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700 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPECTED FOR STATE FHA MEETING

MISSOULA --

About 700 high school students from throughout the state are expected to participate in the 28th annual state meeting of the Future Homemakers of America March 20-22 at the University of Montana in Missoula. Conference theme is "Search: Towards New Horizons."

Betty Lou Hoffman, Helena, FHA state adviser in the office of Dolores Colburg,

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said that UM President Richard C. Bowers will

present welcoming remarks to conference participants at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the

meeting headquarters in the University Center Ballroom.

Conference keynote speaker will be Michael Bullock, Helena, assistant director of vocational skills in Mrs. Colburg's office. Bullock will focus his remarks on "Use of Resources to Accomplish Goals" at the first general session of the state meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in the UC Ballroom.

A total of 11 resource laboratories will be held in conjunction with the state meeting on Friday, March 21, in the UC 360-361 series rooms and the UC Ballroom. At 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. on that date in the ballroom, two UM home economics students from Hamilton-Linda Elizabeth Hom and Rosemary McKenna--will present a lab dealing with foods for backpacking, entitled "Earthological Cookery," and Audrey Peterson, assistant professor of home economics at UM, will discuss purchase of over-the-counter drugs and cosmetics.

A fun night on the theme "Americana Album" will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, in the UC Ballroom. Ms. Hoffman said the program will include talent presented by the high school students in recognition of the nation's Bicentennial.

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State FHA officers will be elected at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, in the UC.

Concluding session of the meeting will be a banquet and installation of new FHA

officers at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, in the UC Ballroom. Banquet keynote speaker

will be Colleen Sweeney of Belt, Mont., a student at Washington State University, Pullman.

Miss Sweeney was FHA national historian in 1972-73.