Custodial workshop June 10-12 at U of Montana

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A state training workshop for custodians in elementary schools, high schools and colleges and universities west of the Continental Divide has been scheduled for June 10-12 at the University of Montana, Missoula.

Kenneth B. Read, campus sanitarian for the UM Health Service and workshop coordinator, said the three-day program is jointly sponsored by the University and the State Department of Public Health.

Concerning the program, Read said, "It will help all the custodians do a more effective job by providing them with information on newer techniques in cleaning and maintenance of school facilities."

Read said industrial representatives from a number of fields will be on hand to conduct various segments of the workshop.

First planning session for the workshop recently was held at the University and another session to finalize program plans is slated for March 14 on the campus.

"At this time," Read said, "it is estimated that approximately 200 custodians will attend the early-summer workshop. This year members of the planning committee have agreed that such workshops should be an annual event on this campus."

Two similar workshops, one in July for institutional food service personnel and another in the fall for UM Food Service personnel, proved to be very successful, Read indicated. Each quarter new student employes of the UM Food Service receive similar training.

Robert B. Blakely, Food Service director, requires all of his employes to attend the food service training sessions.
Members of the planning committee for the summer workshop include Robert Warthen, chief custodian for UM residence halls; Don Carlson, chief engineer, University Center (UC); Ray Chapman, UC director; Ed Curry, chief UM physical plant custodian; Meredith Fite, Missoula fire marshal; Robert Higgins, chief sanitarian, Missoula City-County Health Department; Thomas Lofthouse, consultant sanitarian, State Department of Health, Helena; Glen Muller, maintenance director, School District I, Missoula, and Mark Jennings, high school custodial supervisor, Missoula.

Areas to be studied during the workshop will include food service, fire prevention, floor maintenance, plumbing and electrical maintenance, personal health, cleaning and control of microorganisms, safety, and insect and rodent control.

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