15 nearing completion of UM computer program

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Fifteen teachers from across the nation are completing course work in the Experienced Teacher Fellowship Program at the University of Montana, Missoula.

The year-long program has been financed by the U.S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for the training of business education teachers in the use of computers as educational and administrative aids in secondary schools.

Dr. Donald B. Koeppen and Dr. George J. Brabb, professors in the UM business administration school, are co-directors of the program.

The Fellows have been engaged in course work in management, business education and accounting in the business administration school.

They are learning to develop and present programs in machine operations and computer programming for secondary school students.

Additional emphasis has been placed on an awareness and an appreciation of the significance of the computer's place in the business world.

Professors teaching the course have stressed the computer's impact on business organization and procedures, and the many facets of its application to business control as well as data processing systems.

"Such knowledge will allow the Fellows to provide realistic counseling as to the nature and extent of opportunities for the high school graduate seeking a career in this field," said Dr. Koeppen.

The Fellows have developed an understanding of the administrative systems of secondary schools so they can effectively serve as advisors to school administrators in the use of computers in this area.
"The program, in which the Fellows may earn a Master of Science degree in business education, is unique in the nation," Dr. Koeppen said.

It was developed in the UM business administration school by Dr. Brabb, professor of management, and Dr. Koeppen, Chairman of the Department of Business Education and Office Administration, with the cooperation and assistance of Dr. Robert Banaugh, chairman of the Department of Computer Science, and Dr. Francis J. Rummel, Dean of the School of Education.

The 15 business education teachers who are slated to complete their 12-months of study in the Experienced Teacher Fellowship Program in mid-August, and the schools and towns they came from include the following:

IN-STATE---Thomas L. Huffman, Dawson County High School, Glendive; Richard D. Enochson, Charles M. Russell High School, Great Falls; Glenn A. Pearson, Sentinel High School, Missoula; Neil W. Devlin, Polson High School, Polson; Eugene R. Hallock, Scobey Public High School, Scobey, and/Orvil Thompson, Superior High School, Superior.


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