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FRED HENNINGSSEN, LONGEST SERVING UM FACULTY MEMBER, RETIRES AFTER 38 YEARS

MISSOULA--

Fred A. Henningsen, professor of accounting and finance at the University of Montana and native of Butte, was honored at a banquet held by the School of Business May 11. Henningsen will retire in June after serving the university for 38 years, the longest teaching record of any actively serving faculty member. He began his career at UM in the fall of 1946 as a graduate assistant and instructor.

A longtime champion of faculty benefits and a dedicated professor, Henningsen received the Robert T. Pantzer Award at Homecoming last fall for outstanding contributions to the university.

President Neil S. Bucklew said, "I think of Fred as an individual who epitomizes what service to a university and community means. He's reached out regularly and often because he cares deeply about all aspects of the university, from helping KUFM to seeing that the United Way drive is well supported on campus. He has given his time unselfishly for the betterment of the university and has taken a personal role in shaping the future of this institution."

Henningsen has been chairman of the University Benefits Committee and a member of the Montana University System Benefits Committee during much of his tenure at UM and is credited by his colleagues with spearheading the development of an exceptionally fine faculty benefits program. He has served on a host of other faculty committees and on the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.

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He was a founder of the UM Federal Credit Union in 1954 and has served as its treasurer and on the board of directors. From 1963 to 1971 he was a director of the University Bookstore.

He has worked for many years on the United Way drives and is a member of the organization's board of directors. He also has worked vigorously to raise funds for other causes, including KUFM, the public radio station on campus, and the new UM Performing Arts/Radio-Television Center.

A certified public accountant, Henningsen is active in several professional organizations. He taught at Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, from 1973 to 1975 and at the University of Karachi, Pakistan, from 1957 to 1962.

Henningsen received both a B.A. and an M.A. from UM. He did advanced work at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

He is married to the former Johnna McNeill of Rochester, N.Y. They have three children: Kenneth, Boston, Mass.; Christopher, Missoula; and Wendy Thea Blackman, Rotorua, New Zealand.

He is the son of the late Fred A. Henningsen Jr., a Butte businessman active in ranching and the dairy industry. His mother, Hazel, still lives in Butte, as do two brothers, Rex and Ted and a sister, Virginia.

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