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**HERBAL EXPERT KICKS OFF PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES**

**MISSOULA--**

In response to their growing popularity nationwide, The University of Montana will spotlight herbal remedies as the topic for this year's first President's Lecture Monday, Sept. 29, at the Missoula campus.

Professor Emeritus Varro E. Tyler of Purdue University, author of 16 books on the beneficial uses of herbs, will discuss "What You Should Know About Herbal Medicine," focusing on dietary supplements and providing general information about top-selling herbs and potentially harmful ones. His lecture will begin at 8 p.m. in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

"Tyler is the most renowned national and international authority on therapeutically useful drugs obtained from plants," according to UM pharmacognosy Professor Rustem Medora. "He is also cautious about plant drugs. Many people in this business are careless or blase. Tyler says things and does things that prevent people from getting hurt."

Tyler's UM visit also includes a public seminar at 3 p.m. Sept. 29 titled "Regulations, Science and Pharmacognosy: Their Influence on the Future of Herbal Medicine." Room 123 of the Gallagher Building is the seminar site.

Tyler has taught pharmacognosy at the universities of Nebraska and Washington as well



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as at Purdue University, where he also was dean of the School of Pharmacy. His list of 16 published books includes "The Honest Herbal" and "Herbs of Choice: The Therapeutic Use of Phytomedicinals." He has also written more than 270 articles for professional journals.

Tyler's visit will highlight the 90th anniversary of UM's School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences. As part of the anniversary celebration, the school will host an open house at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, in Room 119 of the Pharmacy/Psychology Building.

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