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1973 WALK FOR MANKIND PLANS UNDER WAY; SMART HOPEFUL OF BETTER YEAR

MISSOULA--

In announcing that preliminary plans already are under way in Missoula for the third annual Project Concern "Walk for Mankind," Ed Smart, a University of Montana junior from <u>Butte</u>, said UM Circle K members and others who cosponsored the last walk "are hopeful of obtaining an even greater amount of money for medical facilities in several nations and for local charitable organizations during the 1973 walk."

Smart, who is president of Circle K, a service organization sponsored by local Kiwanis Clubs, said a total of about \$18,300 was collected from the 1972 Walk for Mankind.

Of the total, \$3,200 was donated to local charities in varying amounts--Kiwanis Foundation, \$350; Community Hospital, \$500; Crisis Center, \$350; Opportunity Workshop, \$250; UM Coordinating Council for the Handicapped, \$500; Missoula Hospital Improvement Program, \$250; Heart Fund, \$200; Big Sisters, \$100; Big Brothers, \$350, and Youth Guidance Center, \$350.

Besides Circle K, other UM organizations cosponsoring the 1972 Walk for Mankind were Spurs and Bear Paws, sophomore service honoraries for coeds and men, respectively, and Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity.

"About 1,600 walkers participated in the 1972 walk, including approximately 300 University students," Smart said. "We really appreciate the fact that most of those participating completed the 22-mile walk and earned varying amounts of money for charity for each mile they walked."

Most of the funds from Walks for Mankind go to Project Concern, an organization which operates medical facilities in Viet Nam, Hong Kong, Mexico and the U.S.