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STUDENT UNION PERSONNEL

MISSOULA--

About 50 colleges and universities from the Northwest, Canada and Japan will be represented at a conference of the Association of College Unions International at the University of Montana Thursday-Saturday (Oct. 23-25).

The event is expected to draw between 150-200 student union representatives from Montana, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, three Canadian provinces and Japan. UM and Montana State University, Bozeman, are cohosts of this year's conference at UM.

A conference highlight will be a "live arts festival," with living demonstrations in weaving, ceramics, copper enameling, macromet, silk screening, anthropology, zoology, geology and other subjects. The festival will be 7:30-9:30 p.m., Friday (Oct. 24) in the mall of the University Center. The public is invited.

The three-day conference in the University Center (UC) will include lectures and discussions about student union activities, including concert and lecture series, arts and crafts, films, policy making and programming, scheduling, boards and student government, campus and community resources, and promotion of all events.

Ray Chapman, UC director and UM host and director for the conference, said, "A student union is not only a building such as the UC, but also it is a union's organization and program offerings which serve students, faculty and anyone associated with a university."

Those from the University of Montana slated to participate in the program sessions include students and University personnel from the Program Council of the Associated Students at UM (ASUM), the Student Union Board and the Central Board, which is the ASUM governing body.

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The conference will focus on issues such as who should control student union activities and whether or not the student union adequately serves all students.

The conference, which has been an annual event for more than 50 years, was conducted at Southern Oregon College, Ashland, last year.

Canadian provinces to be represented at the conference include British Columbia, Western Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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