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PACIFIC AFFAIRS EXPERTS TO SPEAK AT PUBLIC MEETING AT UM

MISSOULA--

A panel discussion on the topic "The Pacific Community and the Western United States" will be presented by the Mansfield Center for Pacific Affairs (MCPA) and the University of Montana Saturday, Sept. 26, in Missoula. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held on the University of Montana campus at the University Center, Montana Rooms 360 C-D, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Featured on the panel will be two nationally recognized experts on Pacific area affairs, Dr. Thomas Rohlen, a consultant from Ross, Calif. and Dr. Kenneth Pyle, director of International Studies at the University of Washington.

The MCPA is a project still in a planning phase which would establish a Center at Flathead Lake to sponsor activities oriented to political, economic, and cultural affairs of the Pacific Basin. The center has close cooperative ties with the University of Montana.

The Saturday meeting is supported in part by grants from the Old West Regional Commission and Burlington Northern Inc.

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