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UM CELEBRATES DIVERSITY WITH WEEK OF DIALOGUE

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana will participate in a national week of dialogue to promote diversity on college campuses Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 6-7. Lectures, panels and meetings will address issues such as race, ethnicity, sexual harassment and more. All events are free and open to the public.

The UM Campus Week of Dialogue is part of President Clinton's national Initiative on Race. Local events are sponsored by the UM Diversity Advisory Council, the Associated Students of UM, the UC Multicultural Alliance, the UM law school and UM's legal counsel office.

Wednesday afternoon events take place in the Castles Center on the lower level of the law school. They are:

- "The Challenge of Tribal Nation Building in the 21st Century" by attorney Dan Decker at 1:15 p.m.
- a Faculty/Student Response Panel at 1:45 p.m.
- "Does the Law Help Achieve or Impede Diversity in Higher Education" from 3 to 5 p.m., an expert legal panel comprising higher education lawyers and legal educators discussing

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recent higher court decisions related to diversity issues. Panelists will be Anchorage, Alaska, attorney Jean Sagin; UM law Professor Raymond Cross; San Francisco attorney Steve Hirschfeld; and UM General Counsel David Aronofsky.

Darrell Kipp, cofounder of the Piegan Institute, will give a lecture Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. titled "Nizi Puhwah Sin (Real Speak) Schools" in the University Center Commons.

The sole event planned for Thursday is a campuswide meeting of the ASUM Diversity Committee from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the University Center's Lounge. This informal meeting will bring together all members of the campus community to build communication between groups and identify strategies for creating a campus that is more open to diversity. All are welcome, and food will be provided.

For more information, call ASUM Vice President Jerry Lamb at (406) 243-2037.

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