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UM PLACES FIRST
AT SPEECH MEET

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana won Sweepstakes Honors at the Yellowstone Valley Speech Tournament last weekend at Eastern Montana College, Billings.

Wesley N. Shellen, director of forensics at UM, said a UM senior team placed first in one event during the three-day meet Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Twenty schools were represented at the speech meet.

The UM senior team comprised of Mike Higgins, Black Eagle, and Vickie Christie, Butte, finished first by defeating a team from the University of Wyoming in the senior debate finals.

Mac Parks, Gardiner, placed first in extemporaneous speaking, beating out about 38 other students from more than a dozen colleges and universities.

The UM team of Parks and Bob Byers, Great Falls, received fifth place as quarter-finalists in senior division debate.

Higgins also made it to the finals in oratory competition, finishing fourth among 28 students.

The 20 competing schools represented seven states.

The next tournament competition for the Montana forensics squad will be Friday and Saturday (Oct. 23-24) at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.

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