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MCH AWARDS \$4,700 TO SCIENCE FICTION CONFERENCE

MISSOULA--

The Montana Committee for the Humanities, an organization headquartered at the University of Montana in Missoula, has awarded a grant of \$4,700 to the 1976 National Conference of the Science Fiction Research Association (SFRA), which will be held Friday through Sunday, June 18-20, at the Village Motor Inn in Missoula.

Dr. Michael W. McClintock, assistant professor of English at UM, the conference director, said the conference will include a free public panel discussion entitled "Investigations of the Future: The Discovery of Alternatives" at 8 p.m. Friday at the conference headquarters in the Village Motor Inn. The grant from the MCH is earmarked specifically for support of the panel discussion. McClintock said "it is very unusual" for the MCH to make that large a grant to fund a single event.

A number of prominent science fiction writers and teachers will participate in Friday's panel discussion, including Thomas Clareson, professor of English at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, and Robert Scholes, professor of English at Brown University, Providence, R.I.

Other talks will be included in the conference.

Scholes, author of "Structural Fabulation," "Structuralism in Literature" and "The Nature of Narrative," will deliver a paper adapted from his forthcoming history of science fiction at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19. Clareson, editor of "Extrapolation" and "SF: The Other Side of Realism," will present a lecture entitled "The American West in Science Fiction" at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 20.

Conference cosponsors include the UM College of Arts and Sciences and UM Department of English.

Additional conference information may be obtained by phoning McClintock, 728-7337.