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**8.5 per cent enrollment boost predicted for University of Montana**

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University of Montana registrar Leo Smith said he expects spring enrollment on the Missoula campus to be approximately 5,700, an increase of 449 students compared with the 5,251 who enrolled a year ago. The gain would be an increase of 8.5 per cent.

"The prediction assumes that the decline between winter and spring quarters this year will be comparable to last year's decline," Smith said. He cautioned, however, that ever-changing factors, such as the draft and the economic situation, make such predictions from year to year very difficult.

Regular registration for spring quarter at the Missoula school will be March 25. Classes begin March 26.

With the close of preregistration for next quarter, 3,591 students had enrolled at UM, a decline of 317 or 8 per cent from the 3,908 who preregistered for 1967 spring quarter.

If 5,700 students do enroll at the UM for spring quarter, that figure would be 521 fewer students than the 6,221 enrolled during the current winter quarter, a decline of 8.3 per cent.

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