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Dr. Frank C. Abbott, assistant dean of Bucknell University, has been appointed academic vice president of Montana State University, effective Feb. 1, MSU President H. K. Newburn announced Wednesday.

"The appointment rounds out the administrative personnel needed for the University's operations," Dr. Newburn commented. "With a complete administrative staff, the University is ready to carry forward its program effectively."

Dr. Abbott's duties at MSU will be primarily in the coordination and development of the broad aspects of the academic program and in the area of faculty personnel. In both areas he will work through the deans and department heads, maintaining a central "clearing house" for the coordination of the academic program and the recruitment and retention of a high-caliber faculty, Dr. Newburn said. He will also work with the deans in drawing up preliminary budgets in accordance with established policies and procedures.

As assistant dean of Bucknell, Dr. Abbott has worked in the coordination of the university's academic program, served as administrative officer of the Academic Honors Council, directed the faculty advisory system and aided in the development of academic standards and policies.

From 1951 until his appointment to Bucknell in 1958, Dr. Abbott was a staff associate with the American Council on Education, Washington, D. C., an organization serving to coordinate all aspects of higher education. In this post he worked closely with national and international committees concerned with problems and policies, instruction and evaluation, teacher education, college teaching and other interests of higher education. His responsibilities with the council (more)
brought him into contact with personnel and problems of many institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Abbott's administrative experience also includes a year as administrative assistant to the president and two years as administrative assistant to the provost of Cornell University.

He holds a Ph. D. in political economy and government from the Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration. He took his A. B. degree at Cornell in 1942, where he was editor of the student newspaper, president of the Cornell United Religious Work, president of Sigma Pi fraternity and active in other campus affairs.

Following his graduation, he won an internship with the National Institute of Public Affairs, Washington, D. C. From 1943 to 1946 he was on active duty with the U. S. Navy. After his discharge as a lieutenant, he returned to Cornell to earn a master's degree in public administration.

Dr. Abbott edited "Student Life in the United States," the report of a conference at Haverford College, and he has published papers on education and public administration in professional journals.

Dr. Abbott's wife is also a graduate of Cornell and she holds a master's degree from Harvard. They have three sons and a daughter.

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