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Kim Williams
A woman of uncommon sense
1923-1986

Photo by Bob Cushman
It is impossible to report honestly about the University of Montana School of Journalism without mentioning that the university is in deep financial trouble. Because anticipated state revenues have not materialized, an already grim budget picture has grown dramatically worse. UM sustained a five percent budget cut for next year and more cuts are almost certainly coming. Faculty salaries — already near the bottom on the national scale — have been frozen by the state legislature. There may be layoffs.

All this comes at a time when the School of Journalism needs to add a position in photojournalism and graphics, the absence of which was noted in the last assessment of our program by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. The next accreditation visit will be in February 1987.

In the face of this grim news, it may sound strange that we continue to look to the future with confidence, that our morale is high and that we can look back on the past 18 months with real pride. That this is true is, in large part, your doing. Contributions from alumni and friends have mitigated the worst results of the journalism budget cuts, and in a few cases have permitted us to try new ideas and projects.

We are not playing Pollyanna here — any foolish optimism is quickly dispelled by the daily pinch of the purse, which keeps us from enhancing our journalism library, from bringing back the Montana Journalism Review, from offering sufficient scholarships and teaching assistantships, and from sending our faculty to conferences and seminars that would assist them in staying abreast of the rapidly changing world of professional journalism.

Yet we can’t look back at the past year without a sense of accomplishment. Some of that accomplishment can be measured in new facilities and equipment from the University of Montana. — Carol Van Valkenburg ’72 became the first full-time paid adviser to the Montana Kaimin.

— Bill Knowles, former ABC News correspondent, and Don Oliver ’57, NBC News correspondent, were selected as distinguished alumni.

— Jonathan Krim ’77 directed the investigative team whose series of articles for the San Jose Mercury News won the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting.

— Sterling Soderblom ’50, Wall Street Journal executive, and Don Oliver ’57, NBC News correspondent, were selected as distinguished alumni.

— Aline Mosby ’41, the just-retired National Writing Competition.

— Michael Kustudia ’86 placed fourth in the editorial writing division of the William Randolph Hearst competition.

We’re proud that we have such encouraging news to report during such dismal economic times. And we’re gratified that you’ve seen fit to help us out through financial contributions and other support.

The 1986 Communique was produced by an honors class in advanced design, taught by Patty Reksten.

Students included Jackie Amaden, Broadus; Verina Palmer, Missoula; Eric Troyer, Cooper Landing, Alaska; Wendy Norgaard, Missoula; Brett French, Bozeman, and Jean Lints, Lewistown.

Faculty members Warren Brier, Carol Van Valkenburg, Bob Cushman and Charles Hood also worked on the publication, which was produced on an electronic editing system in the Journalism Building. It was printed by UM Printing Services.

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Kim Williams' last summer: a lesson in dying with dignity

Kim Williams — naturalist, writer and radio commentator who earned an interdisciplinary master's degree in journalism and environmental studies from UM in 1980 — died August 6 of cancer at her home in Missoula. She was 62 years old.

Her husband Mel told Missoulian reporter Mea Andrews that Ms. Williams died in her sleep, "with a smile on her face."

Her passing was noted in Time magazine and was the lead obituary in the August 7 issue of the New York Times. About a week before her death, the Los Angeles Herald Examiner carried the following story, which is reprinted by permission:

By Nancy Spiller
Los Angeles Herald Examiner

For the past 10 years Kim Williams of Missoula, Mont., has delivered her folksy advice and herbalist observations of the world outside her kitchen window to listeners of National Public Radio. She didn't hesitate to tell people what they should do.

As she told a New Yorker reporter who came to call in her daffodil yellow kitchen last spring, "there are certain things that you just should do. In the spring, you should eat a dandelion salad. You should climb Mount Sentinel in May and see the yellow-flowered arrow-leaf balsam root in bloom. In June, you have to go to Lolo Pass and see the blue camas lilies. You have to do these things or the year won't progress. And starting in July, you have to have huckleberry days. I dearly love huckleberries and all the plants that go with them — the prince's pine, the fireweed, the baneberry, with its bright-red berries and its lacy leaves, the purple asters, the pearly everlasting. With huckleberries, you always have a mountainside and the wind making a soughing sound and an evening that lasts forever. Late-afternoon huckleberrying is a grand thing to do."

This July, while the huckleberries hung heavy and ripe on the bush waiting to be plucked and boiled and poured into her rummage sale collection of canning jars, Kim Williams said farewell to her NPR listeners in an interview with "All Things Considered" host Susan Stamberg. It may be remembered as one of the most extraordinary pieces ever heard on radio.

Stamberg asked Williams in the July 16 interview what she had heard from her doctor, and in her high-pitched New York accent that has been tempered to a woodsy cadence by her years in Montana, Williams answered, "I have terminal cancer."

She went on in a typically straightforward fashion. "It started out as ovarian cancer and then I guess it turned into general cancer of the abdomen, and they took out some and left some in and so I am getting ready to move on to new dimensions, you might say."

She had a month, she felt. It was "sort of a surprise ... ovarian cancer is one of the things that don't give you many symptoms." She went on to describe the transformation of her body as though, naturalist that she is, she were identifying poison sumac.

"I wasn't in pain, it just happened that after a while I started looking as though I were seven months pregnant, which is one of the signs. And all of a sudden I couldn't sleep, I couldn't eat, I couldn't breathe, and something had to be done quickly, and quickly it was done."


The book is a wide-ranging assortment of her thoughts, poems and personal anecdotes on everything from health and diet to money, nature and religion with such pithy chapter headings as "If It Has More Than 10 Ingredients, Throw It Out," "Low-Cost(?) Wart Removal" and "10 Rules for Marriage."

To promote it, the 62-year-old naturalist, hiker, lecturer, writer and radio personality appeared on the David Letterman show wearing a white knit hat ("Wear a hat," one piece of advice goes, "I am a babushka, I wear a hat winter and summer"), blue windbreaker and red pants. Letterman asked her if the book was selling well.

"I think it's selling very well," she said, chin to chest and looking out the tops of her glasses, "considering it's not a serious book. I mean I'm giving everyone advice, but nobody's taking it."

Letterman had her back a second time to talk about her experimental cooking with worms. She boils them up for Mel, her husband of 34 years. They're pure protein, she says, but kind of tough. A recipe in one of her cookbooks is for "chili con wormie."

"I'm very serious about the fact we have to change our way of living in order to live a more gentle way with the Earth," she told an interviewer. "I'm very serious about the Earth and our environment."
Kim Williams

Kim Williams was born on a farm in upstate New York to Hungarian immigrant parents. She attended Cornell University where she received a degree in home economics in 1944. After graduation she worked for a variety of publications, including a brief stint as a copy girl for the Los Angeles Examiner, and in New York at Flower Grower magazine.

While in New York she acted in off-Broadway theater, including the role of the Grand Duchess Olga Katrina in “You Can’t Take It With You,” where she got to say the line, “Ahh, how we haff leeved.”

She also met and married Mel Williams in 1951. His career as a mining engineer took them to Santiago, Chile, where they lived for 20 years. After his retirement they returned to his native state of Montana and Kim decided to return to school for a master’s degree in interdisciplinary studies at the University of Montana. A radio-TV class project evolved into a local radio show on plants. This, in turn, led to her commentary for NPR.

