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Dr. M. J. Nakamura has been named chairman of the newly created Department of Microbiology at Montana State University, according to Dean Robert W. Coonrod of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The microbiology and botany curricula were combined in the Department of Botany and Microbiology prior to their division into two independent departments at the February meeting of the Board of Regents, the dean said. Dr. R. A. Diettert, who headed the former department, will be chairman of the now separate Botany Department.

Dr. Nakamura, a member of the faculty since 1956, is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an honor bestowed "on the basis of original research or other significant contributions to the advancement of science." His major research interest is the study of organisms that cause dysentery, and his work in this field receives substantial support from the U. S. Public Health Service. Reports on his research have been published in many scientific journals.

The new chairman received a doctor of philosophy degree in basic medical sciences, with specialization in microbiology, from Boston University School of Medicine in 1956. He earned a bachelor's degree at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1949 and a master's degree at the University of Southern California the following year.

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