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MISSOULA--

Dr. Gregory J. Patent, assistant professor of zoology at the University of Montana in Missoula, has received a three-year research grant of \$49,000 from the National Institutes of Health for a study directly related to factors affecting the onset of diabetes. The project, entitled "Neural Regulation of Insulin Release," was funded by the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism and Digestive Diseases.

"Recent work has suggested that the nervous system may play an important role in the functioning of the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas," Patent said. "Lack of insulin generally results in the development of diabetes."

Patent, who has conducted similar research during the past two years, will use fish in the study. Research under the NIH grant will conclude in UM laboratory facilities April 30, 1978.

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