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Camellia flight not cancelled, UM alumni director says; smaller plane to make flight on Dec. 11

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Reports that the University of Montana's student-alumni Camellia Bowl charter flight is cancelled are unfounded, according to John L. Delano, executive director of the UM Alumni Association.

"Because of a low number of reservations from students and Century Club members, we have decided to charter a smaller aircraft," Delano said. Those who have flight reservations are being notified. Flight priority is being given to those who have already submitted payment.

The smaller plane, a 60-passenger DC-4 chartered through Johnson Flying Service at Johnson-Bell Field, Missoula, will be departing at 1 p.m. MST on Friday (Dec. 11), arriving in Sacramento, Calif., at approximately 4:30 p.m. PST on that date. The plane is scheduled to leave for the return flight to Missoula at 1 p.m. PST Dec. 13, arriving in Missoula later that afternoon.

The Montana Grizzlies meet the North Dakota State University Bison at 1:20 p.m. PST Dec. 12 in the Camellia Bowl in Sacramento for the National Collegiate Athletic Association's West Region Division Football Championship. The Grizzlies lost to the Bison 30-3 in the 1969 Camellia Bowl.

Delano said the fares on the student-alumni plane will include a game ticket for each person making the flight, lodging (two to a room for alumni and Century Club members) in The Mansion Inn in downtown Sacramento, and transportation to and from the motel, the game and the airport.

The student-alumni plane, chartered from the Johnson firm by the Associated Students of UM and the UM Alumni Association, will carry some 30 students, cheerleaders and players' wives, and a number of Century Club members to the Dec. 12 game in Sacramento. A previous Century Club flight was cancelled because of insufficient reservations.
Funds were mounting Friday during "blitz" drives downtown and on campus in efforts to raise $5,000 to transport UM football players, cheerleaders and queens to the Camellia Bowl. Earl Morgenroth, co-chairman of the $5,000 Camellia Bowl Fund Raising Campaign, reported earlier that donations already had passed the $2,000 mark.

Money from ticket sales for Tuesday's Grizzly Testimonial Banquet at UM is to be collected Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Florence Hotel. UM cheerleaders and student body officers will be among those collecting the funds.

Chuck Johnson, banquet chairman, said the tickets, which are $5, may be purchased from any Century Club member or at the door of the University Center Ballroom before the banquet.

Each person attending the banquet will receive a souvenir photo of the 1970 UM Football Team, signed by all team members.

Dr. Joseph A. Mussulman, an associate professor of music, will direct the UM singing Jubileers during the entertainment portion of the banquet.

Special guests at the banquet will include UM President Robert T. Pantzer, Coach Jack Swarthout and his coaching staff, Grizzly team members and their wives, UM Homecoming Queen Susan Thrailkill, UM Camellia Bowl Queen Debbie Morgan, who is head cheerleader, and other cheerleaders--Sharon Lee Corning, Barbara Jean Wempner, Marsha Lee Delano, Susan Gail Sullivan, and Robin and Debbie Morgan, sisters.

A noise parade at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday (Dec. 9), starting at the UM Field House and traveling to Johnson-Bell Field west of Missoula, will give many UM students, faculty and staff, and townspeople a chance to say "good-by" and "good luck" to Coach Swarthout, the football team and coaching staff before they enplane for the flight to Sacramento.

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