For city dwellers fortunate enough to be within earshot of her radio spots, she painted word pictures of the world beyond the freeways. We could see the mountains and the meadow and smell the first grass of spring, the lambs-quarter and the late summer mint when she spoke.

She was out there picking huckleberries and raspberries and canning them for winter, the last woman on earth with the time to do it and with a gift for telling us how it was done. To hear her for the last time was at once tragic and canning them for winter, the last woman on earth with the time to do it and with a gift for telling us how it was done. To hear her for the last time was at once tragic and somehow appropriate. It was a fitting cap to her broadcasting career.

The usual exuberance in her voice had been turned down a few notches for her farewell. At least one regular listener wished the conversation could somehow segue into a typical Williams list of things to do, like “Ten Ways to Hold Onto Summer” or “Coming to Terms With Fall” (“Of course it may be my imagination, but asters and goldenrod seem to me to be somehow appropriate. It was a fitting cap to her broadcasting career.”)

The acknowledgment page of her recent book — “Kim Williams Book of Uncommon Sense” — offers thanks for the very considerable aid and encouragement she received from several journalism faculty members and from “the Journalism School Typing Room,” in which she hammered out the book on one of 20 aging manual typewriters. She said she liked the feeling of that unpretentious second-floor room whose large windows are dominated by the boughs of a towering maple tree.

There was no avoiding, however, the subject of her commentary. She was not going to duck the issue. Stamberg asked her, almost as a therapist might, what she was saying to herself these days.

“Well,” Williams said, “I am saying to myself it is time to move on. That’s what it is, it’s time to move on.” Ironically, chapter in her book had been devoted to dying. She talked about it on the air. “Most people know when they are going to die,” she said, “and they evade it with this empire of medicine that we have around us. In primitive societies, everybody knew when everybody was dying, unless they were eaten by a lion, and it was something people talked about. Nowadays... instead of saying, ‘How are you dying, are you coming along?’ (people) say ‘What treatment are you getting?’... As long as you’re getting a treatment, you can’t be dying.”

Williams has joined a hospice, has told her doctors she doesn’t care for any extraordinary measures to prolong her life, she is ready to die. She is living out the line in her book, “I wish to die in peace, not in pieces.”

There was nothing morbid about this final dispatch from Missoula. Williams even got in a laugh. When Stamberg asked how listeners could get in touch with her there was a long pause and she asked, “You mean when I have passed on to the next dimension?” Stamberg’s reply was, “No ma’am, this minute.”

Williams asked that people not send anything lest it get “like Grand Central Station around here and I can’t rest or do my thinking or my writing. Send your thoughts by another dimension,” she said.

“It’s amazing,” she went on, “how many letters I’ve already had... from people who say they are going to climb a mountain or walk along a river or on a city street and they will send their thoughts and energies and they will think that they will meet mine.”

“I believe that,” Stamberg said.

“I do too,” Williams said. And with that the two women said goodbye.

Williams Fellowship Established

The School of Journalism and KUFM/KGPR have established a scholarship in honor of Kim Williams. The Kim Williams Graduate Fellowship will provide support each year for a student in the journalism master’s program who has a special interest in environmental studies.

Those who wish to contribute to the fund should send their checks to the Kim Williams Graduate Fellowship, University of Montana, Missoula, Mt. 59812, or make a pledge on the alumni cards inserted in this issue of Communiquè.

Kim donated about $10,000 worth of mining stock to the fund. Noting that mining has caused environmental damage, she thought it appropriate that the stock be used to promote a better understanding of environmental problems.

Though Kim completed her interdisciplinary master’s program in journalism and other studies at the University of Montana in 1980, she continued to be a familiar figure in the Journalism Building. A regular user of the Journalism Library, she stopped in to check out her usual stack of magazines only a few days before her death.

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David Rorvik ’66, a freelance writer based in Canby, Ore., encouraged Kim to write the book, and — as her agent — found a publisher.

Kim credited Phil Hess, one of her journalism instructors, with encouraging her to do the radio commentary that eventually became a regular part of NPR programming.

The impetus for the scholarship came from Deborah Frandsen, marketing director of KUFM/KGPR, who said the station was flooded by calls after Kim was interviewed on National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered” about her terminal illness.

Ted Clark, the executive producer of “All Things Considered,” said the response to Kim’s July 16 farewell had been “among the biggest ever received for anything we’ve done.”
Sterling E. "Jim" Soderlind '50, vice president for planning for Dow Jones & Company, is the most recent journalism alumnus to be honored by the University of Montana.

Soderlind, former managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, a Dow publication, will receive a Distinguished Alumnus Award at Homecoming ceremonies in October. His selection brings the number of J-School distinguished alumni to 25, more than any other academic unit.

Don Oliver '58, NBC correspondent in Los Angeles, received a Distinguished Alumnus Award last fall, and Aline Mosby '43, former Paris correspondent for United Press International, received an honorary doctor of letters degree at the 1985 commencement ceremonies. Another former Kaimin staff member, actor Carroll O'Connor, received his honorary doctorate on the same occasion.

Soderlind became a reporter for the Minneapolis Tribune in 1952 and contributed business and financial news stories from the Twin Cities area to the Wall Street Journal. He joined the Journal full time as a reporter in its Chicago bureau in May 1955, became manager of the Southeastern Bureau in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1956, and moved to New York City in 1957 as a member of the front-page staff. He became a special writer for the front-page staff in 1959, was appointed assistant managing editor in 1965 and managing editor in 1969.

Under Soderlind's leadership, the Journal became the nation's largest daily newspaper with a circulation exceeding 2 million. He was named vice president for planning for Dow Jones in November 1977.

As a Dow Jones executive, Soderlind has concentrated on acquisitions and what he calls new internal ventures, such as the Wall Street Journal/Europe, started Jan. 31, 1983, and the Asian Wall Street Journal, begun in 1976 and published in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Oliver grew up in Billings. After graduating from the UM J-School in 1958, he began his news career at small radio and television stations in Montana, Idaho and Washington, then won an RCA-NBC Godwin Fellowship to the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, from which he was graduated cum laude in June 1962.

Following television news assignments in Sacramento and Spokane, Oliver joined NBC News in 1966. He since has covered major stories all over the globe, has been a key member of the NBC political team and has acquired a reputation, according to a fellow reporter from another network, as "an absolutely first-rate writer, producer, interviewer and broadcaster."

Mosby, a Missoula native, worked for Mademoiselle and Time magazines and was the first woman to work for the Seattle bureau of UPI. She was a Hollywood reporter for 13 years before joining United Press International as a foreign correspondent in 1958.

Her book, "The View from Number 13 People's Street," recounts her experiences in Moscow.

In addition to the Soviet Union, she had UPI assignments in Holland, Britain, France and China before returning to the Paris bureau. In 1979 Mosby transferred from the Paris UPI bureau to the newly opened Peking bureau and in 1980 was awarded the International Bernard J. Cabanes Prize for Journalism for her reporting in China. She later returned to the Paris UPI bureau where she worked until her recent retirement. She continues to reside in Paris, where she is a stringer for the New York Times.
Philip J. Hess, chairman of the radio-television department for 22 years and an instrumental figure in the development of that department and the university's public radio station, KUFM/KGPR, retired from the journalism faculty in June.

