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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 S. 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 cell walls of the Tuberculosis 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 powers are 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 vaccine 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 vaccine 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 bequest in 1947 from Stella Duncan Johnstone, an alumna, who had been an asthmatic sufferer. Work of the Institute has included studies in immunity and allergy in infectious diseases and hypersensitivity. The original bequest has been bolstered by numerous grants from the NIH 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.