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PANEL ON INDIAN CRISES  
SET FOR FEB. 24 AT UM

MISSOULA, Mont.---

A panel discussion about the nation's growing Indian crises will be held at the University of Montana Feb. 26.

The program, which is open to the public without charge, will be at 8 p.m. in the UM Music Recital Hall under the auspices of the Friends of the Library of the University.

Arthur Deschamps Jr. (pronounced Day Shaw), Missoula, president of the Friends of the Library on campus, said the main objective of the panel discussion will be "to create an awareness in the general public regarding racial problems existing in the country today."

The program Feb. 26 by eight panelists will include discussion of material from a book entitled "Custer Died for Your Sins," written by Vine Deloria Jr. (Del or Eea), a Sioux from the Standing Rock Reservation in north central South Dakota.

Panelists will include four Indians--George Harris, adviser-counselor for Indian students at UM who is from the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming; Victor Charlo, Evaro, of the Flathead Indian Reservation in west central Montana; Mrs. Thomas Yellowtail, a Crow Indian from Wyola who is a member of the President's Council on Indian Education, and a UM student who will be assigned to the panel later.

The four non-Indians on the panel will include the Rev. Jonathan Nelson, pastor at the Lutheran Student Center in Missoula; Dr. Carling I. Malouf, an anthropology professor at UM; a University student yet to be named, and a representative of the UM Black Studies Program.

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Panel moderator will be Dr. H. Duane Hampton, an associate professor of western history at UM.

Deschamps said the Friends of the Library on the Missoula campus has been relatively inactive for two years.

"The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library is most anxious to attract as many University students and townspeople as possible to the Feb. 26 meeting," Deschamps. said.

"University of Montana students and townspeople originally were responsible for organizing the Friends of the Library at UM," said Deschamps. "We hope the Feb. 26 panel discussion and other activities to be scheduled by the group on campus will recreate much of the interest previously shown in the Friends of the Library."

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