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Dr. Charles W. Bolen, chairman of the Department of Music at Ripon College, Ripon, Wis., for the past eight years, will become dean of the Montana State University School of Fine Arts Aug. 20, MSU President H. K. Newburn announced Wednesday. He succeeds Dr. Luther A. Richman, who is retiring after 10 years as dean to assume the position of professor of music.

Dr. Bolen is president of the East Central District of the Music Teachers National Association and past president of the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association. His articles have been widely published in professional journals, and some of his arrangements and transcriptions of Baroque music are currently in the process of publication by the Robert King Music Co., North Easton, Mass.

The music educator has served on the staff of the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Mich., for the past six years. He has taught at Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., at Indiana University and in the Smithville, Ind., and Rochester, N. Y., public schools. He has been district and state adjudicator for solo, ensemble and band competitions in Illinois.

A performer as well as an administrator and a teacher, Dr. Bolen has appeared as flute soloist with orchestras and bands in New York and Texas and has given many recitals.

After taking a bachelor’s degree in music education at Northwestern University, he studied music literature and theory at Eastman School of Music and went on to earn a Ph. D. in music education and musicology at Indiana University. His wife is also a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Music. They have two daughters, six and eight years old.

Dr. Bolen served 42 months, seven of them overseas, with the Army Air Force during World War II.

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