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The 11 University of Montana basketballers taking the jaunt to Hawaii for the Rainbow Classic Tournament, Dec. 26-29, will not feel alone. Besides coaches Ron Nord, Bob Cope and trainer Naseby Rhinehart, the team will have an additional 73 "all the way" boosters.

This is the largest group ever to travel with a Grizzly athletic squad according to Dr. Wally Schwank, organizer and tour director for the nine-day trip, seven of which will be spent in Hawaii. Schwank is athletic director at UM.

Although the UM athletic department is responsible for arranging for the tour, it will incur no expense other than that needed to finance team and staff expenses, Schwank said.

Trains leaving Missoula and Cutbank on Thursday (Dec. 22) will take the boosters to Seattle where they will join the Grizzlies for the flight to Honolulu Friday.

A total of 15 days will be spent by the UM team "on the road." Leaving Missoula after quarter finals on Dec. 16 the squad tackled Washington State University in Pullman the next day and continued on its trip to Seattle where the Grizzlies played Seattle Pacific the 19th. The Tips dropped the first game and picked up the second settling their record at 4-1 before heading across the Pacific to Hawaii where they will play at least three games. The team and most of its fellow travellers return to the Garden City Dec. 31.

Teams in the Rainbow Classic include host Hawaii, Notre Dame, California, Harvard, Portland, Montana and two service teams. The Grizzlies are scheduled to play Hawaii in the second game of the tourney Monday evening, 9 p.m. Island time. The other two teams in the Tips bracket include Harvard and Portland. Montana defeated the Hawaii cagers last season in Missoula, 94-72. They played none of the other tourney teams last year.

The games will be broadcast on KGVO Radio. A Montana network is being set up by the Missoula station. At press time KBOW, Butte, and KGEZ, Kalispell are tentatively scheduled to carry the games. The UM-Hawaii game broadcast will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. If they defeat the Islanders the second contest involving the Grizzlies will be aired Thursday at the same time.