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UM FAST FOR WORLD HUNGER AWARENESS DAY

The annual Fast for a World Harvest, to raise awareness of food and hunger issues at home and abroad, is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 18, at the University of Montana. The observance here is one of many which will be taking place the same day on campuses across the country. Local sponsors of the fast at UM are the Associated Students of UM, the Student Action Center, and several campus ministry organizations, including Christian Campus Ministries at the ARK, Catholic Campus Ministry and University Christian Fellowship.

Students who take their meals at the Lodge will have the opportunity to fast for one or more meals Thursday. The University Food Service will then donate the total cost of the meals skipped to benefit equally the emergency meal program of the Missoula Poverello Center and the world hunger projects of Oxfam-America.

Oxfam, short for Oxford Famine Relief, is a non-profit international agency that supports self-help development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Oxfam is non-sectarian and depends on contributions to support its work.

Last year \$843 was raised by the campus and \$576 by the related Skate-A-Thon for World Hunger, for a total of \$1419, which was divided between Oxfam and Poverello.

Also scheduled Thursday is a forum on the question "Why are People Hungry?," at noon in the University Center Mall. Panelists are Peter Koehn, professor of political science; Minkie Medora, dietitian at Community Hospital; and Jim Morton, executive director of the District XI Human Resources Council.

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During the noon forum, and throughout the day, an information table on world hunger concerns will be staffed in the UC Mall. The table will have materials on what various churches and other private agencies are doing to alleviate world and domestic hunger. Also, the information table will be open to receive donations to Oxfam and Poverello from those who are unable to participate in the fast through the University Food Service.

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