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UM FACES MORE STUDENTS, FACULTY: DIFFERENT COSTS THIS FALL

More students, more faculty and different costs are forecast for the University of Montana this fall.

Fall quarter enrollment at UM is expected to jump another peg to an estimated 6,400 students; a new high for the Missoula campus population, according to Leo Smith, UM registrar.

Fall enrollment a year ago topped out at 6,013, indicating a steady increase toward the five-year prediction of 8,546 in 1971, as projected by Ed Nelson, executive secretary of the Montana University System.

Montana residents attending the University this fall will find the fees somewhat changed from previous years. Fees for 1966-67 are down \$8 to \$359 for the three quarters, according to Robert T. Pantzer, acting president.

However, students living in the dormitories and taking their meals in the Lodge will find their room costs up \$25 to \$252 and their board costs up \$39 to \$523 for a fees-room-board total of \$1,134 for the three quarters.

President Pantzer said the increased room and board costs reflect higher costs of goods and services supplied to the University. Approximately half of the expected 6,400 students will live in University operated housing.

University students will be greeted by more than 50 new faculty members, about 25 of whom are in addition to the approximate 300 on the faculty last year, and by many improvements and changes in the physical plant.

Although the University accepts all Montana high school graduates up until the final day of registration, Sept. 23, Smith urged students planning to attend UM for the first time to notify his office by Sept. 6 with completed application forms.

Returnees should also notify his office by Sept. 6 of their intent to return to UM if they have not already done so. Smith said it takes some time to process and prepare packets in time for registration.

Those who request packets by Sept. 6 may pick them up at the registrar's office after Sept. 15.

Smith urged students to consult their advisers before registration in the Adams Field House on Sept. 22 and 23. He said there is only time during registration for the mechanics of registration. Faculty members will be back on the campus Sept. 19 and will be available for consultation on or after that date.

Smith cited registration trends at the University over the last quarter century. There were 2,019 students in 1939, then an all-time high. But the war reduced the number to a low of 692 in 1943. A thousand military cadets were also training on the campus, so it wasn't as vacant as might be supposed.

The post-war year of 1946 saw an avalanche of 2,000 GIs swell the studentry to 3,299, but by 1952 the Korean War and other factors had dropped University enrollment to a 2,137 low. Since that time there has been a steady, solid increase in registration figures each year, Smith said.

Smith said University entrants have become increasingly brighter each year. This has been noted in higher average ACT entrance test results and the fact a greater percentage of the entering freshmen rank higher in their respective high school classes than previously.

The UM registrar of 20 years said he expects a slight influx of GIs this fall because of the new GI education laws. He said the GIs who crowded onto the campus in 1946 were more mature and seemed to study harder than the average University student.