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Orientation Week to start September 17

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A week of activities to help new students make a smooth transition to college life will get under way at Montana State University Sept. 17 and continue through Sept. 24, according to A. C. Cogswell, dean of students. Classes will start Sept. 25, he said.

The program to acquaint new students with campus life and get them duly enrolled in classes includes aptitude and placement tests, physical examinations, social events and formal registration, the dean explained. Throughout the period, faculty members and upperclass students will be on hand to smooth the way for the newcomers.

The schedule for freshmen on Sunday, Sept. 17, includes tours of the campus, the president's reception for students and parents from 2 to 4 p. m., and a convocation at 8:30 p. m. New students will be introduced to the venerable MSU tradition of singing-on-the-steps at 7:30 p. m. and will meet their classmates at get-togethers in the residence halls at 9:30 p. m.

On Monday freshmen will be organized into groups and will begin taking tests. Tests for transfer students with a year or more of college are slated Tuesday from 1 to 5 p. m. Former students and new transfer students will register Thursday and Friday. Freshmen, including transfers, will register Friday.

Dean Cogswell said freshmen should arrive Sunday to take advantage of the day's special events. New students with at least a year at another college should arrive Tuesday. Residence halls will open Sunday at 9 a. m., he noted.

Social events and entertainment are planned for the evenings and for the last two days of orientation week, he added.

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