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T. J. GRIPPEN IS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF UM FOUNDATION

MISSOULA--

T. J. Grippen, vice president for development at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., since January 1979, has been named executive director of the University of Montana Foundation, effective January.

The appointment was announced for the foundation by UM President Neil S. Bucklew, who said Grippen will lead the work of the foundation, which is responsible for the fund-raising activities of the University. He will also function as UM development director and will report to Bucklew and the foundation board of directors. His salary will be paid by the foundation.

He succeeds Allan M. Vannini, who announced in July that he would leave the post in December to enter private business. Grippen was recommended by a 12-member search committee that screened applicants from throughout the country.

The UM Foundation is a separate corporation responsible for raising funds from the private sector for University programs and administering gifts and bequests received for scholarships and other purposes.

The director is responsible for planning and conducting special campaigns for programs of the university with presidential authority to raise funds. Grippen will be immediately involved in the capital campaign to raise \$1.1 million for construction of the School of Fine Arts \$8.6 million radio-television facility authorized by the Legislature.

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He will oversee the financial management of foundation assets of about \$4.5 million; administer foundation scholarship funds; serve as liaison with the community; develop and present solicitations to foundations, corporations and other prospective donors; and direct other ongoing activities of the foundation.

He will also participate in deferred giving programs, annual fund-raising campaigns and long-range development planning.

At Stephens, Grippen was responsible for all development, alumnae and public relations programs of the respected women's college. Prior to 1979, he spent six years as director of the Colorado State University Development Fund and director of the CSU Foundation, Fort Collins.

Grippen graduated from CSU with a degree in business administration, with emphasis in marketing, production, finance and real estate; and he has worked in sales and marketing in private industry.

Grippen and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of a daughter, Lindsay, 5, and a son, Matthew, 3.

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