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HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
SINGERS VIE FOR AWARDS

Six students from Missoula high schools and 13 from the University of Montana will be among the competitors in auditions conducted by the Big Sky Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing in Lewistown Saturday (Nov. 23).

Students of teacher-members of the NATS Big Sky Chapter, which includes Montana, Wyoming and Alberta, will vie for four scholarships, valued at about \$150 each, to the NATS Northwest Regional Summer Workshop at the University of Idaho in July 1971. A man and a woman from each of two divisions (college and high school) will receive the awards, which are supported by a grant from the Montana Arts Council.

The auditions will get under way at 3:30 a.m. Saturday at Fergus County High School. The four winners will be selected from eight finalists who will perform at a free public concert Saturday evening.

Dr. Berton Coffin of the University of Colorado College of Music will be an adjudicator and a lecturer at the auditions. He is immediate past president of NATS and a member of the American Academy of Teachers of Singing.

Other judges and auditions officials include Earl Dahlstrom, Moore, president of the Big Sky Chapter of NATS, and UM voice professors John L. Lester, acting dean of the University School of Fine Arts, fellow of the American Institute of Vocal Pedagogy, and a director of the Big Sky Chapter; George D. Lewis, lieutenant governor of the chapter, and Jane H. Lea.

The 13 competitors going to the auditions from Missoula are all voice students of Profs. Lester, Lewis or Lea.

UM singers competing, listed by home towns, are:

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BILLINGS - Debbie Clark. BUTTE - Colleen Russell. DILLON - Jolyn Kesel.
GREAT FALLS - Margaret Eaves. HINGHAM - Gene Alex and Nick Alex. LAUREL -
Patricia Blumhardt. MISSOULA - George Craig, Adrienne Dussault, Signa Gustafson,
Gloria Phillip, Randy Schliebe, Rick Stewart and Peggy Swisher. MOORE - Patricia
Dahlstrom. SHELBY - Karen Welker. THERMOPOLIS, WYO. - Teddie Richardson.
OHATON, ALTA. - Bob Wilson.

Missoulians competing in the preparatory division are, from Hellgate High
School, Joan Colwell, Cliff Lewis and Janet Meyers; from Sentinel High School,
Sherry Dean and Paula Strong; from Sacred Heart Academy, Susan Rangitsch.

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