Dr. Brier appointed University of Montana journalism dean

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MISSOULA—Dr. Warren J. Brier, a member of the University of Montana journalism faculty since 1962 and a veteran newsman, has been named successor to Dr. Nathan B. Blumberg as dean of the School of Journalism, it was announced by UM President Robert T. Pantzer.

Dr. Brier will begin his new duties on July 1 in the position which Dr. Blumberg held for the past 12 years. The former dean announced last January he was resigning from his administrative duties to return to full-time teaching on the Missoula campus.

"After consideration of possible appointees from within the institution and elsewhere, we have concluded Dr. Brier is admirably suited to serve as dean," said President Pantzer. "We recognize his familiarity with the school and Montana, and his excellent academic and practical news experience."

Dr. Brier stated, "I am sure the School of Journalism will continue to keep pace with developments in the newspaper field and the impressive growth of radio and television."

Joining the University in 1962 as an associate professor of journalism, Dr. Brier was promoted to full professor in 1967. He had previously taught on the journalism faculties of University of Southern California, 1960-62, and San Diego State College, 1959-60. He was adviser to the campus newspaper at the San Diego institution.

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Born in Seattle, Dr. Brier obtained his B.A. degree from the University of Washington in 1953. He received a master's degree from Columbia University in 1954 and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Iowa in 1957. He served on active duty with the U.S. Air Force in 1958-59.

He is editor and a regular contributor to Montana Journalism Review, and adviser to the Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association. His articles also have appeared in The National Observer, The New York Times, Editor & Publisher and several Montana and other northwest area publications.

The new dean is affiliated with Wire Service Guild and also holds membership with Sigma Delta Chi and Kappa Tau Alpha honoraries, and Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Dr., and Mrs. Brier, the former Genie Kurack of Seattle, have two daughters, Lynn, 11, and Karin, 7.

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