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400 EXPECTED FOR M.I.E.A. JOURNALISM MEET AT U OF MONTANA

MISSOULA --

About 400 high school journalists are expected for the 20th annual high school journalism conference of the Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association (M.I.E.A.) at the University of Montana Sept. 26-27.

The two-day program is snonsored by the M.I.E.A. and the UM School of Journalism. Conference adviser is Dr. Warren J. Brier, dean and professor of journalism at UM.

Student delegates are members of Montana high school newspaper and yearbook staffs.

Montana nublications advisers and journalism instructors and Montana high school journalism students also are invited to the conference.

Don Weston, news director for KGVO Radio-TV in Missoula, will be the keynote speaker for the conference. He will address the luncheon session at noon, Sept. 26, in the Ballroom of the University Center.

Weston, a 1949 graduate of the University of Montana School of Journalism, earned a master's degree in journalism at Northwestern University, <u>Evanston</u>, <u>III.</u>, in 1954. During 1958-59 he studied at Columbia University under a CBS News and Public Affairs Fellowship.

While at UM, Weston was managing editor of the student daily newspaper, the Montana Kaimin. He has worked as a reporter for the UM news service and for The Missoulian and he served as a correspondent for United Press International and the Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Weston's career in broadcasting began in 1947 as a newswriter-editor for KGVO Radio. From 1950-51, he was news editor of WNAX Radio in Sioux City, Iowa, and he subsequently worked for WNMP Radio in Evanston, Ill., and for CBS News in Chicago.

He returned to KGVO in 1953 and has worked there since.

Professional writers slated to speak during the M.I.E.A. program include Dale
Burk, state editor for The Missoulian, and Tom Wendelburg, a free-lance writer and former
instructor of journalism at Brookfield Central High School, Brookfield, Wis.

Participants representing the University of Montana at various sessions will include Miss

Dr. Nathan B. Blumberg, professor of journalism;/Cheryl Hutchinson, a graduate assistant in journalism and a former publications editor for UM; Edward B. Dugan, UM professor of journalism; Charles Hood Jr., journalism instructor; Donald Miller, assistant professor of journalism.

Also, Philip J. Hess, associate professor of journalism and director of the UM Radio-TV Studios; Penny Wilson, production director of the UM Radio-TV Studios and former society editor of The Missoulian; Dennis Sale, news editor for UM Information Services; Robert C. McGiffert, associate professor of journalism, and Nancy Chapman, graduate assistant in journalism and former publications adviser at Great Falls Russell High School.

Activities at Saturday's final session will include presentation of the 22nd Gold Key Award from the School of Journalism to a Montana high school publications adviser.