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MICHAEL MCCARTHY TO WRITE ARTICLE
FOR 'DISABLED IN ACTION' NEWSPAPER;
CITES VALUES OF HANDICAPPED TO SOCIETY

MISSOULA--

Michael M. McCarthy, Missoula, a senior at the University of Montana who is former president and founder of the UM Coordinating Council for the Handicapped, will write an article on the handicapped and their involvement in community activities for a newspaper, "Disabled in Action."

McCarthy, who recently attended the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in Washington, D.C., said that Ann Landsberg, New York City, president of "Disabled In Action," a year-old organization composed of young handicapped individuals, requested him to write the article because of his extensive personal background in handicapped work and his experience with the handicapped.

"The gist of my article will be that young people with mental, emotional, physical and other handicaps can be of benefit both to themselves and to the communities in which they live," McCarthy said.

Citing the benefits that can be afforded to the handicapped and by them in various communities in the state through group action and community awareness, McCarthy said, "The need for Montana is to persist in arousing the hopes of young handicapped people and their families to the fact that young people with handicaps, but at the same with definite abilities, can become active citizens if they join together in groups, help one another and become taxpayers.

"Basically, I think most handicapped individuals--at least those I know--want to contribute their talents to society by having their abilities rather than their disabilities recognized," McCarthy said.

He said "the basic problem" in implementation of his theory "is getting society to use the abilities of those who have a wide variety of disabilities."

McCarthy said his article will be published in "Disabled In Action" late this summer. A triple major at UM, McCarthy specializes academically in art, social work and education.

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