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COLLINS TO SUCCEED COFFEE IN UM FOUNDATION POST

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Thomas J. Collins, a member of the University of Montana administrative staff since 1964, has been named to succeed the late Oakley E. Coffee as director of the UM Foundation, it has been announced by Robert T. Pantzer, president of the University, and Robert C. Hendon, Foundation president.

Collins, who has been director of Public Services and administrative assistant to the president since March, 1967, will continue in the Public Services position, President Pantzer reported. On July 1, Collins will begin the duties which were performed by Coffee from January, 1967, until his death last month.

"Tom Collins has been so closely associated with all affairs of the Foundation, it is most appropriate he assume this increasingly important post," said the UM president. "At the same time Collins' work in the public services function has contributed significantly to expanded activity in services provided by the University to the people of the state of Montana." Foundation President Hendon, who also is the president of REA Express - Seven Arts Transvision in New York City, stated he was "most gratified Collins has accepted this responsibility to the welfare of the Foundation and the University."

Collins has served as acting Foundation director and has been responsible for general fund raising in liaison with the Foundation which early this year reported a growth in assets of \$1 million.

From 1964 to 1967 Collins was director of Statewide Services. He has been director of the University's Division of Indian Services and coordinator for the UM advisory group, Council of 50.

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Moving from Michigan to Missoula in 1949, he was engaged in real estate and insurance activities prior to his affiliation with the University. He was director of the Montana State Planning Board, 1961-64, and a member of the Missoula City-County Planning Board, 1958-60. He was president of the Montana Tournament of Roses Association in 1966 and is presently a board member of the Missoula-Mineral Counties Human Resources Committee and First State Bank.

Born in Piqua, Ohio, Collins attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance in Philadelphia and the USNR Midshipman School at the University of Notre Dame before receiving his bachelor of science degree from Ohio State University in 1947. He served four years with the U.S. Navy in World War II.

He is a member of Elks, Masons, Shrine and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. His honorary memberships include Phi Eta Sigma and Beta Gamma Sigma and Beta Alpha Psi.

Mrs. Collins is the former Bettie Caroline Briggs of Troy, Ohio. The couple has two sons, Michael, 20, and Patrick, 18.

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