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LEONARD PORTER TO DIRECT 19TH STATE SCIENCE FAIR APRIL 5-6

MISSOULA --

Dr. Leonard E. Porter, an associate professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Montana in Missoula, will be director of the 19th Annual Montana Science Fair, scheduled for April 5-6, 1974, in the Harry Adams Field House at UM.

Porter, who has been assistant director of the State Science Fair for several years, said scientific projects entered in the fair are in two divisions--Division I for high school students and Division II for students in 7th and 8th grades.

"The boy and girl who are the two Grand Award winners in Division I of the State Science Fair will be eligible for an expense-paid trip to the 25th International Science and Engineering Fair May 8 at Notre Dame, Ind.," Porter said. The international fair is an activity of Science Service, Inc., Washington, D.C.

A total of 300 junior high and high school students entered exhibits in the 1973 State Science Fair in April.

Dr. Reuben A. Diettert, Missoula, professor emeritus of botany at UM, who founded the State Science Fair at UM in 1956, served as director of the state event from 1956 through 1973. He will assist Porter with the 1974 State Science Fair as director emeritus.

Porter joined the UM faculty in 1967. He received his bachelor's degree in physics with highest distinction at Miami University, <u>Oxford</u>, <u>Ohio</u>, in 1956. The University of Wisconsin, <u>Madison</u>, awarded Porter two degrees in physics--the master of science degree in 1961 and doctor of philosophy degree in 1965.