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Big Timber student helps with UM summer orientation

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MISSOULA—

Susan Gust, Big Timber, a student at the University of Montana in Missoula, assisted 225 new incoming UM students and 57 parents July 23-25 at the UM summer orientation.

Gust is a member of the UM Advocates, a volunteer student organization which aids in student recruitment and promotion of the University. During the orientation program, advocates helped the new students and their parents by leading group discussions and campus tours, explaining the class registration process and conducting placement tests.

"Summer orientation gives these freshmen a head start on the students who come in the fall," Gust said. She explained that summer orientation was "much more relaxed" and that students had more opportunity to adjust to college life than during fall orientation.

Gust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gust, Big Timber, is a 1978 graduate of Big Timber High School. She said she chose to come to the University of Montana because it was a "large, beautiful campus in the Montana mountains."

At UM Gust will be a junior in home economics and business administration. She also is active in the student chapter of the American Home Economics Association and Kappa Omicron Phi home economics honorary. With her double major, Gust said that she will able to make a career in clothing and textile retailing management. Her excellent grades regularly place her on the UM Deans' List.

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Fall orientation at UM will be Sept. 22-23 on the Missoula campus. There will be no special program for parents, though a parent-student banquet is scheduled for Sept. 21. For more information about the program, interested persons should contact Maggie Doolen, orientation director, Center for Student Development, University of Montana, Missoula 59812, or call 243-4711.

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