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Montana State University receives Vocational Rehabilitation Administration research grant

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Montana State University has received $22,447 from the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration for a project headed by Dr. Charles D. Parker, associate professor of speech pathology and audiology and director of the MSU Speech and Hearing Clinic, MSU President Robert Johns announced.

The current grant, to run through August 1964, continues VRA support of the University's program of training speech and hearing clinicians. It also enables the clinic to increase rehabilitation services to patients with organic disorders affecting communication.

The award provides for the addition to the staff of an instructor in speech pathology and audiology, who will also do clinical work. The position will be filled by Connie R. Christenson, speech and hearing therapist at the Montana Rehabilitation Center, Great Falls, for the past four years.

After graduation from Minot State Teachers College in 1954, Miss Christenson spent two years as a teacher and a year as a speech and hearing therapist in Valley City, N. D. In 1957-58 she was an instructor and supervisor of clinical practice at MSTC. She did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin as an Office of Vocational Rehabilitation trainee for speech correction in adult rehabilitation, receiving a master's degree in 1959.

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