A victim of multiple sclerosis, Professor Hess will continue to take on part-time post-retirement faculty assignments as his health allows. He has been confined to a wheelchair since 1984.

The 50-year-old Chicago native joined the UM journalism faculty in 1962. He supervised both the radio-television department and KUFM, which went on the air in 1965, without the assistance of another full-time faculty member until 1974. In the last few years he stepped down from both supervisory positions, but continued to teach.

As President Neil Bucklew stated at the dedication of the new Performing Arts and Radio-Television Building last fall, Hess took over a radio station “whose signal could barely be heard beyond Arthur Avenue,” and built it into the popular public radio station that now reaches more than half of the listening audience of Montana.

During “the difficult early years,” said Dean Charles Hood on the same occasion, “Phil nurtured his fledgling station as if it were his baby, which — in a very real sense — it was.”

Hess was the subject of a Missoulian profile last spring, which detailed his contributions to the development of KUFM and his role in encouraging naturalist Kim Williams to do a local radio commentary that eventually developed into one of the most popular programs on National Public Radio.

Professor Hess received his professional experience at radio stations in Chicago and Iowa City, Iowa, television stations in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Portland, Ore., and at the Missoulian, where he worked six summers as a reporter and desk editor and earned national recognition from the American Medical Association for a series of articles on illegal drug use. Before coming to Montana, he taught journalism at the University of South Dakota. NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw was one of his students.

While on a leave of absence from UM in 1979-80, he served a year in New York City as a national consultant for radio information services with the American Foundation for the Blind.

He received a B.A. in radio-television and an M.A. in mass communications from the University of Iowa.

His wife, Mary Lou, is admissions and placement officer at the UM School of Law. The Hesses have three grown children and one grandchild.

John Talbot was one of 12 journalism professors chosen by the Poynter Institute for Mass Media Studies to attend its first media management workshop for journalism educators in St. Petersburg, Fla., in July. Last year, John attended a Minneapolis media management seminar sponsored by the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Minnesota.

Charles Hood was one of 20 journalism educators chosen to attend the second leadership institute of the Gannett Center for Mass Media Studies at Columbia University in New York last June. His article, “The China Hands in Perspective: Journalists and Diplomats,” will be included in a book based on the proceedings from the first conference of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center.

Sharon Barrett, who was promoted last year to associate professor, was on leave last fall quarter to pursue several writing projects. In addition to teaching, she continues to write book reviews for the Chicago Sun-Times and fills many of her spare moments serving on the Faculty Senate, the University Planning Council and the university’s Task Force on Writing.

Jerry Holloron crankily returned to teaching last fall after spending the 1984-85 academic year on leave as a copy editor and local-government reporter for the Missoulian. He returned to the Missoulian for summer work in June after attending the Investigative Reporters and Editors convention in Portland, Ore. He was promoted last year to full professor.

Warren Brier taught the Magazine Article Writing class during the summer session and, with Patty Reksten, conducted a week-long workshop for high school journalism teachers and students in August. His article about the late Dorothy M. Johnson appeared in a booklet published by the UM Archives. He also spoke at the ceremony opening the Dorothy M. Johnson Collection at the Mansfield Library.

Joe Durso Jr. is the co-author of an article about fly fishing in the August issue of Field & Stream magazine. When he wasn’t practicing his casts along the Bitterroot River during the summer, he got to know the state a bit better by visiting student interns at radio and television stations around Montana. Joe narrated and helped produce a television documentary on the second Mansfield Center conference, whose principal speaker was former President Jimmy Carter.
Carol Van Valkenburg completed her first year as the first paid adviser to the Montana Kaimin. Carol appeared before the Board of Regents last fall to argue successfully against a proposal that would have permitted influence by university administrations in the operations of student newspapers. She attended a National Press Foundation seminar on business and economic reporting last fall in Oakland, and is still wondering why she was chosen to be on a panel discussing "The Image of Arrogance" at a journalism conference in Great Falls.

Patty Reksten taught one-day writing, photography and layout workshops in Butte, Great Falls and Missoula during March and April. She and Warren Brier conducted workshops for high school journalism teachers and students both this summer and last. When she wasn't teaching photojournalism, she worked on her master's thesis - a biography of Mel Ruder, the Pulitzer Prize winning Montana editor. Patty and her husband, Jim Dopp, became the parents last year of their second child, Devin.

Bob Cushman, with Patty Reksten, helped plan two major remodeling projects in the Journalism Building - the construction of a photography studio, graphics lab and darkroom on the third floor, and the renovation of the photography lab on the first floor. He continues to do freelance photography.

Greg MacDonald is taking a one-year leave to work on a textbook about television news and a screenplay. He'll be in Washington, D.C., where his wife, Suzanne Lagoni, has joined the staff of Sen. Max Baucus. Greg was promoted to full professor last year.

Jack Schommer, production director of KPAX-TV in Missoula, taught a basic television production course last year. Jack, a graduate of the Montana State University film and TV department, will replace Greg MacDonald for a year while Greg is on leave.

Nathaniel Blumberg, professor emeritus and former dean, had a reunion in Montana this summer with his three daughters and their children. Nathaniel, who continues to live near Bigfork on Flathead Lake, is working on several writing projects. He and his wife, Barbara, enjoyed a visit to the Oregon coast earlier this year.

Millie Dunn and Beryl Seljak continued to bring their energy, competence and good cheer to the Journalism Library, where they helped out as members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Kay James is moving with her boss, radio-TV chairman Joe Durso, to the Performing Arts /Radio-Television Center this fall. She and her husband, David, are the parents of a three-year-old boy, Cody.

Karen Kaley is compiling the massive statistics required of the J-School for its accreditation visit next February. She packs her considerable responsibilities as journalism secretary into a six-hour day to permit her to spend more time with her three-year-old son, Sammy.

Telecommunications Center

It has been a busy year for Telecommunications as the staff settled into its new home in the Performing Arts and Radio-Television Building. Here are some of the exploits that kept them so busy:

Ken Fielding, director of telecommunication, attended the advanced executive management training project of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting at the University of Pennsylvania in August. Ken teaches a television production course for the radio-television department.

Darrell Luebbe was assistant news director for KUFM/KGPR. Darrell, who previously worked in Colorado, broadcast the morning newscast, Montana Morning Edition.

KUFM's Jyl Hoyt came up a winner this year when her "Reflections in Montana" radio documentary on Montana mining won a $5,000 Champion-Tuck award for "outstanding reporting that improved the public's understanding of business and economic issues." William Marcus of KUFM/KGPR and Howard Berkus of National Public Radio, who assisted Jyl in preparing the program, shared in the award.

Sally Mauk, news director at KUFM/KGPR, worked with her staff and a team of radio-television student interns to produce two daily half-hour broadcasts of local and state news. She also covered sports and the regular and special sessions of the Montana Legislature.

A welcome addition to the staff is Deborah Talbot Frandsen, who joined the Telecommunications Center in early 1985 as marketing director. Her responsibilities include fund-raising, publicity and public relations for KUFM/KGPR. Deborah returned to Missoula after three years in California as the production manager with the Orange County Pacific Symphony.

Returning to his old job as assistant news director at KUFM/KGPR was Jace Laaksso. He previously was the producer of Montana Gallery, a radio magazine about the arts and cultural heritage of Montana.

