8,400-8,600 students expected at UM this fall

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Wayne C. Woolston, University of Montana registrar, said Thursday he expects between 8,400 and 8,600 students to enroll at UM this fall.

An enrollment of 8,500 at the University would represent a gain of 490, a 6.1 per cent increase compared with the 8,010 enrolled last fall, and an increase of 1,232 or 16.9 per cent compared with the 7,268 who enrolled in the fall of 1968.

One of the big factors in this fall's enrollment at the University in Missoula may prove to be an anticipated large influx of new freshmen.

"Through Aug. 31, a total of 1,918 new entering freshmen had been accepted for enrollment, compared with 1,679 new freshmen admitted at this time last year," said Jack L. Hoover, UM director of admissions.

"Some of the new freshmen won't come, of course, but I expect we'll have at least 1,850 new freshmen on hand for classes Sept. 24," Hoover added.

More than two weeks still remain before the start of Freshman Orientation Week on Sept. 20. Hoover said more new freshmen will be accepted at UM between now and Orientation Week.

Last fall 1,608 new freshmen were enrolled at the University of Montana, the largest first-year group ever recorded on the Missoula campus.

UM Classes begin Sept. 24. Freshmen and transfer students register from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 22. Former students register from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 22 and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 23.

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