Dr. Schwank heads national committee

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Dr. Dennis Schwank, chairman of the University of Montana Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, recently was named chairman of the National Committee on Sports Psychology.

The committee met recently in Washington, D.C. to establish plans for a working conference on sports psychology, to be held within the next year in the nation's capital.

"The conference will bring together outstanding national leaders to develop this field of study with a publication geared to practical application of psychology for the benefit of coaches in the field," said Dr. Schwank.

Dr. Schwank also is a member of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, a panel which makes recommendations at the national level for curricular changes and improvements in the disciplines of health, physical education and recreation.

The panel also is involved with the implementation of these curricular changes on the elementary and secondary school levels as well as in teacher training institutions and national accredited associations.

Dr. Schwank joined the UM faculty in 1961. He also is director of the UM summer session. Before coming to the Missoula campus, Dr. Schwank formerly was director of health, physical education and athletics at South Dakota State University, Brookings.

He received his bachelor's degree at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1934 and was awarded his master's degree and doctorate at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in 1945 and 1955, respectively. In four seasons prior to 1960, the Schwank-coached football team at Coe compiled a 25-7 win-loss record and posted an unbeaten record in 1959. Dr. Schwank also was a freshman football coach at the University of Iowa for six years beginning in the 1950s.

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