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EXCELLENCE FUND DRIVE TO KICK OFF

The 1982-83 Excellence Fund Drive, the annual campaign to solicit unrestricted money for the University of Montana, will officially get under way Oct. 19 with a noon luncheon held in the University Center Ballroom for the campaign's 300 volunteer workers.

About 40 local business and professional people designated team captains met Oct. 4 on the UM campus to organize the strategy for this year's campaign.

"The organization of this year's drive is about three weeks ahead of schedule," Paul Chumrau, chairman of the steering committee, said. All 36 team captains have been named and most of the captains have already appointed the four workers who will serve under them.

A few changes have been made in the organization of this year's drive. The steering committee was expanded to include five new members. They are George Caras, Dennis Minemyer, Martin Moss, Dr. Bill Reynolds and Dr. Robert Seim. Other members of the steering committee are Tom Boone, Dr. Leonard Brewer, Tom Brown, Kurt Ingold, Pat Jewell and George Leland.

The executive committee also has been expanded from three to six members. In addition to Chumrau, those serving on the executive committee are Boone, Tom Davis, Dan Lambros, Chet Murphy and John Ruffatto.

No solicitations for the drive, which is expected to last five to six weeks, will take place until the Oct. 19 kick-off.

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