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MISSOULA--

Dr. Arnold W. Bolle, dean of the University of Montana forestry school, recently received a telegram from Sen. Lee Metcalf announcing that the National Science Foundation has approved a \$44,000 grant for further research in chemical conversion of wood and cellulosic material wastes.

Dr. Fred Shafizadeh, professor of chemistry and forestry and director of the wood chemistry research lab at UM, is the recipient of the two-year grant.

The formation, growth and decomposition reactions of heated cellulosic materials will be investigated by Dr. Shafizadeh.

Gary D. McGinniss, <u>Everett</u>, <u>Wash.</u>, is working toward his doctorate in chemistry and will be one of two graduate students assisting Dr. Shafizadeh. The other assistant has not yet been selected.

NSF awards financial assistance based on the recommendations received from eminent scientists in the field of research study to be performed, Dr. Shafizadeh said.

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