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30TH BIG SKY INTERCOLLEGIATE SPEECH TOURNAMENT IS FRIDAY-SUNDAY AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MISSOULA --

The 30th Annual Big Sky Intercollegiate Speech Tournament will be held Friday-Sunday, April 23-25 at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Buford A. Crites, director of forensics at UM, said the student-run tournament features UM students actively involved in the UM Debate and Oratory Association and students in several interpersonal communication classes on the Missoula campus.

Tournament participants will include students from about 30 colleges and universities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Montana. The event is one of the two largest forensics tournaments in the northwest, Crites said.

Tournament events will include debate, Lincoln Douglas debate, expository speaking, oral interpretation of literature, persuasive speaking, individualized impromptu and, new to the tournmanet this year, organizational communication.

Tournament judges are being sought from Missoula and vicinity. Approximately 500 hours of judging will be needed and most of those hours will be met by townspeople.

Anyone out of high school who is not an undergraduate at the University of Montana is eligible to judge. Those interested may call 243-4463 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Two UM students are organizing the tournament. James N. Leik, <u>Helena</u>, is tournament director, and Bryan Abas, Boise, Idaho, is assistant director.