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BROWN GOES ON LEAVE

Dr. Firman H. Brown Jr., chairman of the University of Montana Drama Department since 1958, has been granted a year's leave of absence to direct theater at Ithaca College, Ithaca, N. Y., Dean Charles W. Bolen of the UM School of Fine Arts announced.

Richard H. James Jr., associate professor of drama, will be acting chairman of the department during Dr. Brown's absence. James, a member of the faculty since 1959, has been technical director, designer or production manager for some 200 major productions for the University and the Montana Repertory Theater. He has also directed UM summer theater.

Dr. Brown has directed countless University and MRT productions. He operated the Bigfork Summer Playhouse for several seasons and directed the MRT for the past two years. He is a member of the Montana Arts Council.