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4TH ALL-INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH TOURNAMENT TO BE DEC. 6-7 AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA

MISSOULA ---

The fourth annual All-Indian High School Speech Tournament will be Dec. 6-7 at the University of Montana in Missoula.

The tournament, sponsored by the Kyi-Yo Indian Club at UM, will bring together Indian students from about 15 high schools to compete for top speech honors in areas of debate, declamation, extemporaneous speaking and after-dinner speaking.

Tournament participants will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in the UM Native American Studies office, 730 Eddy Ave., Missoula, for an opening dinner and orientation session. The first rounds of the speech meet will be Friday, Dec. 6, with finals in the respective events set for Saturday, Dec. 7.

All competitive events will be held in the Montana Rooms on the third floor of the University Center. Times of events are to be announced.

The debate topic will be: "Resolved that native Americans living off a reservation should have the same rights and benefits as those residing on the reservation."

The tournament awards banquet will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the University Center Gold Oak Room. Individual students who place first or second in various events, and the teams which place first, second or third will be awarded prizes during the banquet. An "Outstanding Speaker Award" also will be presented to the most deserving student.

All tournament events are open to the public without charge.

Schools scheduled to be represented at the speech meet are: Arlee High School; Billings West High School; Billings Senior High School; Brockton High School; Browning High School; Browning Free School; Busby High School; Cut Bank High School; Hardin High School; Havre High School; Lodge Grass High School; Polson High School; Ronan High School; St. Ignatius High School; and Wolf Point High School.

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