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UNIVERSITY RECEIVES GRANT  
OF \$29,725 FOR CANCER-DRUG STUDY

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana has received a \$29,725 grant from the American Cancer Society to conduct a study on an enzyme which is sensitive to an important class of anti-cancer drugs.

The study is under the direction of Dr. Galen P. Mell, an assistant professor of chemistry at UM, who said the study "should help us understand more fully the properties and factors which affect the level of enzymes or biological catalysts in normal and cancerous tissues."

Notification of the grant was received by Dr. Mell from Mrs. Ruth Eaton, Billings, who is executive vice president of the Montana Division of the American Cancer Society. Dr. Mell said the study would extend through June of 1972.

In a telephone interview, Mrs. Eaton said the \$29,725 is more than equivalent to the amount collected in the last seven years of crusading in Missoula County.

The grant is 20 times the amount collected from Missoula County during the 1970 American Cancer Society Crusade, she said.

"Sixty per cent of the money collected from Montana crusades remains in Montana to be used by Montana. . . and only 40 per cent is earmarked for national use," Mrs. Eaton said

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