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Blumberg to launch University of Montana lecture series October 6 on campus

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MISSOULA, Mont.---

Dr. Nathan B. Blumberg, former dean of the University of Montana School of Journalism, will give the first lecture in a series established this fall at the University as an interdisciplinary program for students, faculty and townspeople.

Dr. Blumberg, a UM journalism professor who was journalism dean from 1956-68, will discuss "America and the Press--Some Thoughts From a Work in Progress" at 8:15 p.m. Oct. 6 in the UM Music Recital Hall. The lecture is open to the public without charge.

The lecture series has been planned by the Program Committee for the Interdisciplinary Lecture Series and is sponsored by the acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Richard A. Solberg.

Program objectives are to let some of the University's leading lecturers focus on issues that go beyond immediate classroom concerns, to let students and townspeople inform themselves and take part in intellectual activity, and to give UM faculty members a chance to see their colleagues at work.

The Oct. 6 lecture will be based on chapters from a book Dr. Blumberg is writing for publication next year. The book, as yet untitled, has been developed from two extensive articles published in recent months.

The former dean said the material deals with press coverage of dissent, "especially the reporting of the march on the Pentagon in 1967 and events in Chicago during the 1968 Democratic National Convention."

Both articles have been widely reprinted and are scheduled for inclusion in two anthologies to be published soon.

Dr. Blumberg is currently national president of Kappa Tau Alpha, the national society honoring scholarship in journalism. He has been invited to lecture at four universities during the coming year.