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MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL
WILL MEET IN HELENA

The Montana Arts Council will meet Friday in Helena to discuss goals and to consider a proposal to request federal funds for the arts in Montana, according to Dr. Charles W. Bolen, chairman of the council and dean of the University of Montana School of Fine Arts.

The session, scheduled to get under way at 10 a.m. in the Capitol building, will be the council's third meeting since its creation by executive order of Gov. Tim Babcock in April 1965, Dr. Bolen said.

James Haughey, Billings, will report to the council on the National Conference of Governors' Representatives, which he and Dr. Bolen attended in Chicago, Ill., last month. Haughey is a member of the council and the president of the Montana Institute of the Arts Foundation.

The council will meet Saturday afternoon with MIA officers and MIA Foundation directors to discuss how the organization can help each other promote the arts in Montana.

In addition to cooperating on specific projects with the MIA, the MIA Foundation, community theaters, colleges and other agencies to make the arts available to citizens of Montana communities and rural areas, the council will work for the general improvement of the state's cultural climate, Dr. Bolen said. Further definition and refinement of

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council objectives will have high priority on the Friday agenda, he pointed out.

The council will also decide whether to apply to the National Endowment of the Arts for a grant to finance a survey of state cultural resources and consultation with arts leaders as preliminary steps in planning a cultural program for Montana.

Dr. Bolen explained that the states may apply for $25,000 in non-matching federal funds for launching a state program. Subsequent grants will have to be matched by the states, either by the legislatures or from private sources.

These federal funds are administered by the National Endowment of the Arts, which was established under legislation enacted in 1965 by Congress, creating a National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

Members of the Montana Arts Council, besides Dr. Bolen and Haughey, are Dr. Firman H. Brown and John Schile, both of Missoula; Robert Q. Crebo, Mrs. Blanche Judge, Michael Kennedy and Alfred Weber, all of Helena; Mrs. William M. Graham, James Logan and Richard Reinholtz, all of Great Falls.

George Perkins and Joe Sample, both of Billings; Mrs. Edwin Stickney, Miles City; Dr. Van Kirke Nelson, Kalispell; Colin Raff, Butte; Harold Rose, Bozeman; Earl Dahlstrom, Moore; Mrs. George Lund, Reserve, and Wayne Montgomery, Lima.