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MISSOULA--

Events that will focus attention on the needs and problems of the handicapped are scheduled at the University of Montana during National Handicapped Awareness Week, May 14-18. The UM observance is sponsored by the Associated Students of the University and the UM Handicapped Student Union.

Throughout the week, a number of UM students, faculty, and administrators, including President Richard C. Bowers, will assume handicaps for one day in order to get an inkling of the problems the handicapped contend with every day. Some will try to carry out their normal activities from a wheelchair, on crutches, or in braces. Others will wear blindfolds, earplugs, or arm slings.

Monday displays set up by the Missoula Rehabilitation Center, the UM Physical Therapy Department and the St. Patrick Hospital Occupational Therapy Department will be on view in the University Center on campus from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday relay teams representing campus dormitories will race in wheelchairs, on crutches, and with blindfolds. The competition will take place from noon to 1 p.m., starting from the ramp at the north end of the UC and following a course that will finish at the south end, opposite the UM Library. Gary Gallagher of Westmont Tractor Co. donated \$100 for prizes.

Thursday a free coffeehouse from 8 to 10 p.m. in the UC Information Lounge will feature singers and guitarists (some of whom are handicapped) Bruce Burk, Kalispell; Johnny McCullough, Bozeman, Jan Brown, Great Falls, and Jerry McLaughlin, Missoula.

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HANDICAPPED AWARENESS WEEK

The UM observance of Handicapped Awareness Week winds up Friday with Fun Night for Handicapped Students at the UC Recreation Center from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a party at Shakey's Pizza.

Roger Miller, Missoula, president of the UM Handicapped Student Union, is chairman of the committee that organized the events. Working with him are Midge McGuire, handicapped student adviser; Ruth Cox, staff member of Equal Opportunity and Personnel Services; Diane Thompson, Deer Lodge; Leona Filson, Missoula; Linda Flechsig, Havre. Posters were made by Ed Focher, Great Falls, and Jan Masset, Helena.

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