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Documentary program on the problems of the teenage marriage in Montana to air on Montana University Radio

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A documentary program dealing with the problems of the teenage marriage in Montana, produced by Montana University Radio, has won commendation in the Inland Empire Press-Radio-Television awards competition in Spokane, Wash.

The half-hour program, written and researched by Don Kinney, Missoula, a senior in the Radio-Television Department at MSU, was broadcast earlier this year on 18 radio stations across the state.

The special commendation came from the judges, Frank McGee, Merrill Mueller, Pauline Frederick and Sam Sharkey, all of the NBC news staff in New York. Kinney received the award at the annual banquet of the Inland Empire Press Club in Spokane.

The program consisted of interviews with married high-school teenagers, sociologists, high-school guidance counselors and members of the governor's committee studying the domestic relations problems of Montana. The broadcast was six weeks in production before the initial airing in Missoula Jan. 9.

In making the award, the four judges said, "...we were particularly impressed with the quality of the program... and the treatment in depth of a significant problem."

This is the first time an institution of higher learning has received an award from the Inland Empire Press-Radio-Television competition. Dr. Erling Jorgensen is director of the radio-television studios at MSU. The radio production supervisor is Ron Richards, a graduate student from Missoula.

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