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ENVIRONMENTAL, COAL MINING SYMPOSIUM
IS TUESDAY DURING AAAS MEETING IN BOSTON

MISSOULA--

A half-day symposium on the theme, "Environmental Impact of Coal Mining and Conversion, Northern Great Plains," a program arranged by Dr. Arnold J. Silverman, professor of geology at the University of Montana in Missoula, will be presented Tuesday, Feb. 24, in Boston, Mass., as part of the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The seven-day AAAS meeting continues through Tuesday.

The coal mining symposium will be from 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, headquarters for the AAAS meeting.

Silverman said the symposium will explore the nature of some of the social, biological and physical impacts and the conflicts resulting from the transformation of an agrarian, ranching society into one with specific industrial development scattered throughout the region. Silverman will preside at Tuesday's symposium.

Commenting in a letter to Silverman on the value of the annual sessions held by the national association, Carol L. Rogers, AAAS public information consultant, said, "AAAS annual meetings serve to fulfill one of the basic objectives of the Association: to increase the public understanding of science. Thus we feel it is important to communicate not only with other scientists but also with the general public about science and the important role it plays in our everyday lives and in the affairs of our country and the world."

Other faculty members from UM who will participate in the symposium include Dr. Clancy Gordon, professor of botany, who will discuss "Impact of Coal Conversion on Plants and Animals," and Dr. Raymond L. Gold, professor of sociology and director of the Institute for Social Research at UM, who will discuss "Trespases and Other Social Impacts of Northern Plains Coal Development."

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--Robert Anderson, Helena, assistant administrator of the Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, "Water Availability in the Yellowstone Basin."

--Dr. Richard Stroup, Bozeman, associate professor of agricultural economics and economics at Montana State University, "Economies of Competing Water Use in the Northern Great Plains."

--John van Derwalker, Denver, Colo., program manager, Northern Great Plains Resources Program, "Resource Base for the Northern Great Plains."

--Carl M. Shy, Chapel Hill, N.C., director of the Institute of Environmental Studies, University of North Carolina, "Human Health Effects of Coal Mining and Conversion."

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