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299 PROJECTS TO BE ENTERED
IN 18TH STATE SCIENCE FAIR

MISSOULA---

A total of 299 projects-- the greatest number in a dozen years--will be entered in the 18th Annual Montana Science Fair April 6-7 at the University of Montana, Missoula, Dr. Reuben A. Diettert, science fair director, has announced.

"The 299 exhibits this year will be the largest number of projects entered since the 1961 State Science Fair, when 305 exhibits were entered," Diettert said. "Last year there was a total of 280 exhibits and we are pleased to note that the number of elementary and secondary school students entering the fair has been increasing steadily since the late 1960s."

Science Fair entries in the Harry Adams Field House at UM will be in two divisions-- Division I for high school students and Division II for students in the 7th and 8th grades.

Division I will include projects in behavioral and social sciences, botany, chemistry, earth and space sciences, engineering, mathematics and computers, medicine and health, physics and zoology.

Division II projects will include biological and physical sciences for 7th and 8th grade students.

Ribbons representing superior, excellent, good and honorable mention rankings will be given in various categories, based on the quality of the scientific projects.

"Two Grand Award ribbons and medals will be presented at the State Science Fair Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, in the University Center Ballroom," Diettert said. "The boy and girl who have the best exhibits in Division I--as determined by the judges-- will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the International Science Fair in San Diego, Calif., May 6-12.

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The Missoula Exchange Club, sponsor of the State Science Fair at UM since 1960, will award a \$500 scholarship to UM to one of 12 scholarship applicants. A committee will select the awardee on the basis of scholarship and need, Diettert said.

Awards will be presented at Saturday's luncheon by Diettert and Dr. John J. Taylor, a microbiology professor at UM.

Students entering the 18th Annual State Science Fair will register and set up their exhibits from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, April 6, in the Adams Field House. Judging will be from 1-5 p.m. Friday. Judges will include University faculty members and representatives of the U.S. Forest Service.

A special program for science fair participants will be presented at 3 p.m. Friday in the UM Music Recital Hall. Speakers will include Dr. Richard G. Landini, UM academic vice president, and Robert E. Sorenson, Miles City, president of the Associated Students of UM. The Hellgate Mynstrelles from Hellgate High School, Missoula, who are directed by Neil Dahlstrom, will entertain during the program.

Diettert is a professor emeritus of botany at UM and has been director of the State Science Fair since the annual event began at the University in 1956.

Dr. Leonard E. Porter, assistant professor of physics at UM, is assistant director of the 18th Annual State Science Fair.

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