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### UM PRESIDENT BUCKLEW CHOOSES DANIEL SMITH AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

MISSOULA--

University of Montana President Neil S. Bucklew announced Monday the selection of Dr. Daniel J. Smith, Missoula, as his executive assistant. Smith most recently served as director of the UM Institute for Human Resources.

Smith, who earned the doctor of philosophy degree in history at UM this year, will be on Bucklew's personal staff and will represent the president to faculty, students, staff, alumni and the public, serving as ombudsman to identify items for the president's attention. He also will assist Bucklew in writing speeches, special project assignments, and other executive activities.

In choosing Smith, Bucklew said he was pleased to have him in the new position and that he has great confidence in Smith's personal qualities and professional experience. Smith, 40, has held other administrative positions in Missoula and was associate director of the Rehabilitation Institute of Orange County, Orange, Calif.

Bucklew was assisted in determining the position finalists by a screening committee of UM personnel, which also offered its advice in the final selection. He emphasized that Smith came from a very fine and qualified group of candidates for the post.

Smith said that he was "delighted" to have been accepted to the post and that he looks forward to the "many and varied challenges of working with President Bucklew in what looks to be a dynamic administration at the University."

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A native of Anaconda, Smith attended Carroll College in Helena, and received bachelor and master of arts degrees in philosophy from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1963 and 1964. He earned additional degrees in theology at Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, in 1966 and 1968.

In 1967 he was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood; in 1975 he officially resigned from the ministry and received full lay status in the Church.

From 1968-70 he was director of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Program and philosophy instructor at Carroll College. He was a teaching assistant in the UM history department from 1976-79 and has written and published several scholarly papers and articles and conducted various symposia and workshops as a scholar and administrator.

Smith is married to Dr. Janet P. Wollersheim, director of the UM Clinical Psychology Program, and has two children, Danette M. Wollersheim, a senior in education at UM, and Tod Wollersheim, a freshman at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

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