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1973 BIG SKY SPEECH TOURNAMENT  
IN HONOR OF R. D. MAHAFFEY

MISSOULA--

The 1973 Big Sky Intercollegiate Speech Tournament, which begins Thursday (April 19) at the University of Montana, Missoula, will be in honor of R. D. Mahaffey, a visiting professor of speech communication and director of forensics at UM.

Wesley N. Shellen, instructor in speech communication and director of communication activities at UM, said the Big Sky tournament is in Mahaffey's honor "to share our appreciation for Hap's contributions as visiting professor...with tournament participants representing many institutions in many states."

Mahaffey, 68, became ill recently while he was visiting in Omaha, Neb. He is recovering at his home in Missoula.

About 250 students from 27 colleges and universities in several states will participate in the tournament from Thursday-Saturday. Montana schools represented in the tournament will include Montana State University, Bozeman, Eastern Montana College, Billings, and Carroll College, Helena.

UM students who are not members of the UM forensics squad may participate in the tournament but UM students who place high in the competition will receive awards separate from the actual tournament winners.

Registration for the tournament will be from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday in the University Center mall. Events scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday will include impromptu and oral interpretation, persuasive and expository speaking, and two debates.

Friday's activities from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. will include four debate sessions, impromptu and oral interpretation and persuasive and expository speaking. The finalists for each category will be announced at the tournament banquet at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the UC Ballroom.

Tournament finals will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. Tournament results will be announced Saturday afternoon.

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