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UM FOUNDATION HEARS
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MISSOULA--

University of Montana Foundation Trustees heard Dr. K. Ross Toole report on the result of his essay on students, Dr. John Craighead report on tracking of bears and elk via satellite and Alonzo Spang on plans for an Indian Studies program he will head at the University.

The trustees met Thursday at the UM's Lubrecht Experimental Forest, 30 miles north-
east of Missoula, at their annual summer session.

Dr. Toole stated that he has received thousands of pieces of mail in response to a personal letter he had written to his brother and which a Billings editor subsequently published. The letter was critical of radical students and has since been published in many newspapers over the nation, U.S. News and World Report, The Reader's Digest and its European edition.

The widely known history professor stated that about one percent of the mail was of the hate variety from the far left, another one percent complimentary from the far right and frequently containing money for "the fight." About four percent of the mail was of the essay type, well written and critical of students, and the remainder, 94 percent, seemed to voice approval in varying degrees.

Dr. Toole said he had received a box full of manure as well as several containing a substance he thought to be pot. He said the money in the mail is being returned to the senders and added that he is quite anxious to get back to a normal routine.

Dr. John Craighead described technical aspects of his new animal tracking program utilizing satellites to record the travel of elk and bear.

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Craighead showed the members slides of a bulky collar that weighed more than twice what they were led to expect but which didn't seem to bother the elk. He reported that the prototypes have been proven successful and that soon they hope to use the same instrumentation on polar bears.

The trustees also heard Mr. Alonzo Spang speak about his plans for the newly instituted Indian Studies program. Spang, a native of Lame Deer and a Cheyenne Indian, said that his people have a built-in failure expectancy that must be overcome.

He noted the low Indian family income level has kept many from going to school and caused others to drop out.

To overcome this, he said, large sums will be needed and good counseling made available.

The Foundation meeting continues through Friday. The agenda consists of election of new officers, an address by UM President Robert Pantzer, a research report from Dr. Norman Taylor, an activities report from Foundation Director Tom Collins and a treasurer's report from Cal Murphy.

Merritt (Red) Warden, Kalispell attorney, presided as President.

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