Claudia Johnson joined the Telecommunications Center last year as a television producer and director. She previously had been a producer-director for the Indiana University News Bureau in Bloomington. Claudia also teaches television production.

William Marcus, production director of KUFM/KGPR, helped put together a week-long summer workshop for highschool students interested in radio and television. He and colleague Jyl Hoyt won a Champion-Tuck award for a "Reflections in Montana" radio program.

Terry Conrad, programming director of KUFM/KGPR, attended the annual National Public Radio conference in San Diego last April.

Another new addition to Telecommunications is Gus Chambers, who joined the staff last year as a television producer/director. Gus produces "Sports Week," the Grizzly sports highlight program, and teaches a television production course.

Charles Lubrecht, technical director of KUFM/KGPR, took a leave of absence earlier this year after completing the installation of the sophisticated electronic equipment in the Performing Arts and Radio-Television Building.

Conrad Agte joined the Telecommunications Center last year as an assistant technical director.

Barbara "Bobby" Schurlan is the new administrative assistant at the Telecommunications Center.
New era begins with dedication of radio-TV center

Prominent broadcast news professionals from throughout the nation helped the School of Journalism dedicate the Performing Arts and Radio-Television Center during Homecoming Week last October.

On hand were Van Gordon Sauter, then executive vice president of the CBS Broadcast Group and now president of CBS News; Art Silverman, producer of National Public Radio's news program, "All Things Considered"; David Fitzpatrick, CBS News national editor; Don Oliver '58, NBC News correspondent and 1985 recipient of a Distinguished Alumnus Award; Kay Wight, vice president of CBS Sports; John Bennett '59, director of Associated Press broadcast services, and Bill Swing, regional director of the Radio-Television News Directors Association.

Swing and Joe Durso Jr., chairman of the radio-television

Co-anchor Sven Christiansen, above, a junior in radio-television, prepares to cue the control room during the nightly newscast of KUFM/KGPR, the university's public radio station. At right, broadcast students videotape a panel discussion during the dedication week.
Radio-TV Chairman Joe Durso, left, and Dean Charles Hood show off the $8.6 million Performing Arts/Radio-TV Center, which houses the J-School's department of radio-television, the university's public radio station, the Telecommunications Center and the department of drama/dance.

Below, CBS News executive Van Gordon Sauter discusses television during an interview in the Journalism Library.

department, organized the first regional meeting of the news directors' group in Montana. The meeting, held in conjunction with the dedication activities, drew more than 50 broadcast professionals from throughout the Northwest.

The dedication included an open house and an address from President Neil Bucklew, who reviewed the strides taken by the Department of Radio-Television since its inception in 1958. Both Bucklew and Dean Charles Hood singled out Professor Phil Hess for contributions to the development of the broadcast program and KUFM/KGPR, the campus public radio station.

Professional broadcasters and journalism educators from the region were among those given guided tours through the Telecommunications Center, where the $600,000 worth of new television and radio equipment was displayed and demonstrated.
DMJ Fund continues to receive donations

The Dorothy M. Johnson fund, established in 1984 only a few months before her death, continues to be an important source of support for the School of Journalism.

Miss Johnson, the author of 17 books and more than 100 short stories, was a journalism faculty member from 1953 to 1967. Mel Ruder, retired editor and publisher of the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls, and his wife Ruth, a UM alumna and friends, established the fund, which continues to receive donations from alumni and friends.

The fund's purpose is to enhance UM journalism education generally, with particular attention given to library needs. Last year DMJ funds purchased magazines and books otherwise unattainable owing to limited state funds.

Fiction

William Knowles, former West Coast bureau chief of ABC News, has joined the journalism faculty as an assistant professor.

The 51-year-old newsmen, who resigned from ABC News last year after 20 years with that network, taught television news production at the UM J-school earlier this year as a visiting lecturer. His selection for a permanent faculty position came after a national search headed by Joe Durso Jr., chairman of the Department of Radio-Television.

The new position was recommended by the University Planning Council and authorized by President Neil Bucklew two years ago, but a previous national search had been unsuccessful.

Before moving to Los Angeles as ABC's West Coast bureau chief, Knowles had headed the network's news bureau in Washington and Atlanta and had served as operations producer for the ABC Evening News.

During his years at ABC, he traveled extensively with presidents Nixon and Ford and was coordinating producer for ABC's coverage of the 1982 Falklands war, the 1979 Cuban boatlift, the 1984 massacre at McDonald's restaurant in San Diego and the Jesse Jackson headquarters during the 1984 Democratic National Convention.

He was video producer for the first space shuttle lift-off in 1981 and coordinated coverage of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

A Los Angeles native, Knowles was graduated in journalism from San Jose State College and did graduate work in telecommunications at the University of Southern California. He started his career as a reporter for the Daily Review in Hayward, Calif., and served a stint in the U.S. Army teaching journalism and devising the Army's newspaper style guide.

Last spring, Knowles was executive producer of the UM Telecommunications Center's television coverage of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center conference, whose keynote speaker was former President Jimmy Carter. The resulting videotapes were shown on the national public-affairs channel, C-Span.

Sasser to head accrediting team

Emery L. "Pete" Sasser, chairman of the Department of Mass Communications at the University of South Florida, will be chairman of the accreditation team as signed to visit the School of Journalism Feb. 17-20, 1987.

J-School Briefs

Faculty judge media

- Warren Brier and Carol Van Valkenburg judged print and broadcast media entries for the Association for Conservation Information National Awards Competition.
- Broadcasting professors judged the radio-television entries of the Alaska Press Association's 1986 awards competition.
- Radio-TV chairman Joe Durso Jr. served for the second consecutive year as a judge in the Golden Mike broadcasting awards competition in Los Angeles.
- Dean Charles Hood and Carol Van Valkenburg helped the Montana Press Association evaluate Utah Press Association newspaper entries.

Scholarship established

Alan Johnson, editor-publisher of the Liberty County Times in Chester, has established the New Northwest Award, a $100 scholarship to a UM journalism student who displays "a high degree of enterprise and shows the promise to be an exceptional member of our profession."

In his column, "Elevation and Windage," Alan wrote: "The University's School of Journalism is a very special place. It remains one of the best in the West in its demand for excellence. When I went to the university, a 'B' grade in some courses was something you shrugged off. It was almost expected and in some cases, to get any lesser grade would take extraordinary effort. But at the UM journalism school, a 'C' grade was something you earned and a 'B', or 'A' was something worthy of pride."

ABC's Caras speaks

Roger Caras, ABC News correspondent who specializes in wildlife and environmental issues, discussed "How the National Media Cover Wildlife" at the first UM Wildlife Writer's Conference, sponsored jointly by the International Wildlife Film Festival and the UM School of Journalism.
Clarence Streit, Atlantic Union crusader, dies

Clarence K. Streit '19, who for more than a half century worked to strengthen world democracies by uniting them under one government, died of kidney failure July 6 in Washington, D.C. He was 90 years old.

The former foreign correspondent for the New York Times had retained close ties with the School of Journalism. He donated newspapers, books, clippings, articles and other materials to the school, and each August for the past several years he visited the dean to discuss matters ranging from international crises to the state of the school and the university.

Mr. Streit became involved with journalism as a paperboy for the Missoulian. In 1913 he founded the Missoula County High School newspaper, the Konah.

He served as associate editor and managing editor of the Montana Kaimin and in 1916-17 as editor.

