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## 850 GRADUATE STUDENTS EXPECTED AT UM THIS FALL

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Approximately 850 graduate students are expected for fall quarter at the University of Montana, according to Dr. John M. Stewart, acting dean of the UM Graduate School.

If that many do enroll for advanced study, the figure would represent a gain of nearly 14 per cent compared with the 746 UM graduate students enrolled last fall.

The 850 graduate enrollees also would represent 11 per cent of an anticipated fall quarter total enrollment of about 7,650 students.

The additional 104 advanced-degree students anticipated for this fall would correspond to a general trend of increasingly larger graduate enrollments in recent years at UM.

Graduate enrollment will include approximately 85 launch control officers at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, who will be enrolled in a program leading to the Master of Business Administration degree on the base. Several UM faculty are instructors in the MBA curriculum, which was established at the base two years ago by UM.

A total of 355 were enrolled in the Graduate School in 1965, compared with 457 in 1966 and 521 in 1967.

None of the Graduate School figures includes enrollments from the UM School of Law. Law registrants are handled separately on a semester basis rather than on the quarter system for the rest of the University. There were 123 law students enrolled last fall and about 130 are expected this fall.

Dr. Stewart credits "an expanding graduate program, particularly in doctoral areas," for Graduate School enrollment gains over the years.



"We have relatively new doctoral programs in chemistry, microbiology, forestry and mathematics," he said. "All those have expanded most rapidly.

"Also, we have noticed considerably more interest in recent years in areas involving master's degree's study in business administration, fine arts and in departments within the College of Arts and Sciences."

Dr. Stewart said a marked increase in the number of graduate teaching assistantships also may account for graduate enrollment gains. There are 195 such assistantships being made available this fall, compared with 155 last fall. Between 50 and 100 fellowships or other grants-in-aid, funded by outside agencies such as the federal government, also are expected to attract a number of graduate students to the University this fall.

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