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'BIOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS OF COLSTRIP UNITS 3 AND 4' IS FOCUS OF FRIDAY SEMINAR FEATURING CLANCY GORDON

MISSOULA--

Dr. Clancy Gordon, professor of botany and director of environmental studies at the University of Montana in Missoula, will present a discussion entitled "Biological Implications of Colstrip Units 3 and 4" Friday, March 5, at UM as the next speaker in a series of seminars dealing with contemporary environmental problems.

Friday's program, which is open to the public without charge, will be at noon in room 307 of the UM Natural Science Building.

Gordon's discussion is one in a series of seminars being held at UM in conjunction with a University winter course entitled "Current Environmental Problems." Dr. Meyer Chessin, UM botany professor, is coordinator of the seminar series.

Friday's seminar is based on studies in <u>Colstrip</u> and <u>Billings</u>, <u>Mont</u>.; Paducah, Ky., and <u>Mt. Storm</u>, <u>W.Va</u>. Those studies dealt mainly with the air pollution from coal-fired power plants and the effects of that pollution on plant and animal populations.

Gordon has done extensive research on acid rains and is currently involved in monitoring research in the Fort Union Basin coal fields area in northeast Wyoming, the Dakotas and eastern Montana. He is concerned with emissions from coal fire stacks and the effects of those emissions upon the sulfur and floride content in vegetation, especially conifers.