He continued his education as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. He was the first University of Montana student to be selected for that honor.

Mr. Streit served in France in World War I as a private in the Corps of Engineers. He subsequently was a sergeant working in counter-espionage intelligence. After the war he was a member of President Wilson's delegation to the international peace conference.

Mr. Streit achieved international recognition in 1939 with publication of his book "Union Now," in which he proposed a federation of industrial democracies modeled after the states in America. He envisioned a union of 15 Atlantic democracies under one elected government. Each nation, while governing its internal affairs, would defer to a common government in matters of defense, citizenship, trade and currency.

His goal was to foster economic stability among democratic nations and marshal a united front against totalitarianism.

To promote his idea, he established Federal Union, Inc., and Freedom & Union Magazine.

His dream was that in time human beings would emerge from "the dark womb of nationalism" and cooperate with each other on a world level.

In 1983 Mr. Streit said a revised proposal would urge the formation of several federations of democratic nations— in Latin America, Asia, Africa and the Northern Atlantic countries — all eventually joining in a "super union."

He knew that world unity would not happen soon.

"Like democracy," he said, "the idea of a global federation requires sublime faith in yourself and other persons."

His proposal was supported by Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Johnson, Nixon and Ford; foreign leaders such as Winston Churchill and Willy Brandt; and other prominent persons like H.L. Mencken, Mike Mansfield, John Foster Dulles, Henry Kissinger, Henry Luce, Lee Metcalf, Nelson Rockefeller, Adlai Stevenson, Arnold Toynbee and Robert Kennedy.

In 1939 the University of Montana awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree.

In his advancing years, Mr. Streit maintained a soldierly bearing. He walked briskly and stood erect. He loved to talk intensely with friends.

Mr. Streit never lost his enthusiasm for an Atlantic Union, though in the 1970s he complained of news-media indifference toward his vision.

"We'll get there," he said in 1977, "but in the Lord's own time."
Ann Clements Conger

Ann Clements Conger '43, former Helena newswoman and information director at the College of Great Falls, died June 24, 1984, in a Great Falls hospital after suffering a heart attack in her home. She was 62.

From 1966 to 1972 Mrs. Conger worked as a reporter, acting assistant news editor and women's page editor at the Helena Independent Record. In 1972 and 1973 she was assistant supervisor in news editor and women's page editor at the College of Great Falls on Jan. 6, 1977, and resigned in 1979.

Mrs. Conger founded the New Mexico Press Women's Association and was president of the Last Chance Press Club in Helena. She was a member of several civic groups.

She is survived by two daughters, Lisa Eagle of Minneapolis and Joan Conger of Seattle.

Melvin Hedine

Melvin A. (Dutch) Hedine '47, a technical photographer who worked on U.S. space missions, died May 7, 1982, in Escondido, Calif. He was 71.

Mr. Hedine studied under the first dean of the journalism school, Arthur L. Stone, and was forced to leave school during the Depression.

He was an Army photographer during World War II, covering the D-day landing and participating in 20 photographic missions over enemy nations. He received five battle stars and the Purple Heart.

Following graduation, Mr. Hedine attended the Art Center School in Los Angeles, then worked until 1952 as an advertising photographer. He subsequently worked for Lockheed Aircraft, Miller Dial, Hoffman Electronics and the Northrop Corp., participating in the work on space missions such as Surveyor, Ranger, Pioneer, Apollo and Skylab.

He retired from Northrop in 1972.

Mr. Hedine is survived by his wife, Gertrude.

Ralph E. Evans

Ralph E. Evans '48, news editor of the Great Falls Leader from 1960 to 1966, died Oct. 20, 1985, in a Kenosha, Wis., hospital. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Evans retired last year as managing editor of the Kenosha News. He joined that newspaper in 1966 and was named managing editor in 1976.

He was a former executive secretary of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation. Later he worked for the weekly Bozeman County Radio/KBDB, Bozeman, and he served as deputy clerk of Gallatin County District Court from 1953 to 1956.

From 1956 to 1960 he worked for the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, becoming news editor.

Survivors include his wife, Corrie, a son, and two daughters.

Leslie D. Dana

Leslie D. Dana '37, retired editor and publisher of the Daily Shipping News in Portland, Ore., died of leukemia Aug. 6 in Portland. He was 72.

Mr. Dana retired in 1985 after a career of more than four decades with the Daily Shipping News. Earlier this year he was honored by the Port of Portland, whose president lauded the Daily Shipping News for its reliability and accuracy in reporting news of the maritime industry in the region.

A Florence native, Mr. Dana was graduated from high school in Pony and later lived in Deer Lodge. After being graduated from the UM School of Journalism, he became a reporter for the Daily Shipping News at its Seattle branch, then moved to the Portland branch in 1941.

He left civilian life to become a naval officer during World War II, and served as commanding officer of two mine-sweepers.

D.J. Shults

Dosia J. Shults '33, who as publisher of the Hettinger (N.D.) Adams County Record called himself "a little country editor," died of cancer July 15, 1985, in Hettinger. He was 82.

Mr. Shults had been editor and publisher of the Record since 1928 and at one time owned seven weekly newspapers in North Dakota.

In 1984 he gave the UM Foundation $3,500 to establish a journalism scholarship. On Oct. 25, 1980, he was honored by UM as a Distinguished Alumnus and spoke to students in the Journalism Library.

Albert J. Partoll

Albert J. Partoll '29, the first editor of Montana — The Magazine of Western History and the Missoula County public administrator from 1947 to 1975, died of natural causes April 16, 1985, in Missoula. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Partoll also earned a master's degree in history from the University of Montana.

He had worked as a correspondent for the Great Falls Tribune and as an attaché for the Legislature for two sessions.

Mr. Partoll was a member of the Montana Historical Society Board for 21 years and an authority on the Salish Indian tribe.

He served for 15 years as a member of the Missoula County City-County Library Board, 12 as chairman. When he retired from the board in 1975, the library recognized him as "a man who perhaps has unselfishly devoted more time to the library and the preservation of Montana history than any other individual."

Mr. Partoll was an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by a niece and a nephew.

The town of Hettinger honored Mr. Shults each August 25 on what was officially proclaimed D.J. Shults Day. He taught journalism briefly at UM after he was graduated.

In 1938 Mr. Shults served as president of the North Dakota Press Association. During World War II he rose to the rank of lieutenant commander as a public relations officer with the Navy's 7th Fleet.

His obituary in the Bismarck Tribune noted that he handed out more than 4,000 pieces of bubble gum annually to Hettinger children who visited his office.

One resident was quoted as saying, "He's held Hettinger together."

Leah Noel

Leah Orvis Noel '36, a UM employee for 35 years, died Aug. 19 of leukemia at her Missoula home. She was 73.

Mrs. Noel retired in 1982 as the director of conference scheduling at the University Center. She also had worked in the UM Library as a secretary at the main desk.

Mrs. Noel attended schools in Glasgow. She is survived by two sons.

Clyde Reichelt

Clyde Reichelt '47, a former reporter and photographer for the Great Falls Tribune, died Dec. 30, 1984, in Manteca, Calif., after a long battle with cancer. He was 63.

Reichelt, a Big Sandy native, joined the Tribune in the 1950s after working for newspapers in Iowa, Utah, California and Idaho. He left the Tribune in 1966 after 10 years to become a reporter for the Stockton (Calif.) Record.

