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DISTINGUISHED PHILOSOPHER TO HEAD MSU DEPT.

The appointment of Dr. Henry G. Bugbee, Jr., as chairman of the Montana State University Dept. of Philosophy and the addition to the staff of another assistant professor of philosophy were announced Wednesday by Dr. Robert T. Turner, dean of the MSU College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Bugbee will assume his duties in the fall of 1958, and Dr. J. Leslie Armour will join the philosophy faculty in the fall of 1957, Dean Turner said.

Dr. Bugbee, "an internationally known philosopher," according to Dean Turner, is now in Paris conferring with the French existentialist, Dr. Gabriel Marcel, who is writing the foreword to Bugbee's forthcoming book on existentialism. Dr. Bugbee holds a B. A. from Princeton and M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. He has taught at Stanford and at Harvard, where he was a George Santayana Fellow.

Dr. Armour comes to the University from London, England, where he has been a columnist and feature writer for the London Express News and Feature Services, a Lord Beaverbrook enterprise. He has a B. A. in philosophy from the University of British Columbia and a Ph. D. from the University of London.

The MSU philosophy curriculum was separated from psychology and organized into an independent department last year, Dean Turner said. The expansion of the staff and curriculum is due to the increase in the number of students who elect philosophy as a major, according to the dean. "The field is growing in attractiveness to Montana students who intend to be ranchers, farmers, or businessmen, but who want a broad educational background," he said. The University grants both the B. A. and the M. A. in the field, he added.

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