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RICHARD A. SOLBERG
NAMED ACTING DEAN
OF UM COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES

MISSOULA---

Dr. Richard A. Solberg has been named acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Montana, it has been announced by UM President Robert T. Pantzer.

Dr. Solberg, who has been associate dean since July, 1967, assumes his new duties on this July 1, succeeding former Dean Robert W. Coonrod who, on the same date, becomes academic vice-president at the University of Idaho.

Dr. Arden R. Gaufin, assistant director of the UM Biological Station at Flathead Lake, will head activities there this summer in Director Solberg's absence.

President Pantzer reported a faculty committee will be appointed for the purpose of screening dean candidates from both on and off campus. He pointed out it is virtually impossible at this time of year to find a replacement for the next academic year.

Dr. Solberg joined the Montana faculty in 1962. He holds three degrees in botany-- a bachelor's degree from UM, 1954; a master's degree from Washington State University, Pullman, 1956, and a doctorate from the University of California at Los Angeles, 1961.

The 36-year-old former Aberdeen, Wash., resident was named acting director of the UM Biological Station at Flathead Lake in 1962 and he was promoted to station director in 1964. He was promoted from associate professor of botany to a full professorship in 1968.

Dr. Solberg became associate dean of the UM College of Arts and Sciences July 1, 1967. His research endeavors have centered on plant morphogenesis and cytology.

Dr. Solberg and his wife, the former Elizabeth Jane Sannan Seely of Whitefish, have four children.

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