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MONTANA TECH PLACES FIRST AT UM IN BIG SKY SPEECH TOURNAMENT

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The Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology (Montana Tech), <u>Butte</u>, won the first-place Sweepstakes Trophy as the highest-scoring team at the "29th Annual Big Sky Intercollegiate Speech Tournament" Friday-Sunday, April 25-27, at the University of Montana in Missoula. The meet was hosted by the UM Debate and Oratory Association.

Montana Tech scored 66 points to place first in the contest; Idaho State University, <u>Pocatello</u>, was second with 64 points; Eastern Oregon State College, <u>La Grande</u>, placed third, also with 64 points, and Carroll College, <u>Helena</u>, <u>Mont</u>., was fourth with 52 points. The tie between ISU and EOSC was broken because ISU had two team members who placed first in various events, compared with one EOSC student who finished first.

As coach of the winning Montana Tech team, Mrs. Lucille Alt, an associate professor of humanities and social sciences at the Butte school, received a silver tray at the tournament awards banquet Saturday in the University Center Ballroom at UM. Mrs. Alt, who has been forensics coach at Montana Tech eight years, is resigning from the school this spring because her husband, who is employed by the U.S. Forest Service, is being transferred.

Individual results for the top four tournament teams are:

MONTANA TECH--Dayle Hardy and Donna McConnaha, first in senior debate; McConnaha, first in senior expository speaking; Debbie Tuttle, third in senior impromptu speaking; Marlys Hansen, second in junior persuasive speaking; and Arlene Weber, who was a finalist in the senior division of persuasive speaking.

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ISU--Shelly Morrison of ISU tied with Kathy O'Brien, Oregon State University, <u>Corvallis</u>, for first place in senior interpretation; Morrison, second in senior expository speaking; Celest Condit, first in junior expository speaking; and Julia Anderson, second in junior oral interpretation.

EOSC--Larry Obrist, third in junior oral interpretation; Frank Gray and Rhoda Laws, finalists in senior oral interpretation; Patti Hayes, second in junior expository speaking; Randy Nordquist, finalist in senior expository speaking; Mark Bogart, first in junior persuasive speaking; Merlene Clark, third in junior persuasive speaking; and Kristin Speak, second in senior persuasive speaking.

CARROLL COLLEGE--Kim Babcock, first in junior interpretation; Doug Lowney and Dan McGowan, finalists in junior interpretation; Jack McLean, third in senior expository speaking; Deloras Cikrit, third in senior persuasive speaking; and Dan Flanagan and Jack McLean, who were semifinalists in senior debate.

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