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JOHN DELANO NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF UM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MISSOULA---

John L. Delano, Helena businessman, member of the State House of Representatives and
University of Montana alumnus, has accepted appointment as executive director of the UM
Alumni Association, it has been announced by Robert T. Pantzer, president of the University.

Delano, who has been associated with the Montana Physicians’ Service-Blue Shield Plan
in Helena for the past 12 years, will begin his new duties on the Missoula campus, September 1,
1968. He succeeds Hugh F. Edwards who has headed the UM alumni office since 1964.
Edwards has not announced his employment plans.

"In Mr. Delano we have gained a staff member who has been successful in various
endeavors," said President Pantzer. "We are confident he will continue the good work
of Mr. Edwards who has made an outstanding contribution to the Association."

A native of Billings, Delano is presently enrollment director for the MPS-Blue Shield
Plan. He was previously employed by Billings Artificial Ice and Cold Storage and Nehi
Beverage, also in Billings. He has served two terms as Republican representative of Lewis
and Clark County, and led his party's ticket as a successful candidate in the recent
primary elections.

Following five years of service in World War II, Delano returned to the University
of Montana where he obtained a B.A. degree in business administration in 1947. He is a
past president of the UM Alumni Association and is currently a member of the Association's
board of directors.
In 1954 Delano was elected state president of the Montana Junior Chamber of Commerce. Also in 1954 he was named "Outstanding Man of the Year" in Billings. He is a past president of the Helena Kiwanis Club and has had leadership responsibilities with the boards of the YMCA and St. Peter's Community Hospital in Helena. He also has been active in Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Boy Scouts, Helena Navy League, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Montana Trapshooting Association, Helena Gun Club, various Masonic bodies, Elks and the American Legion. He was recently presented the Sears-Roebuck Legislative Conservation Award from the National and Montana Wildlife Federations.

Mrs. Delano is the former Katherine Louise Shallenberger of Missoula. The couple has two daughters, Marcia Lee, 17, and Joan Marie, 14. Delano's mother, Mrs. J.H. Delano, is a resident of Billings.

Born in Butte, Edwards obtained his B.A. degree from the University of Montana in 1942 and, following three years of overseas duty with the U.S. Army, returned to the UM campus where he received a master's degree in education in 1946. He was a noted athlete both in Butte high school circles and on the UM campus. He had 14 years of experience in the insurance field, primarily in Great Falls, and four years with an automobile agency before joining the UM staff.

Edwards has been instrumental in the organization and development of alumni fund campaigns and other efforts in support of University academic and athletic activities. In 1967 and 1968 he has been a regular member of the touring Grizzly Caravan, an effort designed to expand interest in the University and its athletic programs. In 1966 Edwards made presentations throughout the state while representing the alumni committee of the Montana University System for Referendum 64. He has served in a similar capacity in recent months as part of the campaign seeking passage of Referendum 65, a renewal of the six-mill levy for continuing support of the six units of the Montana University System.

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