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980 University of Montana students plan busy days for Greek week

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About 980 University of Montana students will have more than their regular academic chores to keep them busy May 18-24 as 16 fraternity and sorority groups host the annual Greek Week celebration.

City parks will be teeming with activity May 18 as dozens of coeds and UM men undertake an annual service project, cleaning the parks for the spring and summer vacation season.

The park-cleaning project will include tearing down the dilapidated fences and backstops at the Little League Baseball Diamonds behind Russell School in Missoula. Mayor Richard G. Shoup will be on hand to supervise that activity on May 18.

Greek Week, which annually recognizes the Greek-letter social organizations on campus, is under the direction of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council. The IFC is the fraternity governing body and Panhellenic the sorority governing organization. Both are composed of representatives from the respective Greek homes affiliated with UM.

Membership in Greek social groups on the Missoula campus represents nearly 15 per cent of the 6,614 total gross enrollment at UM.

One fraternity, Theta Chi, 340 University Ave., will host the TC Canathon May 18. Greeks will build towers of tin cans the afternoon of the 18th to see which social group can go the highest. This function, previously for sororities only, has been expanded to include fraternities.

Beginning at 9 p.m. on May 19 a noise parade composed of campus Greeks will wind its way to the home of University President Robert T. Pantzer, who will officially dedicate the week to UM students belonging to Greek groups. A bonfire follows the parade. Names of outstanding campus Greeks will be announced during the bonfire. Outstanding Greeks are candidates for Greek Week King and Queen.
Other events scheduled during the week include:

Monday, May 19--Displays at Greek houses, featuring histories of various Greek social organizations on campus; All-Greek Art Show, New University Center Mall.

Tuesday, May 20--Ugly Man Contest. Traveling trophy awarded to Greek man judged ugliest in voting session at the University Center Mall. Funds from one-cent votes to be used for scholarships for Greek King and Queen. Judging of displays at Greek houses.

Wednesday, May 21--Exchange dinners. Three members from each Greek house eat dinner at another house.

Thursday, May 22--Exchange dinners continue. Each officer from each Greek house meets with the same officeholders from the rest of the houses to discuss problems of that office and the Greek system.

Friday, May 23--Open houses at fraternity and sorority homes.

Saturday, May 24--Greek Olympic Games, 10 a.m., Old Dornblaser Field; Barbecue for Greeks, 4 p.m., near Fieldhouse; Greek Convocation, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall, announcement of Ugliest Man and the King and Queen; Greek Dance, 11 p.m., Sigma Chi fraternity, 1110 Gerald Ave., music by Back Page from Butte.

Carolyn B. Pfohl, Missoula, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and Mark C. Staples, Butte, of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, are coordinating Greek Week events.

Other Greek organizations participating include the sororities--Alpha Phi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Sigma Kappa, and the fraternities--Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Sigma Phi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

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