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300 expected for UM speech tournament April 23-25

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MISSOULA--

Hundreds of college and university students from 11 states are expected for the annual Big Sky Forensic Tournament Thursday through Saturday (April 23-25) at the University of Montana.

Dr. Robert R. Boren, an associate professor of communication at UM who is faculty adviser for the student-directed speech meet, said more than 300 college and university students from 33 schools are expected for the speech meet.

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, is defending champion of the forensic tournament. This year's winners will be announced Saturday.

Registration for the three-day program will be from 10 a.m. noon-Thursday in the University Center Mall, tournament headquarters.

Competitive events will include Montana parlimentary-style debate, Montana-style individualized impromptu speaking, expository speaking, oral interpretation and persuasive speaking.

The competitive events will be hourly from 1-9 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday in various classrooms throughout the campus.

A tournament banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Friday in the University Center Ballroom. Students and their speech coaches and advisers are welcome to attend the banquet.

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