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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15
FOR HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS EXAM

MISSOULA--

The deadline for Montana high schools to register for the 33rd annual High School Mathematics Examination has been extended from Dec. 10, 1981, to Jan. 15, 1982, said Bill Myers, professor of mathematics at the University of Montana and state coordinator for the examination.

The nationwide examination will be administered March 9, 1982. Last year approximately 400,000 students, including 3,500 in 70 Montana schools, participated. Myers said that as of Dec. 1, registration for this year's exam was considerably above that of previous years.

The examination consists of 30 problems to be done within 90 minutes, and scores can range from 0 to 150.

Each participating high school receives a team score, obtained by adding together the scores of the school's three highest-scoring students. Last year C.M. Russell, Great Falls, edged out Missoula Sentinel and Helena Capital for first place among Montana schools.

Nationally, the top scoring students make up the U.S. Olympiad team for international competition. Last year the United States team won. No Montana students have made the national team, Myers said.

In order for a high school to register, the contest manager should send a check for \$9 plus 20 cents for each participating student to Bill Myers, Mathematics Department, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812. Participating high schools will receive the exam materials by Feb. 20, 1982, Myers said.

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