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UM FACULTY TO JUDGE SCIENCE FAIR EXHIBITS

Six University of Montana science professors will serve as judges at the Missoula grade school science fair at the Washington School next Saturday, according to Dr. R. A. Diettert, chairman of the UM botany department and director of the Montana Science Fair, scheduled for April 1 and 2 in the UM Field House.

UM faculty judges for exhibits in the physical sciences are Dr. Wayne Van Meter, associate professor of chemistry; Dr. John Bradford, assistant professor of physics; and James Cox, assistant professor of chemistry and education.

Judges for biological science exhibits are Dr. James R. Habeck, associate professor of botany; Dr. Richard Faust, assistant professor of microbiology; and Dr. George Singer, assistant professor of zoology.

Dr. Diettert said many of the science faculty members at the UM also served as judges at the district fairs in Hamilton and Choteau and the Paxon grade school fair last week.

Dr. Diettert has been a member of the National Science Fair Council since its inception in 1959. The Council is composed of 21 scientists from throughout the nation who are selected by Science Service.

He said more than one million junior high and high school students participate in the science fair program each year. Last year 221 areas were affiliated with the National Science Fair.

Montana has three such affiliated fairs--the district fair in Billings, the district fair in Butte, and the Montana fair in Missoula. Each of them will be qualified to send its top boy and top girl winner to the National Fair, which will be held in Dallas, Texas, May 11-14.