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Dr. Darrell J. Inabnit, institutional research specialist at the University of Miami, and onetime bomber pilot, will become executive assistant to the president at Montana State University August 1, it was announced by President Robert Johns. Dr. Inabnit succeeds Troy Crowder, who has been assistant to the president at MSU for the past four years and who leaves this month to assume a post at Oakland University in Michigan.

Inabnit was born at Ladysmith, Wis., October 28, 1916. Following his graduation from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in medical bacteriology in 1939, he entered military service with the Coast Artillery Corps, transferring to the Army Air Corps in 1942. He was shot down twice in action, the first time over Yugoslavia, from which he escaped, and the second time over Perugia, Italy, resulting in his capture. He was a POW until May of 1945.

He returned to his studies the following year at the University of Colorado, completing work for a MA degree in educational psychology at the University of Illinois in 1948. The same school granted him a Master of Education degree in school administration in 1953 and the Ed. D. degree in educational administration in 1954.

He served the University of Illinois as assistant director of the Bureau of Research and Service, and instructor in educational psychology from 1948 to 1954. He became deputy director of the U.S. Armed Forces Institute under Dr. Johns in 1954 and was named director of the Institute in 1958. In 1961 he joined the University of Miami as Dean of Admissions and Records and Director of Institutional Research.

Dr. Inabnit is a member of numerous professional societies. He is an amateur musician and pursues coin and military medal collecting as hobbies.

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