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Gross enrollment at the University of Montana already has reached a record 7,668, a figure which exceeds earlier predictions of University officials.

The record enrollment, which was reached Wednesday evening, is 18 above the high prediction of 7,650 estimated a month ago by Leo Smith, UM registrar. Approximately 250 additional students are expected to enroll later this month, which would boost the figure past the 7,900 mark.

Asked about the increase, Smith said, "We seem to have had more than the usual number of former students coming in very late to register. We have had a lot of former students enroll since regular registration last week. The late registrants include students from all levels--freshmen through seniors."

Smith said his prediction of another 250 students to register at the University within the next several days is based on experience in past years.

"The record 7,668 students to date is 663 more students than were enrolled on the comparable day (Wednesday) of the first week of classes a year ago," Smith said. "A total of 7,005 were enrolled last year by the same day of the week. The boost represents an increase of 9.4 per cent so far this fall."

The 7,668 gross head count through Wednesday of this week also is 400 more students or 5.5 per cent above the previous all-time record high of 7,268, set for the entire fall quarter a year ago.

Officials in the office of Leonard L. Lewis, manager of data processing at the University, said that through Wednesday 5,022 men and 2,646 coeds had enrolled at the University, a ratio of nearly 2 to 1.

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