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17 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA STUDENTS
TO COMPLETE 'ACTION' PROGRAM MARCH 25

MISSOULA

A total of 17 students from the University of Montana in Missoula will complete a year of service as volunteers in the Montana University Year for Action (UYA) program on Monday (March 25).

The students will be honored during a recognition dinner at 7 p.m. Monday at Mario's Restaurant, 1337 W. Broadway. Certificates will be presented by Roberta Manis, director of the 1974-75 UYA program.

Linda Bennett, who is a field representative for the UYA program, said UM students participating in the program receive a year of academic credit and a variety of practical experience with several state agencies, including the Montana Board of Pardons, juvenile probation offices and Aftercare.

Aftercare is a state program which fosters care for youth released from four institutions--Pine Hills School for Boys, Miles City; Mountain View School for Girls, Helena; Montana Children's Center, Twin Bridges, and the Swan River Youth Forest Camp.

Bennett said UM students working in the UYA program this year have been involved in several projects. A number of the volunteers have set up summer youth camps while others have organized "Big Brother" programs in various communities. UM students working in Indian education have developed bilingual and bicultural curriculum material for students at the Rocky Boy Elementary School, Rocky Boy Reservation.

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Other UYA volunteers from UM have been involved in community projects to provide civil legal services for indigent inmates, and others have worked with prospective parolees to help them adjust to life outside the State Prison.

"The UYA volunteers receive direction from the supervisors of the agencies they work for," Bennett said. Each student is given a living allowance of \$195 per month and a \$50 per month stipend which they are awarded at the end of their year of service.

Names of the students, their hometowns and the agency and site where each has worked are:

Craig J. Anderson of Billings, adult probation in Livingston; Eleanor Ann Rapp of Boonton, N. J., juvenile probation in Helena; Scott V. Fischer of Butte, adult probation in Bozeman; Gary R. Kunkel of Butte, adult probation in Lewistown; William L. Emery of Conrad, adult probation in Great Falls; James E. Heide of Deer Lodge, adult probation in Missoula; Melinda Ann Smith of Eureka, adult probation in Helena; Mark K. Welch of Garrison, adult probation in Deer Lodge; Sandra Joy Rusch of Great Falls, Indian education on the Rocky Boy Reservation; Hal L. Skeel of Great Falls, juvenile probation in Missoula.

Also, Robert M. Morgan of Helena, Aftercare in Bozeman; Edmund P. McGonigle of Kalispell, juvenile probation in Anaconda; Bruce H. Pearson of Livingston, Aftercare in Missoula; Gerald W. Metzger of Miles City, Aftercare in Great Falls; James S. Fay of Pine Ridge, S. D., juvenile probation in Anaconda; Lucio Lopez of Ravalli, adult probation in Polson, and Wilma Jean Simon of Sarnia, Ont., Can. Indian education of the Rocky Boy Reservation.

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