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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS TO MEET AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA JUNE 16-19

MISSOULA--

The 55th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists (ASM) will be held June 16-19 at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Cochairmen of the meeting, Dr. Philip L. Wright, a professor in the UM Department of Zoology and Wildlife Biology, and Dr. Lee H. Metzgar, an associate professor in the departments, said they expect about 500 scientists to attend the four-day convention. The society meets each June on various college and university campuses in the U.S. and Canada.

Wright said the 3,300 ASM members do basic research in mammalogy--the study of mammals-and publish a quarterly research publication, "The Journal of Mammalogy."

Wright, a past director of the ASM, said about 120 papers on such topics as anatomy, taxonomy and ecology will be presented during the 1975 ASM convention.

Metzgar said the meeting will include symposia on predatory mammals, mammalian evolution and the bioenergetics of small mammals. The final presentation at the convention will be a film and discussion of the grizzly bear by Dr. John J. Craighead, professor of zoology, forestry and wildlife biology, who also is leader of the UM Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit.

Wright said the four-day ASM meeting at UM will include tours of the National Bison Range near <u>Moiese</u> and the UM Biological Station at Yellow Bay on <u>Flathead Lake</u> in northwestern Montana. The scientists will participate in a barbecue June 18 on the

National Bison Range.

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Most of the visiting scientists will stay in University residence halls during the June convention. Meeting headquarters will be in the University Center Ballroom.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Wright by mail at the University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801, or by phoning 243-4292.