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MISSOULA--

As citizens of the mythical "Treasure State," Girls State representatives from 148 high schools in Montana will learn about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship June 21-29 at UM.

Activities for the 22nd annual Montana Girls State will begin on Saturday, June 21, with registration of approximately 338 coeds from 1-5 p.m. at Aber Hall. The girls will be staying in Aber Hall, one of two 11-story dormitories at UM, and their meetings will be held in the University Center.

Mrs. Ralph Sluys, Great Falls, is the director of the mock legislative session, which is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Featured speakers will discuss various aspects of good citizenship throughout the session, scheduled for the first time on the Missoula campus.

James P. Lucas, Miles City, speaker of the Montana House of Representatives, will deliver the final address at the Girls State graduation ceremony Saturday, June 28.

Other speakers include Dr. Robert L. VanHorne, dean of the UM pharmacy school; Mrs. Dolores Colburg, Helena, state superintendent of public instruction; Thomas J. Collins, UM director of/public services, and E. Gardner Brownlee, Missoula, Fourth Judicial District.

Former participants in both Girls State and Boys State will also speak to the delegates.

Most of the girls' time will be spent learning about government and how it functions. The citizens will be divided into cities, counties and political parties of the mythical "Treasure State." Officials will be chosen with as much reality as possible.

UM recreational facilities will be open to the Girls Staters during free time.

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