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485 STUDENTS REGISTER FOR SPEECH-DRAMA MEET

MISSOULA---

A total of 485 high school students from throughout Montana registered for the Montana High School Association State Speech and Drama Meet, under way at the University of Montana.

The meet ends officially following an awards assembly at 5:45 p.m. Saturday in the Music Recital Hall on the UM campus,

Recreation and entertainment will be available for students participating in the meet, after they complete competitive rounds Saturday afternoon and evening.

Saturday the students, as well as speech and drama directors, will be guests of the Montana Repertory Theater if they wish to see the final production of the current MRT season, William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," in the University Theater. Curtain time will be 8:15 p.m.

The schedule of drama presentations for Saturday is as follows:

Hardin High School, "The Acting Lesson," Masquer Theater (MT), 9:30 a.m.; Harlem High School, "Sorry, Wrong Number," University Theater (UT), 10 a.m.; Poplar High School, "The Bond Between," MT, 10:30 a.m.; Bozeman High School, "Barefoot in the Park," UT, 11 a.m.; Fergus County High School (Lewistown), "The Necklace," UT, noon.

All drama presentations are open to the public at no charge.

Round six of debate competition begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and students will draw topics for round four of extemporaneous speaking at the same time.

Final speaking event of the day on Saturday will be round 10 of debate, which is scheduled for 4 p.m. Oral interpretation, humorous declamation, and oratorical and dramatic declamation events also are scheduled throughout the day.

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After 1 p.m. Saturday, pool and bowling will be available in the Women's Center and students may play golf on the University Golf Course, which is near the intersection of South Street and Higgins Avenue.

Swimming also will be available in the University Pool after 1 p.m. Saturday.

Dr. Firman H. Brown Jr., chairman of the UM drama department, and Richard H. James, associate professor of drama at the University, were coordinators of the drama section of the meet.

Dr. Robert R. Boren, UM director of forensics, is handling speech events. Tournament cochairmen are Dr. R. Wayne Pace, UM speech communications chairman, and Shelby Bewley, superintendent of Missoula County high schools.

There will be a special meeting of the Montana High School Association Speech and Drama Committee at noon Saturday in Territorial Room 1 of the Lodge.

Judges for the drama portion of the meet include Allen Cook, UM assistant professor of drama; Roger DeBourg, visiting drama lecturer at UM; and Mr. and Mrs. Robin DuCrest of the Spokane Civic Theater.

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