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CONFERENCE ON COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING
PLANNED FOR MAY 10

MISSOULA--

A one-day conference entitled "Competency-Based Learning: Pros and Cons" has been scheduled for May 10 at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Dr. William Fisher, education professor at UM and organizer of the conference, said, "Discussion will revolve around the question of specific objectives in education as opposed to non-directed instructional programs. Although teachers in higher education will be interested in the program, we also hope people in secondary and vocational-technical education will attend."

The main speaker will be Dr. Kevin Bunnell, associate director of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), Boulder, Colo., who will discuss the "pro" side of competency-based learning. Dr. John G. Watkins, professor of psychology at UM, will speak on the "con" side.

A panel discussion is also planned. Panel members will be Paul Coughlin, English instructor at Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell; Maxine Johnson, director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at UM; Dr. Francis Rummel, dean of the UM School of Education; Reid Stevens, director of personnel for Missoula County High School, and Dr. Ray Whitfield, director of graduate studies at Eastern Washington State College, Cheney.

The audience will be able to participate in the panel discussion and to question Drs. Bunnell and Watkins.

The conference will be sponsored by the American Association for Higher Education of Washington, D.C. Fisher said there will be a minimal registration fee. Those interested in attending the conference should contact Fisher in the School of Education at the University of Montana in Missoula.

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