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MISSOULA--

Bruce E. Nelson, Carter, 22, who received his bachelor's degree in political science with high honors Sunday (June 10) at the University of Montana in Missoula, has been named recipient of the first Michael J. Mansfield Award by the UM Democrats.

Thomas M. Fitzpatrick, Anaconda, chairman of the University Democrats, said the Mansfield Award was created in recognition of the efforts of Senate Majority Mike Mansfield in securing enactment of the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, extending the right to vote to 18-year-olds. Fitzpatrick presented the award in the form of a plaque and certificate to Nelson.

"Criteria for selection of the recipient of the award," Fitzpatrick said, "include academic achievement, contributions to the University and the community, and involvement in public affairs."

Nelson is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary, and Silent Sentinel, senior men's honorary. He is a former delegate to the UM student governing body, Central Board, and he served two years as chairman of the Associated Student's of UM Constitutional Review Board. Nelson also served as a legislative intern to State Sen. Gordon McGowan, Highwood, in the last session of the Montana Legislature.

Nelson's political activities include serving on the McGovern State Steering Committee, the University Democrats Campaign Coordinating Committee and chairing the Bipartisan Committee on Voter Registry and the Miss Democrat Scholarship Pageant Committee in Chouteau County.

Nelson, who is son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Nelson of Carter, is a graduate of Ft. Benton High School.

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