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1976 MONTANA MODEL UNITED NATIONS TO BE HELD NOV. 22-24 AT UM

MISSOULA --

The 12th annual Montana Model United Nation (MMUN) session will be held for Montana high school students from Nov. 22-24, at the University of Montana in Missoula.

The MMUN, a simulation of the work and procedures of the UN General Assembly and five committees, is designed to help Montana high school students more fully understand the purposes of the UN. A number of University students are coordinators of the MMUN.

Students and advisers from more than 14 high schools in Montana will participate in this year's conclave, and will represent 50 of the nations chartered in the UN. Any Montana high school is eligible to participate in the MMUN. This year, students from nonparticipating high schools also may attend MMUN sessions to observe the program.

About 300 students will participate in the three-day program.

Preparation for the MMUN includes the students' knowledge of their countries' histories, rules of the UN committees and current events in the UN. The 10 best delegations will be judged during the MMUN for participation, realistic role portrayal and diplomacy.

Commenting on the upcoming program, Mary A. Purchio, <u>Missoula</u>, a junior in business administration at UM, who is assisting is organizing activities for the 1976 MMUN, said, "This year the MMUN General Assembly will meet all three days, even while committees are in session, just like the UN--so when a resolution is passed by a committee, the author of the resolution may immediately present it to the assembly."

Students prepare resolutions to be considered by the MMUN through the previous school year. The resolutions are based on actual UN situations.

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Fees for participating in the 1976 MMUN will be \$2 per student and \$25 per high school, for plus an additional \$25 for high schools representing more than five nations. Fees cover the cost of renting facilities in the University Center, where all activities will take place.

Purchio and other MMUN coordinators at the University will assist high school students in arranging for board and room accommodations.

For additional information, interested persons may write Purchio at 1031 E. Broadway #213, Missoula, Mont. 59801, or Ronald Fuller, Principal, Jefferson County High School, Box 176, Boulder, Mont. 59632.