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54 UM STUDENT AMBASSADORS TO VISIT HOMETOWNS MARCH 22-26

MISSOULA --

Fifty-four student ambassadors from the University of Montana will Visit their hometowns during spring vacation to discuss various aspects of University life with high school students in their respective communities. Visitation dates will be Monday through Friday, March 22-26.

Garry E. Pitts, 20, a UM junior from <u>Dixon</u>, who is vice-chairman of the UM Student Ambassador Program and who will visit Dixon High School during the spring break, said the main objectives of the program "are to give prospective University students an overall view of campus life, including both curricular and extracurricular activities, and to encourage them to attend college."

"Discussions between the high school students and the student ambassadors include both the negative and positive facets of University life," Pitts continued.

"In the four years of the Student Ambassador Program's existence, the UM students have focused attention on just about everything imaginable that is related to attending college."

Pitts said all of the UM student ambassadors participate in training sessions to prepare them for the things they will experience when they return to their hometowns to talk with high school students.

Questions asked by the high school students have encompassed UM dormitory regulations, off-campus living accommodations, fraternity and sorority systems, recreational facilities, on- and off-campus employment opportunities, and legal advice available to University students.

The UM student ambassadors arrange visitation times with high school principals and counselors in the respective communities.

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Other UM students besides Pitts who will be visiting the high schools include:

William J. Koch, Augusta, who also will visit Cascade High School; Douglas D. Averill, Bigfork; Jeanine Elin Jenkins, Big Sandy; Curtis C. Nesbit, Jerry W. Schuster and Thomas A. Stockburger, Billings.

C. David Gorton, Billings, who is going to visit Roundup High School; Robert C. McCall, Bozeman; Bonnie Lee Wigal and Kathleen A. Paffhausen, Butte.

John J. McIntosh, <u>Coffee Creek</u>, who will visit <u>Denton High School</u>; Kim E. Elverud, <u>Circle</u>; Ray D. Cole, <u>Columbia Falls</u>, who will visit <u>Whitefish High School</u>; Gary W. Bjelland and Alan L. Lightner, <u>Conrad</u>.

Judy Rae Reed, Ennis; Joan C. Melcher, Forsyth; Elaine Harriet Madsen, Glendive; Diane Clara Davis, Kenneth T. Farago, Randall H. Gray, David O. Spencer, Debra Jean Peterson, Mary Ann Lanky and Mende L. Cole, Great Falls.

Archie L. Thomas and Burt J. Annin, <u>Hamilton</u>, who also will visit <u>Corvallis</u> and <u>Darby</u> High Schools; Thomas E. Butorach, <u>Hardin</u>; Gerald D. Schilling, Harlem.

Robert J. Buzzas and Patrick E. Kilburn Jr., Helena; Gary A. Weber, Heron, who will visit Noxon High School; Robert G. Osborn and Michael D. Morrison, Lewistown; Gregory A. Beck, Libby.

Michael Jack Poe, Medicine Lake; Gary D. South, Miles City; David G. Goss, Miles City, who will also visit Sacred Heart High School, Rosebud; Steve A. Armstrong and Pamela Lynn Fritz, Missoula.

Linda S. Pospissal, Moore; Robert C. Brown, Nashua; Alan L. Higbee, Noxon; J. Barney Barnekoff, Polson; William B. Erickson, Power; Dennis T. Murphy, Ronan.

Bryan T. Vèis, <u>Scobey</u>; Robert J. Burns and Clayton L. Schenck, <u>Shelby</u>; John M. Murphy, Stanford; Timothy J. Ragen, Townsend.

Gregory A. Miles, <u>Seattle</u>, <u>Wash</u>.; and Douglas B. McCorquodale, <u>Edmonton</u>, <u>Alta.</u>, <u>Can</u>. Fred W. Traber, <u>Great Falls</u>, is chairman of the UM Student Ambassador Program.