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MISSOULA--

Dr. William G. Craig has resigned his position as academic vice president at the University of Montana to become president of Johnson State College in Johnson, Vt., according to UM President Robert T. Pantzer.

The appointment of Dr. Craig was announced today in Burlington, Vt. by Dr. R.S. Babcock, provost of Vermont State Colleges. Dr. Babcock said Dr. Craig is expected to join Johnson State this summer in the office formerly held by the late Dr. Arthur J. Dibden. Dr. Craig's selection was unanimous, Dr. Babcock reported.

"I want to congratulate Dr. Craig in being selected to head an institution in his home state," said President Pantzer. "I deeply regret that he is leaving the University of Montana because he has made a significant contribution to the welfare of this institution, even though he has been with us less than a year. I know our staff members and students will sincerely share my feelings."

Dr. Craig came to UM in June 1969 from Washington, D.C. where he was deputy assistant secretary for administration with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare since 1966. Prior to that he was deputy associate commissioner for higher education with HEW, and from 1962-64 was director of training and special assistant to the director of the Peace Corps. He had previously accumulated 18 years of experience in higher education.

Concerning his new appointment, Dr. Craig said: "The decision to leave the University of Montana has been a difficult one. Many personal considerations influenced my decision, not the least of them being the opportunity to serve as president of a rapidly growing college.

"I came here with great respect for the faculty and this respect has grown steadily. The State of Montana owes much to these dedicated people for teaching its sons and

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daughters so well. UM students are taking advantage of the University's offerings with an enthusiasm and purpose which make the campus a lively and rewarding place to be.

"Scarce resources for higher education in Montana hamper these scholars greatly. It is my continuing hope for the University that salaries, library resources and facilities will be made competitive so the quality represented by the faculty and students will be attained.

"It has been a privilege for me to work with this University, and we will miss our good friends here more than we can say - even while we are looking forward to returning to our home state of Vermont."

Dr. Craig's extensive background in education includes service both as an administrator and teacher. He was dean of men, associate dean of students and associate professor of education at Stanford University from 1955-62. He was with Kansas State University from 1951-55, Washington State University from 1946-51, and Middlebury College, Vt. from 1939-41. He also has held staff and teaching positions with high schools in Missouri, Minnesota and Vermont.

Harvard University awarded Dr. Craig a doctor of education degree with distinction in 1955. He holds a M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota, 1946, and an A.B. degree from Middlebury College, 1937.

He served as a U.S. Navy officer in World War II, assigned to the commander's staff of the Air Force Atlantic Fleet.

Dr. and Mrs. Craig, the former Lois Bestor of Glen Ridge, N.J., have four sons - James, Gregory, Thomas and William. They have a permanent residence in Ripton, Vt., and Dr. Craig's mother, Mrs. Gertrude B. Craig, resides in Middlebury, Vt.

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