He retired in 1984 because of poor health.

Mr. Reichelt was honored by the Associated Press in 1959 for his coverage of the State Prison riot in Deer Lodge. The AP also nominated him for a Pulitzer Prize in 1960 for his coverage of the riot.

In August 1959, Mr. Reichelt was among the first reporters on the scene at the Madison Valley earthquake.

He served in the Army in Europe in World War II.

Mr. Reichelt was a past president of the Newspaper Guild in Great Falls and Stockton.

Survivors include his widow, a daughter, four stepdaughters and his mother.
Delaney Fund Promotes Writing

A fund designed to improve writing competency in journalism has been established by the University of Montana Foundation in memory of Theodore Delaney, Missoula businessman and 1947 graduate of the School of Journalism.

Delaney, president of Delaney’s Office Products, died of leukemia July 29, 1985. He was a former president of the UM Alumni Association.

The Delaney family established the fund with a $10,000 gift, which they hope will be supplemented substantially through private contributions and a journalism school fund-raising effort.

Mary Jean Maclay Delaney, a 1948 UM graduate, said her husband, Ted, “loved good writing and maintained a lifetime interest in and admiration for people who could communicate effectively.” He was concerned, she said, about the deterioration of language skills in recent decades.

Dean Charles Hood said a fund of sufficient size will permit the journalism School to sponsor writing symposiums and workshops for both professional journalists and students, and to bring nationally prominent writers and language experts to campus as lecturers.

The fund has already been used to establish the Delaney Teaching Fellowships, which provide support for graduate teaching assistants whose addition to the J-School will mean more individual writing instruction.

Ted Delaney

Lloyd Theodore ‘Ted’ Delaney ’47, president of Delaney’s Office Products in Missoula from 1965 until May 1985, died July 29, 1985, of leukemia. He was 63. His family subsequently gave the UM endowment in his honor “to heighten public appreciation of language skills and to improve writing competency.” The endowment is being supplemented through other contributions and fund-raising efforts.

Mr. Delaney compiled a long record of public service. He served as president of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce and later as a director. He also had served as president of the Missoula Advertising Club, the UM Alumni Association, Missoula’s Reserve Officers Association and the Montana Corporation, a holding company.

In 1952, he was chairman of UM’s Homecoming celebration.

Mr. Delaney was a member of the Missoula Lions Club and Rotary International and was active in fund raising for the Red Cross, Community Chest and American Cancer Society.

A long-time friend, Missoula attorney Jeremy Thane, said: “He was remarkable, because in spite of his difficulties and the certain knowledge of the outcome of his illness, he maintained an attitude that was next to unbelievable.”

Mr. Delaney is survived by his wife, Mary Jean; a daughter, Anne Rant; and a son, Ted.

McName new

Deirdre McNamer, former Missoulian and Associated Press reporter, has been named the 1986-87 Delaney Teaching Fellow at the University of Montana School of Journalism.

She succeeds Tom Laceky, an Associated Press newspaperman from Helena who filled the assignment during the 1985-86 academic year. Laceky will continue as a teaching assistant while he finishes his master’s degree in journalism.

McName 73 was an AP reporter in Portland before coming to Missoula, where she was a reporter, feature writer and film reviewer. During the summer of 1986, she worked as a feature writer for the Eugene (Ore.) Register-Guard. As an AP reporter she won a national award for broadcast writing.

Before transferring to the Helena bureau, Laceky worked for the AP in Oklahoma City and for newspapers in Oklahoma and Texas. He is chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee of the Montana Society for Professional Journalists.

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- Robert Robinson
- Jack Roemer
- John Roemer
He's the filet mignon of professors, partly because he's a ham

Before muscle complications in his legs forced him to stop running competitively three years ago, McGiffert also had made a name for himself as a distance runner.

At the age of 55, McGiffert ran three marathons, a 15-kilometer cross country race and a couple of half-marathons. In the summer of 1978, he captured the national AAU 15-kilometer cross-country championship for runners 55 and older.

"I'm sure everybody knows I was the national AAU gymnastics champion that year," he says, laughing.

McGiffert also was his age group's winner in a 1978 seven-mile race in Missoula. He now runs about two miles a day.

McGiffert felt the tug of journalism early in life, when he was growing up in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

"Like most journalists I liked to write when I was a kid," he said. "I liked to do that more than anything else."

McGiffert worked on his high school paper after receiving encouragement from a history professor.

After high school he enrolled at Princeton University, where he majored in public and international affairs and worked as a stringer for the New York Times, the Philadelphia Record and United Press.

After serving as an Army officer in the Pacific Theater during World War II, he began a full time news career with the Easton Daily Express in Pennsylvania. He stayed there more than 16 years, first as a reporter, then as an editor.

He left the Express to teach at Ohio State University's journalism program, where he also picked up a master's degree. In 1966 he accepted Dean Nathaniel Blumberg's invitation to become a visiting lecturer at the UM J-School, and he has been there ever since.

McGiffert said he has been "tempted, but not very strongly," to go back to the newspaper business full time, but he enjoys being where he is.

"I have liked my colleagues very much," he said. "They're newspaper people turned teachers. I feel very comfortable with them."

Someday McGiffert would like to rewrite the novel he wrote while in Paris on sabbatical several years ago. Though he approached many publishers he wasn't able to sell the book.

"I think it was kind of dull," he said.

The novel is about "journalists, politicians and sex-crazed professors," and the characters are based on people he has known.

"The hero of it was a guy I almost fired," he said.

McGiffert's textbook, "The Art of Editing the News," was published by Chilton, but he says he won't assign it to his editing students because it would simply repeat what he teaches in class.

At 63 he is at the age where he can enjoy watching his grown children establish careers of their own. Last spring he traveled to Seattle to watch his daughter Sarah get her law degree from the University of Puget Sound. His son Brian is a design engineer for a California electronics firm.

He has no serious thoughts about retirement.

"I don't feel 63 years old," he said, adding that being around college students and being interested in his work keep him stimulated. "I want to work as long as I can."
Twidwell directs Kaimin

Kevin Twidwell, a senior from Butte, is editor of the Montana Kaimin for the 1986-87 academic year. Kevin, who interned during the summer of 1985 with the Montana Standard in Butte, succeeds Tim Huneck, a senior from Columbus, Ohio, who was graduated in June.

Devitt is Morton pick

Steve Devitt, a graduate student from Butte, was one of 13 UM graduate students to be awarded a $1,000 Bertha Morton scholarship for the 1986-87 academic year. The scholarships recognize outstanding scholarly performance. Steve was in Mexico during the summer of 1986, working on a master's thesis about dissident newspaper editors of the Mexican revolution.

Bates 'Most Inspirational'

John Bates, a senior from Corvallis, Ore., was voted Most Inspirational Player of the 1985-86 season by his teammates on the University of Montana basketball team. John, a 6-7 forward, was an important figure in the Grizzlies' fourth straight 20-win season. His deftly thrown lob passes to his All-American teammate, Larry Krystkowiak, repeatedly produced spectacular slam dunks. John will be an editor for the Kaimin this fall.

40 interns placed

Some 40 UM journalism students have worked as interns for newspapers, magazines and radio and television stations since the last Communique was published.

