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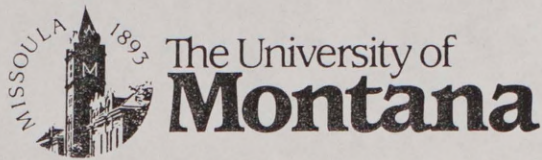
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**ASBESTOS EXPERT DELIVERS NEXT PRESIDENT'S SERIES LECTURE AT UM
MISSOULA-**

Environmental consultant Barry Castleman will deliver the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the University Theatre at The University of Montana.

The lecture, "The Global Struggle over Asbestos," will examine the opposing forces of promotion of asbestos and public health efforts to halt its use around the world. More than 30 countries have banned asbestos, not including the United States, and 10,000 Americans die each year from asbestosis and asbestos cancers. The liability of legally responsible parties is projected to be more than \$200 million dollars as the U.S. Senate considers bail-out legislation.

New asbestos factories open even as activists and health professionals mount campaigns to stop them and a virtual network of scientists, doctors, lawyers, engineers, unionists, politicians and environmental groups work with one another in a multicultural area of disputes over technical issues and political decisions.

Castleman also will deliver an afternoon seminar, in conjunction with the Philosophy Forum, at 3:10 p.m. the same day in Gallagher Building Room 122 titled "The Corporate Response to the Asbestos Problem."

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Castleman earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, a master's degree in environmental engineering and a doctoral degree from Johns Hopkins University.

He has served as a consultant for a variety of governmental and environmental agencies, including the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Defense Fund, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund.

He has taught at Johns Hopkins' School of Engineering and the University of Bremen in Germany. In addition, he has given congressional testimonies and written contribution for a variety of legislation.

Castleman has written more than 60 books and articles, many on asbestos, for a variety of publications.

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