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The appointment of Chester R. Dreher as photographer for the University of Montana's Office of Information Services has been announced by Dr. Darrell J. Inabnit, executive vice president of the institution.

Dreher, who has been associated with the Montana Highway Department in Helena for the past eight years, will join the university on April 11. He will be responsible for all photographic work and darkroom operations in support of news and publications programs conducted by Information Services, according to Lawrence D. Stuart, director of the department.

As photographer for the State Highway Department, Dreher has assisted in various promotional projects receiving state and national recognition. He provided news photo coverage of Montana's winning float in the recent Tournament of Roses parade at Pasadena. Appointed by Governor Babcock to the Montana Centennial Commission in 1964, he served as a writer-photographer in reporting Centennial activities and was a member of the Centennial Train party which toured the eastern United States.

Dreher's photos of the 1960 Governors' Conference at Glacier National Park were carried by world-wide media. In 1965, Dreher scripted a documentary film focusing on cowboy-artist, Charles Russell. He has furnished photographs for state maps and tourist brochures and has assisted visiting travel writers. His photos of the 1959 earthquake and 1964 floods were submitted to the U.S. Congress as graphic evidence of the damage.

Prior to his affiliation with the Highway Department, Dreher operated his own photo studio for four years in Baker, Montana. His experience includes both
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portrait and commercial work as well as legal photography. He worked briefly for a small portrait studio in North Dakota before moving to Montana.

Dreher was raised in Illinois and graduated from the Institute of Design in Chicago. He is married and has one son, Dave, age 16.