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JOHN STEWART NEW
GRADUATE DEAN AT UM

MISSOULA--

Dr. John M. Stewart, a University of Montana faculty member for 24 years and acting dean of the Graduate School since July, 1968, has been named graduate dean, according to UM President Robert T. Pantzer.

Dr. Stewart, who was chairman of the Department of Chemistry from 1959 to 1967, succeeds Dr. Fred S. Honkala in the graduate office. Dr. Honkala, who has been on leave of absence since 1968 while serving the National Science Foundation, has been granted an additional year of leave.

Joining the chemistry teaching staff in 1946 as an assistant professor, Dr. Stewart was promoted to full professor in 1955. He had previously been a research chemist for California Research Corporation, 1945-46, and the War Production Board, 1943-45.

Dr. Stewart's area of specialization has been organic chemistry. In addition to engaging in extensive writings for scientific publications, he has been the recipient of several research grants totaling more than \$40,000 from agencies including Research Corporation of New York, Petroleum Research Fund of the American Chemical Society and other organizations.

As department chairman he prepared several successful proposals for departmental research grants by National Science Foundation. One of these provided matching funds of \$19,800 to aid in purchase of a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer.

Born in Vermillion, S. D., Dr. Stewart received his B.A. degree from the University of Montana in 1941. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree by the University of Illinois, Urbana, in 1944.

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He has served the UM faculty as a member of the Faculty Senate, the Salary and Promotions Committee, and the Athletic Committee. His professional affiliations include American Chemical Society and American Men of Science. He is a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Lambda Upsilon and Pi Mu Epsilon honoraries, and Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

An outdoorsman, Dr. Stewart is a board member of the Western Montana Fish and Game Association and is a past president of that organization. He also has served on the Missoula County Water Pollution Committee.

Mrs. Stewart is the former Helen Faulkner of Missoula. The Stewarts' daughter, Mrs. Jerry D. (Gayle) McKellar, of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., holds a B.S. degree in dental hygiene from the University of Washington, Seattle. Dr. Stewart's mother, Mrs. Gertrude H. Stewart of Missoula, is a retired UM Business Office employee.

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