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Administrative procedure panel to meet at U Friday

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"Administrative Procedure and Montana Agencies" is title of a panel discussion to be given Friday (March 8) at the University of Montana as a prelude to a lecture by a University of California faculty member.

The panel discussion will be at 3:15 p.m. March 8 and the lecture, which is entitled "The Ombudsman," will be at 8 p.m. the same date. Both events, which will be in the Music Hall on the Missoula campus, are open to the public without charge.

Friday night's lecture concerning the ombudsman will be by Stanley V. Anderson, who is visiting associate professor of political science at the California school in Berkeley.

Featured on the panel will be Robert D. Corette, Butte attorney, who, as a Montana practitioner, will comment on the plausibility of a single approach to administrative procedure for Montana agencies, commissions and other state organizations; James Newton, Seattle, regional administrator for the Securities and Exchange Commission, who will discuss "Substantive Regulations in the Impact of Administrative Agencies in Providing Flexibility Delegated to Them"; and Lester R. Rusoff, UM law professor, who will discuss the rudiments of administrative procedure.

Both the panel discussion and Anderson's lecture are sponsored by the UM School of Law under a $2,000 grant from the Sperry and Hutchinson Foundation Lectureship Program.

Friday's events are third in a series of four under the direction of Robert E. Sullivan, UM Law School dean.

Anderson's ombudsman lecture will concern establishment of an office under the ombudsman's name. The ombudsman, a term which originated in Sweden early in the 19th century, would handle citizens' complaints against local, state and federal government agencies. Those serving as ombudsmen would suggest specific remedies to rectify individual injustices and perhaps suggest improvements in agency procedures.

The Swedish parliament appoints ombudsmen to four-year terms to represent citizens in cases of arbitrary action or abuse of power by government law enforcement officers and administrative agencies.