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11TH MONTANA MODEL UNITED NATIONS
IS MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AT UNIVERSITY

MISSOULA--

The 11th annual session of the Montana Model United Nations (MMUN) for high school students will convene Monday, Nov. 24, at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Students from 14 schools will represent 65 nations at the MMUN Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 24-26, as they simulate the work of the United Nations General Assembly and five UN committees. The students have written resolutions on various subjects, including international antitrust regulations, land and sea use, alternative energy sources and racial discrimination.

About 200 students have preregistered for the conclave. Registration for the three-day program will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday in the University Center Ballroom foyer. Model UN sessions will be in the UC Montana Rooms and Ballroom.

The annual event on the Missoula campus is sponsored by a volunteer staff of UM students coordinated by Mary Purchio, a junior from Missoula, who will serve as MMUN Secretary-General.

Purchio said she expects more than 250 students from various high schools to participate in the conclave.

Schools represented at the MMUN will include Hellgate, Sentinel and Loyola-Sacred Heart High Schools, Missoula; Butte Public and Butte Central High Schools, Butte; Bozeman High School, Bozeman; Belgrade High School, Belgrade; Browning High School, Browning; Frenchtown High School, Frenchtown; Jefferson High School, Boulder; Lincoln County High School, Eureka; Stevensville High School, Stevensville; Twin Bridges High School, Twin Bridges, and Whitehall High School, Whitehall.

Students will be judged throughout the MMUN General Assembly; meetings of the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council, and gatherings of the Political, Security, Economic, Financial, and Social and Humanitarian Committees of the MMUN.

Evaluation by the student, staff and faculty advisers will determine the 20 best delegations based on degree of participation, realistic role portrayal and diplomacy.

An international crisis situation will take place during the MMUN which will test delegates' ability to react and interact diplomatically in a period of strained relations.

Visitors are welcome to observe all the MMUN proceedings.

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