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MBQ ARTICLE SAYS MANY STUDENTS
SIGN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP'S PETITIONS

MISSOULA--

High school and university students made up almost half of the signers of the petitions circulated several months ago by the Concerned Citizens for a Quality Environment, a Missoula environmental group, requesting a two-year delay by state government officials in the approval of announced expansion plans of Hoerner Waldorf Corporation's Missoula paper mill.

The case study of petition-signing as a means of exerting political pressure is a featured article in the Spring 1974 issue of the "Montana Business Quarterly," which was published this week by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana in Missoula.

"Who Signed the CCQE Petitions?" asks Dr. Rudyard B. Goode, professor and dean of the UM School of Business Administration in an article bearing that title. Were the signers of the petitions registered to vote in Missoula County? Were they representative of the overall population of the county?

Goode's analysis of the approximately 7,300 signatures finds the answers to be "no" to both questions. The MBQ article points out that there was apparently no attempt made to acquire only the signatures of registered voters.

Of the 6,500 legible signatures checked against voter registration rolls, only 30 percent appear to have been so registered. Almost half of the total legible signatures represented high school and university students, and approximately 45 percent of the signers were directly affiliated with the University.

The MBQ may be obtained for \$1 per copy or by subscription from the BBER, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801.