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MISSOULA --

Responsibility for direction of the University of Montana Information Services has been given to Allan M. Vannini, UM President Richard C. Bowers announced.

Vannini will assume his new duties immediately and will continue as director of development for the University and as executive director of the UM Foundation. He has held these posts since July 1, 1978.

Until Vannini was tapped for the assignment, UM Fiscal Vice President Patricia P. Douglas carried responsibility for administering Information Services in addition to her responsibilities for the University's fiscal affairs.

Bowers said he placed Information Services under Vannini's direction because he believes that the University's public information operation is logically related to the outreach aspects of Vannini's other functions.

"I am excited by the opportunity this assignment presents to work with the small, but talented staff of Information Services to let the public know about the good things that are happening at this University," Vannini said.

"My first impression of the University as an institution of real quality has been tremendously reinforced by what I have seen in the past year of the caliber of its students and faculty, the excellence of its academic and research programs, and the variety and extent of its public service to the state," he commented.

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Vannini plans to be accessible to the media and to solicit their suggestions on how to improve service to them. "The emphasis in Information Services will be on the word 'services.'"

Vannini was vice president for development at Unity College, Unity, Maine, for four years before coming to the UM. He received a bachelor of arts degree in history from Eastern Connecticut State College, Willimantic, in 1972 and a master of public administration degree from the University of Maine, Orono, in 1973.

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