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MISSOULA, Jan. 11 -- George P. "Jiggs" Dahlberg will resign as Director of Athletics at Montana State University at the end of next June, it was announced today by Dr. H. K. Newburn, MSU President. In his resignation, Dahlberg asked to be relieved of his administrative responsibilities "to facilitate planned changes in the athletic program which will result in the effective consolidation of health and physical education with athletics at MSU".

In accepting the resignation, President Newburn lauded Dahlberg's "long and faithful service as coach and administrator" at MSU. He noted in particular Dahlberg's efforts during the past few years when the University has been faced with difficult financial problems. It was indicated in the resignation and in the President's acceptance that Dahlberg has been seeking to lighten his administrative duties for some time. He will continue his service to the University in non-administrative assignments.

Concurrently with the resignation announcement, Dr. Newburn revealed that the University is beginning a search for a new director for the combined program. A man who holds a doctorate in physical education, and who has had broad experience in athletic administration will be sought. The President stated his belief that such an individual "will be in a favorable position to resolve the problems of integrating the entire program, and to make the necessary adjustments in personnel which will insure both an effective athletic establishment and an improved program in health and physical education, particularly at the graduate level."
Jiggs Dahlberg was appointed to his present post as full-time Athletic Director in January, 1955. Prior to that time, he had served in the combined capacities as head basketball coach and athletic director for a period of a little more than a year. His athletic career in association with MSU dates from undergraduate days when he captained the Grizzly basketball squad in the mid-'20's. Following graduation, he entered the high school coaching field, returning to MSU as chief basketball coach and football line coach in 1937. With the exception of two years spent in wartime service, he was the Grizzly hoop mentor until the conclusion of the 1954-55 season when his coaching duties were assigned to Frosty Cox. His greatest team was the 1949-50 squad which won 27 of its 31 games.