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MISSOULA--

A total of 300 elementary, junior high and high school physical education instructors, and representatives of other organizations involved in physical education activities are expected for the University of Montana Physical Education Clinic Friday and Saturday (Oct. 24-25).

Registration for the 1 1/2-day clinic will be from 8-9:30 a.m. Friday at the UM Field House. Dr. John L. Dayries, assistant professor of physical education at UM and clinic coordinator, said there is no charge for attending the clinic.

"Participants also are invited to participate in clinic sports activities by bringing their swimming suits, tennis shoes and gymnasium apparel," Dr. Dayries said.

The physical education clinic is being held in conjunction with the Montana Education Association (MEA) Conference, under way Thursday and Friday in Missoula, and the conference of the Montana Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (MAHPER), scheduled for noon Thursday to noon Saturday (Oct. 23-25) on the University campus.

First formal session of the physical education clinic will be from 8:30-10:45 a.m. Friday in the UM Field House. The first session will be a joint program for clinic and MEA participants.

Opening remarks will be presented at the first session by UM President Robert T. Pantzer, Missoula Mayor Richard Shoup, James Watkins of Helena, who is Montana deputy superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. George Shroyer, Bozeman, president of MAHPER, who is chairman of the Montana State University Department of Physical Education.
Featured speakers during the clinic will include Simon A. McNeely, Washington, D.C., director of federal-state relations for the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS).

Other speakers during the two morning sessions Friday from 8:30 a.m.-noon at the Field House will include Muriel Grossfeld, coach for the U.S. Women's Olympic Gymnastics Team, and Joan Sullivan, Portland, Ore., chairman of the Portland Community College Physical Education Department.

Also, Dr. William L. Haskell, Washington, D.C., director of program development for the PCPFS; George Hery, Irvine, Calif., former world/trampolinist; Dr. Shroyer, and V. L. Nicholson, Washington, D.C., director of information for the PCPFS.

Speakers during the afternoon session Friday from 1:15-3 p.m. will include Frank Reich, supervisor of elementary physical education for Missoula School District 1; Judy Barkley, a UM physical education instructor; Jack Eckland, Billings, head of the Rocky Mountain College Department of Physical Education, and Herb Agocs, Bozeman, head wrestling coach at MSU.

A special session on physical fitness for the handicapped will be from 1:15-4:15 p.m. Friday in the Men's Gymnasium on the Missoula campus. Bob Williamson, Billings, director of physical education for the mentally retarded for Billings public schools, will be director of the special session.

Dr. Dayries said 250 students from Missoula County High School and Missoula School District 1 will serve as demonstrator subjects during the special session. Uniforms for the youths are being provided free of charge by the E. R. Moore Co. and the Champion Products.

Special interest group discussions are scheduled for Friday afternoon from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the UM Women's Center and Field House. Heading the sessions will be Jeanette Boyd, Dillon, an instructor for the Department of Physical Education at Western Montana College; McNeely; Dr. Harold Alterowitz, Billings, chairman of the Department of Physical Education at Eastern Montana College, and Dr. Brian Sharkey, associate professor of physical education at UM.
Fred Stetson, UM swimming coach, will conduct a demonstration-participation session at the Grizzly Pool from 4:30-5:15 p.m. Friday.

Evening sessions scheduled for the Field House, Men's Gym and Women's Center will involve gymnastics and tumbling for boys and girls, rhythmic conditioning activities for men and women, and sports skill conditioning through circuit training, weight training and jogging. The sessions are scheduled from 7-8:30 p.m.

Dr. Dayries said spectators are invited to participate in the evening activities, but he suggests that they "come prepared to take an active part" in the sessions.

Saturday morning will feature repeat presentations of the Friday evening activities. Participants Saturday morning are requested to take part in a different activity than the one they participated in Friday night.

Final general session of the physical education clinic will be from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday. Presiding will be Ruth Wendelberg, Miles City, MAHPER president-elect.

The clinic is being sponsored by the UM Department of Health and Physical Education.

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