Students worked for the Missoulian, the Montana Standard in Butte, the Fairfield Times, the Lewistown News-Argus, the Big Timber Pioneer, the Miles City Star, the Helena Independent Record, the High Country News in Paonia, Colo., the Fishing and Hunting News in Seattle, the Spokesman-Review in Spokane and the Vineland (N.J.) Times Journal.

Magazine interns worked for Pacific Northwest magazine in Seattle, Western Wildlands magazine in Missoula, The Montanan (the UM alumni magazine) and Communique.

Radio interns worked for KYSS, KGOV and KUFM in Missoula and KEIN in Great Falls. Television interns were placed at KECAI and KPAX in Missoula, KFBB in Great Falls, KCFW in Kalispell, KTYP in Helena and 2100 Productions in Madison, Wis.

One student was placed in Boston University's London Journalism Internship Program.

Tollefson OWAA winner

Greg Tollefson, a graduate student from Missoula, was one of eight students nationally to win a $1,400 scholarship from the Outdoor Writers Association of America for the 1986-87 academic year.

Students win news awards

Seven University of Montana journalism students — five print majors and two broadcast majors — won awards this spring in the Region 10 competition of the Society of Professional Journalists.

UM students won more awards in the newspaper category than did students from all but one of the eight other schools entered.

The competition drew entries from the universities of Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, Western Washington University, Washington State University, Oregon State University and Whatcom Community College.

Jim Hall and Carol Kruger, UM radio-television students, shared a first-place for a spot news story carried on KUFM.

Montana students who won awards in the newspaper competition all worked on the Kaimin. They are:

Nick Ehli, second place, spot news.
James Conwell, third place, spot news.
Tim Huneck, second place, editorial writing.
Sean Tureck, second place, feature photography.
Faith Conroy, third place (tie), in-depth reporting.

Kind gets Allied award

Stephanie Kind, a junior from Fairbanks, Alaska, has won a $1,500 scholarship from Allied Daily Newspapers. A double major in journalism and psychology, Stephanie will be the editor of the University of Montana's student yearbook, which is to be revived after more than a decade.

Press women pick Lindgren

Adina Lindgren, a freshman from Superior, is the 1986 recipient of the Montana Press Women's scholarship. Adin was a staff reporter for the Montana Kaimin last year, an unusual accomplishment for a first-year student.

Lowary manages Kaimin

Todd Lowary, a junior from Columbus, was named Kaimin business manager succeeding Brian Mellstead, a senior from Detroit who took a circulation job with the Missoulian.

Getter legislative intern

Lori Getter, a junior in radio-television, was the first KUFM legislative intern helping KUFM News Director Sally Maul cover the special session of the Montana Legislature last spring. Thanks to a grant from the Greater Montana Foundation, other broadcast news students will intern in Helena during the next regular session this winter.
The four UM journalism school seniors who beamed for the birdie just before the June 1985 commencement ceremonies are now working professionals. From left, Susan Forman of Seattle is a public relations officer for St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula; Julie Sullivan of Butte is a reporter for the Wasilla, Alaska, Frontiersman; Carlos Pedraza of Arvada, Colo, is a reporter in the Seattle bureau of the Associated Press, and Shannon Hinds of Fairfax, Va., is assistant marketing director at the Southgate Mall in Missoula. Earlier this year Shannon married a journalism classmate, Gary Jahrig of Calgary, Alta., who is now a reporter for the Missoulian.

Kustudia wins Hearst award

Michael Kustudia, a senior from Thousand Oaks, Calif., placed fourth nationally in the editorial-writing competition sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The $500 award was for a Montana Kaimin editorial about the announcement that UM would name its new football stadium after any donor who would contribute $1 million.

Before his graduation in June, Mike interned at the High Country News in Paonia, Colo. He now is a reporter and photographer with the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls.

Israel awarded travel grant

Lynn Israel, a graduate student from Bozeman, attended the 38th Japan-America Student Conference during the summer of 1986 on a grant provided by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. Lynn, a former photojournalist for the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, is combining journalism and Asian studies at UM.

The student conference took him to Chicago, Detroit, Boston and New York.

Radio reporters train

UM broadcasting students are earning academic credit and picking up practical experience working for KUFM news as reporters and co-anchors Joe Durso Jr., chairman of the Department of Radio-Television and a former CBS radio newsman, teaches the new class. The students also work under the supervision of Sally Mauk, the station’s news director.

Remodeling improves Kaimin, photo facilities

Remodeling projects on all three floors of the Journalism Building are improving photojournalism and graphics facilities and the offices of the Montana Kaimin.

The $98,000 third-floor renovation, which was authorized by the 1985 Montana Legislature, will transform the old KUFM studios into a photography studio, a publications design lab and darkroom. The television studio has become a lecture hall and the old radio- television engineering area will become a graduate student study area.

A $28,000 Student Building Fee grant will permit the remodeling of the first-floor photography lab. Centrally located sinks and additional enlarger stations will make the printing room more efficient and accessible to more photojournalism students.

Another grant — this one for $25,000 — permitted the first renovation of Montana Kaimin offices since the Journalism Building was built in 1936. The student daily now has new lights and carpeting, lower ceilings, separate suites for the editorial and business staffs, and a refurbished conference room. Another grant will permit additional renovations this summer.

The 20-member editorial staff began using a newly installed electronic editing and typesetting system earlier this spring. Leased from the Missoulian, the eight-terminal system permits the Kaimin staff and other journalism students to produce camera-ready layouts.
80s

James Dunn
'85 and Deborah Corn UM '85 were married June 16, 1985, in Missoula.

Susan Forman
'85 joined the public relations and development staff at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. She has worked as an intern for both KING-TV in Seattle and the Missoulian.

Brett French
ex-'85 is a reporter-photographer for the Hamilton Ravalli Republic.

Ann Joyce Geranios
'85 is a reporter for City News Service in Chicago. Her husband, Nick, works for the AP in Chicago.

Laura Harrawood
'85 traveled in Europe with the Missoula Mendelssohn Club and wrote an article about the tour for the Missoulian.

Julie Heath
'85 is editor of the Whitehall Ledger.

Marlee Miller
'85 is publications director and office manager for the Colorado Public Interest Research Group, which has 30,000 members. She lives in Denver.

Melinda Sinistro
'85 is director of the AUTOLINE program of the Youngstown, Ohio, Better Business Bureau. She writes, "My journalistic background has given me excellent skills for my position."

Julie Sullivan
'85 is a reporter for the Frontiersman in Wasilla, Alaska.

Kyle Albert
M.A. '84 is an account executive and writer/producer with ADTEK Design Inc., an advertising agency in Colorado Springs, Colo. He describes the agency as "small but mighty."

Bill Miller
'84 is a staff writer for the Sherman (Texas) Democrat. Recent articles by Bill appeared in Montana Magazine and Montana--The Magazine of the University of Montana.

Virginia Vickers Braun
M.A. '84 reviewed the book "What News from the Pleiades?" by Sallie Sinclair Maclay '29, in Montana--The Magazine of the University of Montana. Virginia concludes that readers will enjoy the book of poems and that the late Prof. H.G. Merriam, to whom the book is dedicated, would have been proud of it.

Alexis Miller
ex-'84 worked as an intern for the quarterly Alaska Public Affairs Journal issued by the University of Alaska, Juneau.

