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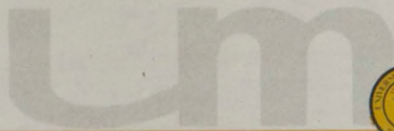
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VACANCIES LISTED IN 20 MONTANA SCHOOLS

MISSOULA--

Charles E. Hood, director of the University of Montana Graduate Placement Center, has announced that 20 Montana schools and 17 schools outside the state were still looking for teachers in October.

The vacancies are listed at the Placement Center.

"Reasons given for the vacancies include staff resignations and additional enrollment, which made it necessary to divide overcrowded classrooms," Hood said.

Some of the Montana vacancies listed are in Harlem, Ekalaka, Culbertson and other Montana communities.

Salaries offered for beginning teachers with a bachelor's degree ranged from \$5,300 to \$7,000 in Montana, with the median at \$6,450, Hood said.

Salaries outside Montana averaged several hundred dollars higher than in Montana. "For example," Hood said, "the out-of-state average for beginning teaching salaries was \$7,500."

Last year, Montana's average salary for all teachers was \$1,000 below the national average, according to Hood.

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