbing, Minn., a UM sophomore in journalism.

The request for the NSF grant was formulated and submitted to the NSF by the SERC coordinators last fall. The grant is the first NSF student originated study award presented in Montana.

The SERC at UM, now in its first year of operation, is financed through student activity fees.