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The Rev. George Ferguson has been appointed lecturer on religion at the
Affiliated Montana School of Religion at MSU, it was announced by Dr. T. Tatsuyama,
director. Father Ferguson recently completed work for his Master's degree at MSU.
He will be teaching courses in Religion in America and Christianity to 1700.

Father Ferguson has a broad educational background with specialization
in history, the director said. He studied philosophy at Carroll College, Helena,
and theology at St. Edward's Seminary in Seattle, where he was granted his
Bachelor of Divinity degree. He has taught extensively at the high school level.

The vaccine is made from an extract of the cell walls of the tuberculinosis organism.

Experiments with its production as a useful fighting tool had led to disappointment
until Dr. Larson hit on the idea of breaking up the organism in mineral oil. While the
exact nature of the serum's power is not known, Larson believes that there may be an
enzyme in the cell wall material that survives in water solutions but is inactivated
when centrifuged with the mineral oil. An additional discovery was the finding that the
serum apparently has greater effectiveness when heat treated. So far, it has been
tested only on laboratory animals.

"In test results so far it works. We believe that it is more effective than live
toxin and with a few more experiments it appears to have the potential for becoming an ideal
vaccine," Dr. Larson said. Commenting on the long search for the vaccine, Dr. Larson said
"it pays for some grey hairs."

The Stella Duncan Memorial Institute was established at MSU through a request in 1947
from Stella Duncan Johnstone, an alumna, who had been an asthma sufferer. Work of the
Institute has included studies in immunity and allergy in infectious diseases and
hypersensitivity. The original request has been bolstered by numerous grants from the
NIAID and the American Cancer Society, the most recent of which was a Research Career
Grant of $1,000 for Dr. Larson, granted by the National Institutes of Health last year.