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MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL MEETS IN HELENA

Appointment of an executive director and planning of a survey of the arts in Montana were the main orders of business at a meeting of the Montana Arts Council in Helena Saturday, reports Dr. Charles W. Bolen, dean of the University of Montana School of Fine Arts and council chairman.

Dr. Luther A Richman will assume the newly created post of executive director July 1 and will organize an office in Missoula, Dean Bolen said.

Dr. Richman served on the UM music faculty from 1952 until his retirement in June. He was dean of the School of Fine Arts for 10 years, and he is a former director and dean of the faculty of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

The council met with the Montana Institute of the Arts to plan a survey of the arts in Montana, to be undertaken jointly by the two groups. The projected survey will cover facilities for the arts (theater, galleries, etc.), arts leaders and patrons in the state, and the extent and quality of community interest in the arts.

Dean Bolen and Dr. Richman represented the council at a meeting sponsored by the M.I.A. to discuss the needs, problems and future growth of community orchestras in Montana. Attending were conductors, business managers and board members of civic symphonies in Missoula, Butte, Helena, Great Falls, and Billings.