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MISSOULA--

Thirty teachers stand out as the best at the University of Montana, according to the editor of "The Book," a guide to student ratings of UM faculty to be published this month.

The publication was researched and written entirely by students and will be published at a cost of $6,000 by the Associated Students of UM.

Louise Fenner, Missoula, a 1970 UM journalism graduate and editor of the 1970 Book, supplied a list of the top 30 teachers. Miss Fenner said she selected two or three teachers in each department who received "exceptionally high ratings in more than one course," then she chose the top 30 from these.

Students submitting evaluation forms rated UM faculty members on their teaching abilities and attitudes towards students. Ratings were on a scale ranging from 1 for "superior" to 5 for "poor."

The top 30 UM teachers as tabulated by Miss Fenner from "The Book" include:

Robert J. Connole, associate professor of management; Richard K. Smith, associate professor of accounting and finance; Dr. Samuel B. Chase, professor of economics; Robert S. Van Slyke, Robert L. Anderson and Dr. Roy C White, assistant professors of education; Richard Hugo, associate professor of English (on leave 1970-71); Dr. Walter N. King, professor of English; Dr. Peter P. Lapiken, professor of foreign languages (Russian); Mrs. Lubov Shapovaloff, assistant professor of foreign languages (Russian); Dr. Keith A. McDuffie, chairman of foreign languages; John G. Hay, instructor in foreign languages (Latin and Greek).
Also, Vincent Wilson, professor of health, physical education and recreation; Dr. Robert T. Turner, professor of history; Ulysses S. Doss, director and associate professor of black studies; Mrs. Maxine Van de Wetering, lecturer in humanities; Mrs. Emma Briscoe, associate professor of home economics; Robert C. McGiffert, associate professor of journalism; Dr. Howard E. Reinhardt, chairman of the mathematics department; Dr. John C. Taylor, professor of microbiology; Dr. Richard N. Ushijima, associate professor of microbiology.

And, Dr. Florence Reynolds, professor of music; Dr. John L. Wailes, professor of pharmacy; Dr. Thomas P. Huff, assistant professor of philosophy; Dr. Brad E. Hainsworth, assistant professor of political science; Dr. John G. Watkins, professor of psychology; John C. Johnson, associate professor of social welfare; Dr. Robert R. Boren, associate professor of speech communication; Dr. Richard M. Boehmler, professor of speech pathology and audiology, and Dr. George F. Weisel, professor of zoology.

Miss Fenner said the ratings of the teachers are based on evaluations made by UM students during four quarters of the past two academic years. More than 25,000 evaluation forms were distributed to students in classrooms at the end of each quarter.

A computer was used to compile the statistics which appear in "The Book." Comments by students are also included in the publication.

This is the third edition of "The Book." The first appeared in 1967 with 143 evaluations, and the second edition was published in 1968 with 211 evaluations, Miss Fenner said.

"The 1970 edition contains evaluations of 346 of the 400 teachers on campus," Miss Fenner continued. "Courses are evaluated separately for the first time, and comments from teachers about goals and problems encountered in teaching also are included."

"The Book" will go on sale in the University Center for $1 per copy Sept. 18, the Friday before fall quarter registration, which begins Sept. 22.

Twenty-eight UM students compiled the information for the 1970 Book over a two-year span.