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MISSOULA--

A former visiting professor on the Berkeley campus of the University of California will lecture at the University of Montana Friday night (March 8).

The lecturer is Dr. Stanley V. Anderson, who is associate professor of political science on the Santa Barbara Campus of the U of C.

Dr. Anderson's lecture, entitled "The Ombudsman," will be at 8 p.m. Friday in the Music Recital Hall on the Missoula campus. The speech is open to the public without charge, as is a panel discussion to be held in conjunction with Dr. Anderson's lecture at 3:15 p.m. Friday in the MRH. The panel discussion, is entitled "Administrative Procedure and Montana Agencies."

"Ombudsman" is a term which originated in Sweden early in the 19th century. The Swedish parliament appoints ombudsmen for four-year terms to represent citizens in cases of arbitrary action or abuse of power by government law enforcement officers and administrative agencies.

The 32nd American Assembly--which included representatives from business, education communications, labor and government--met last fall at Columbia University and proposed establishment of an ombudsman's office in this country.

Ombudsmen would handle citizens' complaints against local, state and federal government agencies, suggesting specific remedies to rectify individual injustices. An ombudsman would perhaps seek improvement in agency procedures as one means of solving a problem.

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Dr. Anderson's lecture and the panel discussion comprise the third in a series of four sponsored by the U of M School of Law under a $2,000 grant from the Sperry and Hutchinson Foundation Lectureship Program. The programs are under direction of Robert E. Sullivan, law school dean.

Dr. Anderson, author of a book entitled "Ombudsmen for American Government," received his doctorate in political science from the U of C, Berkeley, in 1961. He was a Congressional Fellow in 1963-64, and during that time was assigned to the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. Dr. Anderson also worked in the office of congressman Henry S. Reuss.

Friday's panel members and discussion topics include Robert D. Corette, Butte attorney, plausibility of a single approach to administrative procedure for Montana agencies, commissions and other state organizations; Lester R. Rusoff, U of M law professor, rudiments of administrative procedure; and 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."

Dr. Anderson was a visiting professor of political science on the Berkeley campus from 1966-67.