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MISSOULA---

Robert B. Blakely, director of the University of Montana Food Service for nearly six years, has resigned the position on the Missoula campus to enter private business.

The 38-year-old Rock Rapids, Iowa, native will join Albert Dabbert, also of Missoula, in a firm known as Institutional Designs, a food service facilities and management consultant organization, Feb. 17, the official date of Blakely's resignation from the University staff.

Institutional Designs, which is in suite 110 of the Wilma Building in downtown Missoula, has been retained by Campeau and Cremmen architects of Helena to design the food service facilities for the Colonial Inn, a motor hotel to be constructed in Helena for former Gov. Tim Babcock.

Concerning his tenure at UM, Blakely said, "It has been a real pleasure to watch the UM Food Service facilities double during the past six years. This growth has been due to the untiring efforts of all Food Service employees."

Upon learning of Blakely's upcoming plans, UM President Robert T. Pantzer said, "Mr. Blakely has served the University very ably in the operation of the UM Food Service and in the development of the new food facilities in the University Center.

"I sincerely wish him every success in the new venture he plans and for his future career," Pantzer added.

At least three men who have worked with Blakely at UM are now food management directors in other cities. Glen Lewis is coordinator of student living at Montana State University, Bozeman, Walt Rulffes is supervisor of food service for Spokane, Wash., public schools, and Ed Niethold is manager of student union food service facilities at San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif.

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Before joining the UM staff in May 1964, Blakely was food service coordinator for women's residence halls at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, for four years. He was food manager at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, for a year. He has been a restaurant owner and manager, and for a year was assistant purchasing agent for the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

Blakely attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., in the early 1950s. After interrupting his education for two years to serve in the Navy, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Denver in 1957. He was graduated from Luverne, Minn., High School in 1949.

Blakely and his wife, the former Carol Ann Fazendin of Sioux Falls, S.D., have three children including Cheryl, 11, and Mark, 6. The couple's eldest son, Robert J. Blakely, 18, a senior at Hellgate High School, Missoula, was named first-string All-State offensive halfback in 1969 by both the Montana Coaches Association and Lee Newspapers.

The Hellgate youth also was the state's leading ground gainer in 1969 with a total of 1,270 yards in 10 games. He also gained the most yards in 9 double-A Conference contests--1,140.

Robert J. Blakely also was a candidate in 1969 for Amateur Athlete of the Year for the Inland Empire, named annually by The Spokesman-Review, Spokane. He recently was named a nominee for the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., by U.S. Sen. Lee Metcalf, D-Helena.

Mrs. Blakely is president of the UM Faculty Women's Club.

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