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The first weekend in May will bring some 2,500 students, directors and chaperons from 110 high schools to Montana State University for the 21st annual State Music Festival, according to chairmen James Eversole and Laurence Perry of MSU.

The two-day meet is conducted under the auspices of the Montana High School Association, head by Rex Dalley of Helena.

Festival activities will culminate in a joint concert Saturday evening by the festival band, orchestra and chorus. The 400-voice chorus will be directed by Dr. Lloyd Oakland, chairman of the MSU Music Department; the 150-piece band, by Prof. Frederick C. Ebbs, director of bands at the University of Iowa, and the 110-piece orchestra, by Prof. Gerald H. Doty of the MSU music faculty.

An intensive two-day program of much work and some play is planned for the visiting musicians, Eversole and Perry said. While members of the band, orchestra and chorus are preparing for the Saturday concert, performers in solo and ensemble events will be working equally hard, the chairmen said.

The program for visitors includes entertainment by MSU music organizations, a dinner for directors, a Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia luncheon, a meeting of the Montana Bandmasters Association and a dance.

Guest adjudicator Edmund P. Sedivy of Montana State College will join MSU faculty members in rating performers. MSU judges are Rudolph Wendt, J. George Hummel, Robert Ruppel, John Lester, Jane Hevener, George Lewis, Kenyard Smith, Donald O. Johnston, William Manning, Harold Herbig, Eugene Andrie and Florence Reynolds.

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