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KARASEK HEADS ART DEPARTMENT
AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

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MISSOULA--

Laurence Karasek has been appointed chairman of the Department of Art in the School of Fine Arts at the University of Montana, Robert Kiley, dean of the UM School of Fine Arts, has announced.

Karasek has administered educational programs, community arts projects and regional exhibitions in the United States and has taught in colleges and universities in Great Britain, New Zealand and the U.S. In 1974-75, he directed the Appalachian Corridors Art Biennial, Charleston, W. Va., which, with 13 states represented, is the largest regional competitive art exhibition in the country.

His paintings and sculptures have won numerous awards and have been exhibited widely. He was consultant/designer for sculpture for banks, airports and municipalities in New Zealand and, more recently, the U.S.

He has headed the design program in the School of Art of the University of Denver and the sculpture program in the School of Art of the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. For the past two years he was on the faculty of the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. He is a frequent lecturer on design, urban development and related topics at museums and universities.

Karasek was born in London, England. There he received from the Ministry of Education an undergraduate level degree at Bromley College of Art - the National Diploma in Design - followed by graduate work at the Royal Academy, London, where he was awarded the Royal Academy Diploma in Art in 1962.