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'INTERNATIONAL WEEK' AT UM ENDS FRIDAY WITH ITALIAN, CHINESE PROGRAMS

MISSOULA--

"International Week," sponsored by the University of Montana Department of Foreign Languages to foster understanding among nations, will be concluded Friday, Feb. 28, at UM with Italian and Chinese programs.

Dr. Roman I. Zylawy, assistant professor of foreign languages at UM, who is coordinator of the week's activities, said the Italian programs scheduled Friday will include a free film, "Renaissance in Italy," at 4 p.m., followed by a slide presentation, "Contemporary Italy," in room 11 of the UM Liberal Arts (LA) Building. A panel discussion, "Modern Italy: Contrasts," will be at 5 p.m. in LA 11.

The Far Eastern Association (Sijihua) at UM will present a panel discussion on "I-Ching" (pronounced E-Ching), the Chinese "Book of Changes," at 7:30 p.m. Friday in LA 11. Panelists will be two visiting scholars, Dana Johnson and Jon Babcock. Dr. John B. Wang (pronounced Wong), an associate professor of foreign languages at UM, who made arrangements for the panel discussion, said Johnson has been studying I-Ching about 10 years.

Johnson and Babcock will try to expose the intricacies of the book and demonstrate the usage of the hexagrams. The program is open to the public without charge, although donations will be accepted to defray expenses.

Commenting on I-Ching, Dr. Wang said, "I-Ching is the most abstruse of the Chinese classics. Part of it goes back nearly 5,000 years. Confucius allegedly wrote the appendixes of the book and said that if his life were prolonged he would spend 60 years in the study of I-Ching. All through the ages, the Chinese used this book to interpret the cosmic transformations and to predict events of human life."