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24 TO PERFORM WITH UM DANCE DIVISION

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MISSOULA--

The Dance Division of the University of Montana Department of Drama/Dance has selected 24 persons to perform in works to be choreographed by six students and two recent dance graduates. A total of 35 auditioned on Sept. 30 for membership in the UM Dance Division for 1976-77.

The works will be presented in December at an informal "works in progress" showing to determine which ones will be part of the concert repertory. The formal concert of selected dances will be produced Feb. 17-19 at the University Theater. A spring concert will also be presented May 5-8.

Assistant professor Nancy Brooks and Juliette Crump, head of the division, also auditioned dancers to perform in faculty recitals to be presented in the Gallery of Visual Arts in Turner Hall on the UM campus. Crump's recital will be Feb. 25-26, and dates for Brooks' recital are to be announced later. As the focus of these works is improvisational, dancers were chosen who had previous experience in that form.

New members of the student dance company will travel to Billings for the Montana Dance Arts Association teachers' and dancers' workshop Oct. 29-31. One of the guest teachers will be Bill Evans, formerly of the University of Utah dance faculty and present director of the Bill Evans Company. Also teaching will be Larry Hayden of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

Crump said there has been some confusion in the public mind in recent seasons, due to the close similarity in names of two dance companies. The "Montana Dance Company" is an activity of the University, and is composed solely of students. On the other hand, "danceMontana" is a fully-professional touring dance troupe which, although in residence at the University, is not academically connected. According to Crump, the UM dance faculty would welcome serious suggestions from students, faculty and friends for a new name for the student dance company. The Dance Division's telephone number is 243-4641.