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UM INTERCOLLEGIATE RODEO
WILL OPEN SEASON

The 1966 Montana Rodeo Season will get off to a calf-bawling start the weekend after next (April 14-16) with the University of Montana Intercollegiate Rodeo in the Field House.

Colleges and universities from three western states and one Canadian province are expected to send competing teams. With each team composed of a maximum of six men and three women, the dozen schools will send more than 100 contestants, Richard Sauerbier, UM Rodeo Club president reports.

The rodeo queen will be selected Wednesday evening in competition at Western Village, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The contestants, selected and sponsored by UM living groups are judged on their horsemanship, poise, western attire, and personality. Twenty five vied for the honor last year.

Three finalists will assist in the preparations of the Intercollegiate Rodeo celebration, until the first evening of the competition, Thursday, April 14, when the rodeo queen is announced.

Out of the 30 some members of the UM rodeo club, only two competed in last year's Intercollegiate Rodeo here. They were Sauerbier from Kalispell and Ross Ferdell from Calgary. Both men are members of this year's Grizzly Rodeo Team.

Brigham Young University captured first place in the men's events last year, while the women's division was won by Montana State University.

In addition to UM, MSU, and BYU, teams are expected from Utah State, Weber, Idaho State, Western Montana College, Northern Montana College, Eastern Montana College, Ricks College and the University of Alberta.

Sauerbier said the Big Bend Rodeo Company of Davenport, Washington has contracted to furnish stock for the rodeo. Big Bend owns Trail's End, former world's champion saddle bronc. This will be the first exhibition of Trail's End in Missoula since the old KO outfit sold him.