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Governor Babcock recognizes University of Montana 75th anniversary

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GOV. BABCOCK RECOGNIZES
UM 75th ANNIVERSARY

MISSOULA--

Gov. Tim Bobcock has sent a congratulatory letter to University of Montana faculty and students in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Missoula school, which was established Feb. 17, 1893.

Gov. Babcock's letter and another from UM President Robert T. Pantzer are included in the Charter Month Brochure prepared by Cheryl Hutchinson, publications editor, and Kory Hellmer, publications assistant, in Information Services at UM.

In his letter, Gov. Babcock says:

"For the Board of Regents and the many interested citizens of the State of Montana, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a great institution.

"The foresight of our legislators of seventy-five years ago is matched only by the dedication of the University's faculty and friends. From 1893 to the present, the University of Montana has been of great service to the students and citizens of Montana."

The Governor concludes by saying, "We extend our congratulations and our hopes that the next seventy-five years are as productive."

In his letter "To all friends of the University," Pres. Pantzer says, "The University of Montana welcomes you to the 75th anniversary of the signing of our Charter. Traditionally a university looks to the future; it is my hope that during this anniversary year we will examine the past as well. Charter Year is a good time to take stock of ourselves and of our direction. I believe that this self-examination will reveal that the phenomenal growth of this university has well prepared us to meet the challenges of the future."
The Charter Month Brochure is being distributed to UM students and faculty, to the UM Council of 50, the UM Foundation, all regional colleges, and to all news media, libraries and high schools in the state. Also, UM Information Services will fill other requests for the brochure.

Classes got under way at the University in 1895 with the enrollment of 50 students. The school had five faculty members in 1895. Today the faculty numbers more than 300 and the student enrollment this quarter reached 6,221.

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