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Laurence E. Gale takes over new duties at University of Montana

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Dr. Laurence E. Gale, the new academic vice president at the University of Montana, has arrived on campus to get settled for his duties which begin April 1.

Dr. Gale comes to the UM campus from Idaho State University in Pocatello, where he has been Dean of the University since 1962. He takes the UM post vacated by Dr. Frank C. Abbott, when Abbott became executive director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education last November.

Dr. Gale reflected no particular comments regarding his new post, when he was interviewed Wednesday. He did observe his acquaintance with the UM staff is thus far limited to the UM budget talks late in February and the couple of days he has been on campus this week.

He said his first job was to get acquainted with the institution and personnel.

President Robert Johns said Dr. Gale's responsibilities will be over the academic departments on the campus and University curriculum development.

Dr. Gale will work closely with the other two UM vice presidents, Dr. Darrell J. Inabnit, executive vice president, and Robert T. Pantzer, financial vice president, as advisors to the UM president.