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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gerald Askevold of Whitefish has been appointed ski coach of the University of Montana Intercollegiate Ski Team effective Jan. 3, for the 1966 season, Dr. Wally Schwank, director of Athletics announced today.

Dr. Schwank said he was pleased the University was able to acquire a ski coach with such outstanding qualifications as Askevold possesses.

The 29 year old ski coach was born in Conrad and graduated from Polson high school. He holds a degree in geological engineering from Colorado School of Mines. He is returning to the UM as a graduate student in geology winter quarter.

Askevold has had his feet in skis for over 20 years. He raced in the northern division during his high school years and rated as class A in alpine.

At the Colorado School of Mines he skied the four-way--downhill, slalom, cross-country and jump--for four years. He was captain and acting coach there for the last three years of that time.

He was a ski instructor at the Karl Hinderman Ski School in Whitefish in the '61 and '62 seasons, then he attended the French Olympic Ski Team Camp for six weeks at Val d'Isere, France, and taught skiing at Courchevel, France, during the '63 season.

He is a member of the Professional Ski Instructors Association in the U.S.A., and is certified by the Northern Rocky Mountain Ski Instructors Association. He is also qualified as a ski instructor by the French Ski Association.

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He directed the ski school and shop at Snow Bowl last season and so far this season he has been coaching skiing at the Hinderman school in Whitefish.

Dr. Schwank also announced the 1966 UM ski schedule. The Intercollegiate Ski Team will compete with Weber State College in alpine events only on Jan. 14 and 15. The team will hit the Banff slopes on Jan. 28-30, and then face the NCAA qualifications in McCall, Idaho, on Feb. 11 and 12.

A Big Sky Athletic Conference meet is slated at Bridger Bowl in Bozeman for February 25 and 26, and the NCAA finals will take the team to Crested Butte, Colorado, on March 3-5.

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Born in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, in 1925, Dr. Gale served in the United States Army's Office of Strategic Service from 1945-45 and received the Silver Star. From 1945 to 1952 he served in the Medical Service Corps as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve.

He was graduated from Idaho State College in 1949 with a B.S. degree in pharmacy, and Washington State University with a M.S. degree in pharmacology and physiology in 1952 and with a pharmacology Ph.D. degree in 1954. His masters and doctorate work was done in cardio-vascular research as a Fellow of the American Foundation of Pharmaceutical Education.

Dr. Gale is affiliated with three academic honoraries--Rho Chi, Sigma Xi, and Phi Kappa Phi--and the Phi Delta Chi fraternity of which he is an alumni member and has been faculty advisor.

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