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TOTAL OF \$9,315 FOR PROJECTS

MISSOULA--

The Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH), a statewide organization with home offices at the University of Montana in Missoula, has awarded \$9,315 in recent matching grants to nonprofit organizations in Montana for various projects.

The MCH operates under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Among the forthcoming discussion programs involving the humanities and public issues are programs in Bozeman and Butte in early December, and statewide television programs to be aired this winter.

A grant of \$3,250 to the Bozeman-based Ad Hoc Committee for Legislative Research will support a one-day conference on the citizen and the Montana Legislature entitled "Private Preferences and Public Choices."

The Bozeman conference will be held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, in the Madison-Jefferson Room of the Montana State University Student Union Building. Conference sessions will be open to the public without charge.

Panel topics will include discussions of theories of representative government and explorations of the views of Montana legislators and diverse special interest groups, and a discussion of the future of representative government in Montana.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Jerry W. Calvert, assistant professor of government at Montana State University, Bozeman.

Other faculty members in the humanities who will participate in the Bozeman program include Dr. Ellis Waldron, professor of political science at UM; Dr. Ronald F. Perrin, associate professor of philosophy at UM, and Dr. Richard B. Roeder, professor of history at MSU. William James, editor of The Great Falls Tribune, will discuss the role of the press in representative government.

Montana legislators including Rep. John Driscoll, D-Hamilton; Rep. Gary Kimble, D-Missoula; Sen. Allen Kolstad, R-Chester, and Sen. Bill Mathers, R-Miles City, will participate in a panel discussion of legislative responsibilities.

Representatives of various organized interest groups, including Ernie Post of the Montana AFL-CIO; Tom Winsor of the Montana Chamber of Commerce, and Stanley Tryon of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation will be members of panels. Calvert is director of the panels.

The Sigma Xi Chapter at the Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology (Montana Tech), Butte, has received a matching grant of \$2,480 from the MCH for public programs to be presented in the Mining City Dec. 6-7. The programs, designed to explore government regulation of society, will be held in the Montana Tech Student Union Building from 7-10 p.m. Dec. 6 and from 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30-5 p.m. Dec. 7. There will be a no-host luncheon at noon Dec. 7 in the Montana Tech SUB. Sigma Xi is a national science honorary.

Panels on topics such as wilderness control and regulation, rights of privacy, sex discrimination and the right to die will take place during the Butte meetings. Prof. Don Beuerman of the Sigma Xi Chapter at Montana Tech, is project director.

The MCH has awarded \$3,585 to the Montana Academy of Sciences NSF Video Project in partial support of two video tapes in a forthcoming TV series entitled "Montana As Science Sees It." The two segments supported by MCH funds include a half-hour program on Native American art and archaeology in Montana, and a half-hour program on the "boom and bust" cycles in Montana's economic development.

Scholars in the humanities who will assist with these programs include Dr. Joel H. Bernstein, associate professor of art at UM, and Dr. William B. Evans and Dr. David M. Emmons, associate professors of history at UM. Project director is Dr. James W. Cox, professor of chemistry at UM. These programs will be aired by Montana Television Network stations beginning in January 1977.

MCH Director, Dr. Margaret Kingsland, said that with the assistance of the National Endowment for the Humanities the Montana Committee for the Humanities seeks to encourage dialogue on issues of public policy, and to encourage scholars in the humanities to address current concerns of national life.

A total of \$42,141 for 11 projects has been regranted to date this fiscal year. Any nonprofit group may apply for funds in support of public programs in the humanities.

Last year the MCH funded 47 different projects, with grants averaging \$5,000. For further information and grant criteria, contact Dr. Kingsland at 322 Turner Hall, UM, Missoula, MT 59812 or phone 243-6022.