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Fourth Annual Math Contest

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MORRIS (3/24/76) -- Approximately 500 junior and senior high school mathematics students from throughout west central Minnesota will be on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus April 3 for the fourth annual math contest.

The contest is a joint venture of the West Central Council of Teachers of Mathematics, UMM and Fergus Falls Community College. Otter Tail Power supplies trophies to the top three winners in each grade, and provides speakers for the awards ceremony.

In addition, UMM and Fergus Falls C.C. will offer a \$100 scholarship to the top senior in the contest who enrolls in their institution.

"The contests are held each year to promote interest in the study of mathematics," said Council president Glenn Englund, math teacher at Morris High School, "and we are grateful of the sponsorship of UMM, Fergus Falls Community College and Otter Tail."

In addition to the trophies the council also will provide six electronic calculators as door prizes.

Students in grades seven through 12 will participate from Montevideo, Fergus Falls, Elbow Lake, Herman, Hancock, Barrett, Starbuck, Morris, Chokio-Alberta, Underwood, Brandon, Madison, Alexandria, Willmar, Brooten, Wheaton and Milbank, S.D.

Competition will be held for seventh and eighth graders, ninth graders, 10th and 11th graders and 12th graders. Although the seventh and eighth graders will take the examination together, they will only be competing against their respective grades when the test is scored. The same holds true for the 10th and 11th graders.

The competition takes the form of examinations based on questions submitted by math teachers from throughout the region. UMM and Fergus Falls alternate in hosting

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the contest, and in preparing the examinations based on the test questions submitted. This year's exam is being prepared by the math faculty at Fergus Falls.

Registration will be held in the Science Building beginning at 9 a.m. with the exam scheduled to run from 9:30 until 11:15 a.m.

Activities following conclusion of the exam and commencement of the awards ceremony at 12:45 p.m. in the P.E. Center include a campus tour, complimentary film provided by Northwestern Bell and a play performed by the Morris Meiningens.

Lunch will be held for all participants and the approximately 30 instructors accompanying their groups in the UMM Food Services Center.

UMM Provost John Q. Imholte will give a welcoming address at the start of the awards ceremony.

The council also will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the contest beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth level of Food Services.

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