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4 NEW MEMBERS OF STATE
HUMANITIES COMMITTEE NAMED

MISSOULA--

What do an English professor, a librarian, the director of a tribal human resources development project and a rancher from Brockway have in common? If their names are Arthur Coffin, Alene Cooper, Karen Fenton and Phillip G. Haglund, they are all new members of the Montana Committee for the Humanities who are serving the committee for three-year terms.

The Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH), which has home offices at the University of Montana in Missoula, is a state-based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is made up of an unsalaried group of citizens who make policy and regranting decisions relating to the Montana public program in the humanities. MCH members include scholars in the humanities, administrators of institutions and representatives of the general public.

Coffin, head of the Department of English and Theatre Arts at Montana State University, Bozeman, brings to MCH a wide range of teaching and administrative experience. He is a specialist in modern poetry and fiction, and author of a study of an American entitled "Robinson Jeffers: Poet of Inhumanism." He is also an officer in the Madison-Gallatin chapter of Trout Unlimited, and a member of the Elks Club.

Cooper, head of the Great Falls Public Library, returned to her home state of Montana after working with the U.S. Department of State and with "Life" and "The New Yorker" magazines. An experienced administrator, she has served as librarian and coordinator of the Golden Plains Library Federation at the Glasgow City-County Library, Glasgow. She is also active in a number of civic and professional organizations, including the American Library Association, the Montana Library Association, the American Association of University Women and the Cascade County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Fenton, an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, has had extensive experience as an educator. She is the director of the Human Resources Development Program at the Flathead Agency, and has been employed as a teacher in eastern Montana and as education coordinator for Tri-State Tribes Inc., Billings, and counselor and follow-up coordinator for the Upward Bound Project, Eastern Montana College in Billings. She is a member of the National Indian Education Association, the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, and the Special Services Advisory Board of Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell and the University of Montana.

Haglund is engaged in farming and ranching as president of Haglund Ranch Inc., a family corporation near Brockway. A former McCone County school board member, his commitment to public education is long-standing. He is a director of Montana State University's Endowment and Research Foundation and president of the MSU Advisory Council. Haglund is also active in several state and local agriculture organizations.

Other MCH members are: Bradley B. Parrish, Lewistown, an attorney, who is MCH chairman; Gordon G. Brittan, Bozeman, professor of philosophy at MSU; Louise Cross, Glendive, curator for the Frontier Gateway Museum; Dr. Thomas P. Huff, Missoula, professor of philosophy at UM; Francis J. Kerins, Helena, president of Carroll College.

And, William S. Mather, Billings, an attorney; Harold G. Stearns, Helena, director of the Montana Bicentennial Administration; Dr. Maxine Van de Wetering, associate professor of history at UM, Missoula; State Sen. Margaret S. Warden, D-Great Falls, and Flora K. Willett, Billings, professor of English at EMC.

Former members of the MCH include Dr. Pierce C. Mullen, Bozeman, head of the Department of History, Government and Philosophy at MSU; Earl Barlow, Browning, superintendent of schools; Alma Jacobs, Helena state librarian; James W. Murry, Helena, executive secretary of the AFL-CIO; William MacKay Jr., Roscoe.

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And, Robert T. Pantzer, Santa Rosa, Calif, past-president of UM; David G. Drum, Billings, a businessman; Dr. John E. Van de Wetering, Billings, acting president of EMC, who is former chairman of the UM Department of History; Dr. Roy E. Huffman, Bozeman, vice president for research at MSU, and Dr. Joseph T. Ward, Helena, professor of English at Carroll College.

The MCH offers matching financial support on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations to sponsor programs which enable residents of Montana communities to meet with historians, philosophers, scholars in literature, religious studies, jurisprudence and other professionals in the humanities to examine and better understand public issues.

Further information about the MCH can be obtained by contacting Dr. Margaret Kingsland, MCH director, 322 Turner Hall, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801, or by phoning 243-6022.

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