Luther Richman ends 14 years on University of Montana staff

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Dr. Luther A. Richman will retire from the University of Montana music faculty at the end of spring quarter, Dean Charles W. Bolen of the School of Fine Arts announced.

Dr. Richman came to the University in 1952 as dean of the School of Fine Arts. He relinquished the post in 1962 to devote full time to teaching.

Dean Bolen said his predecessor's decade as dean was marked by the completion of the Music building and by notable advances in the school's academic program.

Dr. Richman was director and dean of the faculty at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music from 1948-1952. Before that he served for a dozen years as Virginia's first state director of music.

The nationally known educator has been president of the Music Educators National Conference, vice president of the Music Teachers National Association, district governor of Phi Mu Alpha, and a member of the board of directors of several other professional societies.

He served for five years on the national Fulbright selection committee and was a fine-arts member of evaluation teams for 16 colleges and universities. He is an honorary national member of the Carillon Society and an honorary member of the Future Farmers of America.

Dr. Richman was awarded an honorary doctor of music degree by the Cincinnati Conservatory in 1937. He also holds five earned academic degrees, including a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati.

As a U.S. Air Corps pilot in World War I, he flew missions over France, Italy and Germany.