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JOHN D. PULLIAM CHOSEN
EDUCATION DEAN BY UM

MISSOULA--

John D. Pulliam will become dean of the School of Education at the University of Montana in July, pending approval of his appointment at the June meeting of the State Board of Regents.

Pulliam is area chairman of social, philosophical and historical foundations of education and director of the professional degree program at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

He has had experience in education at all levels, from day care centers to graduate schools, in rural and urban settings. He is a leading interpreter and exponent of futurism, a developing field of inquiry and speculation associated in the public mind with such writers as Alvin Toffler and such organizations as the Club of Rome and RAND Corporation.

A UM search committee screened 130 applicants for the post, which was vacated at the end of winter quarter by the resignation of Albert H. Yee. Five finalists were brought to the campus to meet with administrators, faculty, staff and students.

UM President Neil Bucklew said his decision to recommend Pulliam for the position, at an annual salary of \$46,000, was made in consultation with the search committee and other members of the campus community.

Academic Vice President Donald Habbe noted that selecting the dean of a professional school that trains a preponderance of the teachers of Montana's children was an awesome task, but, he said, "Pulliam emerged from the rigorous

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Pulliam Recommended for UM Education Dean--add one

selection process as our clear choice because of his superlative credentials. His accomplishments as an educator and a scholar along with his personal qualifications impressed us, and we are looking forward to having him at the University of Montana."

Pulliam has earned distinction as an administrator, a teacher and a scholar. He has been a public school principal and superintendent and has administered university education programs. He is one of eight professors of education to have won the University of Oklahoma Regents' Award for Superior Teaching. He has published numerous articles on the history of American education, educational futurism, social foundations of education, school reform and other topics; and his book, "History of Education in America," is widely used as a college text.

Pulliam was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Illinois, where he earned a B.A. in history with highest honors, an M.S. in education and an Ed.D. He belongs to Phi Alpha Theta scholastic honorary and Phi Delta Kappa education honorary.

He has been a member of the University of Oklahoma faculty since 1968 and has also taught at the Universities of Texas and Illinois.

He was a company commander in the infantry in Korea in 1955-56.

Pulliam and his wife, Wilhela, are the parents of three sons, John, Tom and Mark.

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