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New editor for MJA

Alan Blum, MD, FAAFP, a 33-year-old medical practitioner, author and university lecturer of Chicago, USA, has been appointed editor of the *Medical Journal of Australia*.

In announcing the appointment, Chairman of the Australasian Medical Publishing Company, Sir Keith Jones, who has been acting editor since August, said Dr Blum would be accompanied by his wife Doris and young son and take up duty early next year.

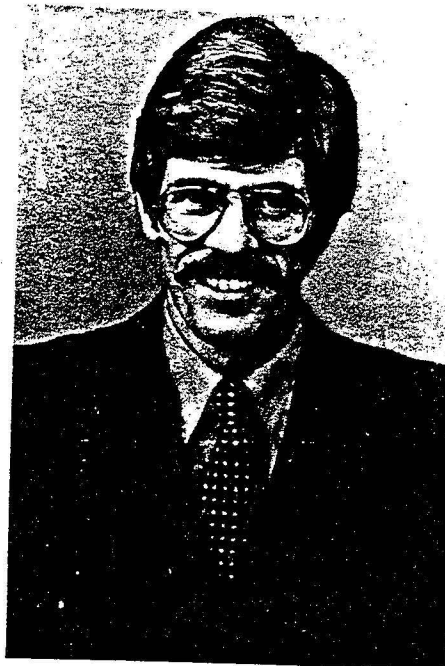
Sir Keith said he and his fellow directors were delighted that Dr Blum, who had been a Morris Fishbein Fellow with the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), had accepted the position which attracted applicants from the USA, the UK and New Zealand as well as Australia.

Dr Blum is the son of a family physician who served the same community for 40 years until his death in 1969.

Dr Blum says he determined in secondary school (whilst he was editor of the school paper) to become a medical journalist and editor. He went on to Amherst College in Massachusetts and whilst taking pre-medical courses there gained his BA cum laude in English Literature.

After graduating from Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta Georgia, Dr Blum worked in family medicine at a number of hospitals in the US and Canada before taking up his present post as a family practice physician at the Lutheran General Hospital, Illinois and lecturer in the Faculty of Family Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

Dr Blum's published works in books and medical journals have concentrated on the



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areas of health promotion and preventive medicine. This has led to speaking engagements at more than 40 medical schools and nearly 200 other organisations across the United States and Canada.

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