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SAD TO LEAVE BIG SKY COUNTRY**By Gregory S. Lenihan
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MISSOULA--

Four French students from the province of Burgundy, who have been living and working in Montana this summer as part of an exchange program sponsored by the University of Montana, are sad to be leaving the Big Sky Country.

Dominique La Haye, Pommard, Catherine Mongeard, Vosne-Romanee, and Agnes and Xavier Dovillez, Nuits-St.-George, will have UM students living and working with them during the fall 1975 program.

Reviewing their six-week stay, the four French students consider visits to Expo '74 in Spokane, Wash., and Glacier National Park, McDonald Lake and Flathead Lake in western Montana as highlights of their Montana experience.

Speaking of UM, the four agreed there is a difference in American and French universities. Physically, the American institution is more concentrated, with old buildings alongside the new. In France, the university starts in the center of the town and sprawls outward, so the oldest buildings are in the center of town and the newest are on the fringes.

The four French students found the Western Montana Fair in Missoula to be an exciting insight into the American West. They were most impressed with the bulldogging event because it seemed the most dangerous. They also enjoyed the horsemanship displayed, as there are few horses in the Burgundy district of France.

Questioned about Missoula's night life, the four giggled and mentioned The Monk's Cave as a favorite spot. In France, records are played at dances, and there is no equivalent to American barhopping.

Commenting on American lifestyles, the French students found Americans to be more luxury oriented than the French. Cars, food, entertainment and travel in America impressed the visitors.

Asked if they would like to return one day, the four said "of course. And we are not ready to leave yet."

Maureen Curnow, UM instructor of French, is coordinator of the UM half of the exchange program. She and the participating UM and French students will soon leave for France with her husband, son and nephew.

Curnow said she is especially indebted to M. Moreau and M. Rateau, directors of the French half of the exchange program.

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