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PRIEST TO LECTURE ON PORNOGRAPHY IN LITERATURE
WEDNESDAY EVENING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MISSOULA --

A Jesuit professor of English at the University of San Francisco will survey the problem of pornography in literature during a public lecture Wednesday (July 19) evening at the University of Montana.

Father Edward Stackpoole, S.J., will speak at 8:15 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. His appearance is sponsored by the NDEA Institute in English for Secondary School Teachers of English.

Father Stackpoole describes his talk as "exploratory, not doctrinal or dogmatic; seeking to analyze the problems more than attempting overall solutions."

Pornography in literature recently has caused considerable stir among teachers, parents and clergymen, according to Dr. Agnes Boner, a UM English professor and the institute director. She says that Father Stackpoole became interested in the pornography fight when he was in Oxford, England, during a legal battle over inclusion of the novel "Lady Chatterley's Lover" in school curricula. During the past year, he observed the California trial of Lenore Kendel's "Love Book," according to Dr. Boner.

"In both cases," Father Stackpoole says, "I was appalled by the gross exaggerations of both sides."

The University of San Francisco is near the Haight-Ashbury district that often is referred to as "Psychedelphia," according to Dr. Boner. She says that "hippies" in the area turn out pornography in abundance.

Father Stackpoole teaches Chaucer, Middle English and composition. He recently has written a book, "The Relevance of Rhetoric," with Dr. Ross Winterowd, a former professor at the University of Montana.