Changes announced in University of Montana business office

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Calvin L. Murphy has been promoted to the newly created post of business manager and controller in the University of Montana Business Office, it was announced today (Dec. 30) by UM President Robert T. Pantzer.

President Pantzer also named William R. Palmer to the new position of assistant business manager and assistant controller. Both appointments become effective on January 2.

Murphy, who will report directly to the president, has been UM controller since 1961. Palmer has been assistant controller since 1964.

The business manager and controller will be the principal University position in the conduct of business and financial affairs. Murphy will be manager of all business office functions including accounting, purchasing, budgeting, fee collections and disbursements and financial reports. He will be the contracting officer for all business affairs and also will have financial responsibilities relating to the physical plant, housing, food service, student union and other auxiliary enterprises.

Murphy joined the UM staff in 1949 after graduation from the University with a B.A. degree in business administration. He served in the Business Office as fee clerk, accountant and assistant controller before his appointment to controller. He also has done graduate work in accounting at UM.

Born in Richland, Wash., Murphy is treasurer of the UM Federal Credit Union and holds membership in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He is married to the former Donna Rouse of Butte and they have five children. They reside at 519 Dixon in Missoula.

Palmer, who was born in Missoula, received a B.S. degree in business administration from the University in 1959. He was employed by Safeway Stores, Inc. in Missoula before joining the UM staff in 1961. He served as auditor of student and auxiliary organizations for three years prior to his appointment as assistant controller.

Palmer is a member of the UM Federal Credit Union Supervisory Committee and current president of the UM Faculty Bowling League. Mrs. Palmer is the former Mary Ellen Walsh of Butte. They have three children and reside at 1521 North Ave. West, Missoula.