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Friends of the Library group to start statewide campaign

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The newly organized Friends of the Library group at Montana State University will start its initial statewide campaign for support this spring, according to Paul Gillespie and Thomas Haines of Missoula, co-chairmen of the board of directors.

The Friends of the Library, which has groups at Princeton and many other larger campuses throughout the country, is an organization of persons interested in books and in developing the University library facilities, the co-chairmen said.

The purpose of the group at MSU is to assist in securing funds for the library for special needs beyond the command of the library budget and to encourage gifts of books, manuscripts, and other library materials that will stay in the state.

Gillespie and Haines said that the idea for the library interest and support group at MSU began with discussion in a student honorary meeting last year. Students from many honorary and professional societies met with interested faculty and townspeople in February to form a steering committee to do the initial organizational work.

University students will be visiting citizens in their home towns during spring vacation, March 18 through 27, "to make persons aware of the vital importance of, and excellent and complete library service for, the University and state," the chairmen said.

Mrs. Jack Lubrecht and Mrs. W. M. Johnson are secretary and corresponding secretary of the MSU group.

Members of the board in addition to Gillespie and Haines are Mrs. C. H. Clapp, Gen. W. M. Johnson, Art Deschamps Jr., and Grant Maclay, all of Missoula, and Mrs. Frank Shaw of Deer Lodge.

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MSU President H. K. Newburn will appoint three faculty advisory members to the board, the chairmen said. Student members are Terry Carpenter, Missoula; Patricia Shaw, Deer Lodge, and Gary Beiswanger, Billings.

Multilithed copies of the statement of organization of the Friends of the Library at MSU will soon be available for distribution to interested persons, according to the chairmen.

They said they hoped that persons from all over the state of Montana - parents, friends, and MSU alumni - will join the nucleus of the Friends of the Library and unite in strengthening one of Montana's basic assets - its University library.

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