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SOLBERG PROMOTED TO DEAN
FOR UM ARTS & SCIENCES

Dr. Richard A. Solberg has been named 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 has been in the post of acting dean since July 1969, when former Dean Robert W. Coonrod departed to become academic vice president at the University of Idaho.

A member of the UM staff since 1962, Dr. Solberg was appointed associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in July 1967. He became director of the UM Biological Station at Flathead Lake in 1964 after serving two years as acting director. He was promoted from associate professor of botany to a full professorship in 1968. He was a consultant with the Agency for International Development in Kerala, India, during the summer of 1966.

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 37-year old former Aberdeen, Wash., resident has conducted extensive research on cells of plants. He is a member of the Botanical Society of America, Society for Developmental Biology and American Society of Limnology and Oceanography.

Dr. Solberg and his wife, the former Elizabeth Jane Sannan Seely of Whitefish, have four children - Jenanne Beth, 14; Christopher Del, 12; Christina Lenore, 9, and Sannan John, 6. Dr. Solberg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Solberg, also reside in Missoula.

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