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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Montana State University's new radio studios in the Journalism building will provide students with practical experience in broadcasting with modern facilities, according to Dr. Erling S. Jorgensen, associate professor of journalism and acting director of the University Studios.

The studios, equipped with the latest broadcast equipment, are in remodeled third floor rooms formerly occupied by the University Museum. The museum opened in new quarters in the Fine Arts building on MSU's Charter Day, February 17.

The new radio facilities include a large studio for complex productions of live programs, a smaller studio, a control room with complete teaching aids, and a combination storeroom-workshop.

Work is under way on television studios in the building formerly used for women's gymnasium classes, Dr. Jorgensen said. Telecasting equipment will be installed as soon as the remodeling of the building is completed. Instruction is scheduled to begin in the television studios spring quarter.

The formal opening of the University Studios almost completes the first of three phases of a plan to offer MSU students outstanding radio-television training, according to Dr. Nathan B. Blumberg, dean of the School of Journalism.

The first step was the reorganization and development of the curriculum last spring, Dean Blumberg said. The second step -- increasing the staff to handle instruction in the program -- was taken when Dr. Jorgensen became acting director of the University Studios in September. The third step will be taken with the opening of the television studios for classroom use.

No date for radio or television broadcasting on University stations has been set because the staff does not want production requirements to dictate the kind of

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instruction given in classes, according to the dean. The fourth phase of the long-term plan calls for investigation of means of going on the air to provide programs for listeners and viewers in Montana.

Two programs of study in radio and television are now offered at the University. Students may select a program leading to a bachelor of arts in journalism with specialization in radio-television, or may enter a program jointly offered by the School of Journalism and the College of Arts and Sciences leading to a bachelor of arts with a major in radio-television.

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