Gary Wiens
'84 is managing editor of the Hamilton Ravalli Republic. He was a general assignment and government reporter for the newspaper.

Renata Birkenbuel
'83 returned to UM to study for her teaching credentials. She works part time as a sportswriter at the Missoulian. She has worked for the Anaconda Leader and the Great Falls Tribune.

Michael Kellogg
'83 works for the Fairchild Camera & Instrument Corp. in Milpitas, Calif. He lives in Campbell, Calif.

Gary Moseman
'83 is associate editor of the Great Falls Tribune.

Jim Peterson
'83 and his family were transferred to Flagstaff, Ariz., where he continues to work as a utility-inspection specialist with the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. He reports that much of his work involves writing and editing reports.

Laurie Williams
'83 is president of the Tri-Cities, Wash., chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Laurie is a reporter for the Tri-City Herald.

Peggy Worden
R-TV '83 left KOMO-TV in Seattle to become national sales manager for KIEM-TV, an NBC affiliate, in Eureka, Calif.

Ed Bender
'82 joined the Great Falls Tribune in late 1984 as a copy editor.

Greg Gadberry
'82 left the Anchorage Daily News to become a reporter for the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph. While at the Daily News, Greg won a C.B. Blethen and Debby Lowman Memorial Award for excellence in journalism. The award is sponsored by the Seattle Times and the Allied Daily Newspaper Foundation.

James G. Morehouse
R-TV '82 is an Army captain. James, wife Alice and their three daughters live in Olympia, Wash.

Jeannie Munch
'82 taught at Loyola Sacred Heart High in Missoula and advised the student newspaper and yearbook.

Doug O'Harra
'82 is studying for a master's degree in creative writing at UM.

Natalie Phillips
'82 is the police reporter for the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph.

Dan DeWeese
'82 works for Tack 'n Togs Magazine in Minneapolis. It is a trade publication specializing in Western apparel.

Tim Rogers
'82 is an advertising salesman for KCEZ Radio in Butte. He had worked as a salesman for KANA in Anaconda.

Jim Bruggers
'81 is working on a master's degree in environmental studies at UM. He is also a correspondent for the Great Falls Tribune.

Rich Stripp
ex-'82 left the Hardin Herald to become editor of the Flathead Courier at Polson.

Clark Fair
'82 left the Peninsula Clarion at Kenai, Alaska, to study for a teaching certificate at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He is working part time for the Anchorage Times and strings for the Clarion. One of Clark's columns at the Clarion placed first in the Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition for newspapers with circulations of fewer than 16,000.

Bob Phillips
'81 is editor of the Ronan Pioneer.
John Pearson
M.A. ‘82 left the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph. He plans to find a job in music management.

David Townsend
ex-‘81 left the Spearfish (S.D.) Star to become public relations director of the High Plains Heritage Society in Spearfish. He writes that the society is developing a museum-archive complex to preserve the economic history of the region comprising the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Toni Volk
‘81 lives in Acapulco, Mexico, where she has a Hemingway Scholarship to write a book.

Steve Stuebner
‘81 is a reporter for the Colorado Springs Sun. He is married to Amy Stahl ‘82.

Kurt Wilson
ex-‘81 was named Missoulian photo editor. Kurt was a photographer at the Longview (Wash.) Daily News for three years, then joined the Missoulian as a photographer in March 1985.

Dan “Boomer” Slothower
‘81 continues as managing editor of Commercial West — The Magazine of Banking and Finance, with offices in Eden Prairie, Minn. Boomer visited the J-School in June after covering a conference in Kalispell.

Pat Sullivan
‘81, editor of the Adams County Journal in Ritzville, Wash., won the first-, second- and third-place awards in photography and feature writing in a contest sponsored by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association. Pat has received 12 awards from the association in three years.

Larry Elkin
’78, AP newsmen in the New York Bureau, was nominated for a story-of-the-month award by the Associated Press Managing Editors for his coverage of the settlement of the Westmoreland-CBS trial and for his exclusive with excerpts from the diary of one of the jurors.

William David Little
‘78 was appointed director of public relations for the University of Montana Foundation.

Barry Noreen
ex-’78 is a general-assignment reporter for the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph.

Gordon Dillow
’77 won an award in the 1986 National Society of Newspaper Columnists competition. A thrice-weekly columnist for the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, Gordon won first prize in the humor category for newspapers of more than 65,000 circulation.

Jill Thompson
ex-‘80 left the Great Falls Tribune to become editorial-page editor of the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, where she joined Joan Mengel ‘75 and Joan French ‘79. In Walla Walla she placed second in editing editorial writing in a competition sponsored by the Inland Empire Society of Professional Journalists.

Steve Van Dyke
‘80 is a writer in the corporate communications department of MDU Resources Group, Inc., in Bismarck, N.D. Steven and his wife visited the J-School last summer. They live in Mandan.

Jim O’Day
‘80, managing editor of the Cut Bank Western Breeze, and wife Kathryn Clark O’Day are the parents of Christopher James, born in December 1984. Jim is a former sports editor at the Kalispell Inter Lake.

Vicki Johnson Hyatt
‘76 is editor of the Stillwater Sun at Columbus. Vicki and husband Rich are the parents of Shay Frederick, born in February 1985.

Susan Parkes
‘76 is an advertising supervisor with the McDonald’s Corp. in the New Orleans area. She writes that she worked in Chicago for eight years, five with Leo Burnett Advertising. Susan lives in Kenner, La.

Bob Anez
‘75, newsmen with the AP in Helena, is secretary of the Montana Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Robert C. Gibson
‘75 is regional editor of the Billings Gazette. Bob joined the Gazette staff in 1979 as a reporter in the Cody, Wyo., bureau and was promoted to assistant regional editor in February 1985.

Steve Helmbrecht
‘75 continues as owner of Helmbrecht Photography in Havre and serves on the board of directors of the Montana Professional Photographers Association.

Rich Landers
‘75, outdoors editor for the Spokesman-Review, was named Far West regional editor for Field & Stream magazine. It is a free-lance position, and he will remain at the Spokesman-Review.

70’s

Frank Boyett
ex-’79 left the Cody Enterprise to become editor of the Ronan Pioneer, then left the Pioneer to become lead reporter and Sunday managing editor of the daily Gleaner in Henderson, Ky.

Vernyce Dannells
R-TV ‘79 is art and culture editor in the news bureau at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Paul Lloyd-Davies
R-TV ‘79 was named Cheyenne bureau manager and Wyoming state editor for UPI. Paul joined UPI in 1981 in Helena and moved to Cheyenne in 1982.

Jeffrey S. McDowell
‘79 joined Ribi ImmunoChem Research Inc. in Hamilton as corporate information manager.

Addison Double
‘76 is an energy counselor with the Sunar Corp. in Seattle.

Nicole Flemming
‘78 received a $500 grant from the UM staff-development program to attend a three-day Step-by-Step Design workshop. She is the graphics/publications coordinator in the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana.

70s

Larry Elkin
’78, AP newsmen in the New York Bureau, was nominated for a story-of-the-month award by the Associated Press Managing Editors for his coverage of the settlement of the Westmoreland-CBS trial and for his exclusive with excerpts from the diary of one of the jurors.

William David Little
‘78 was appointed director of public relations for the University of Montana Foundation.

Barry Noreen
ex-’78 is a general-assignment reporter for the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph.

Gordon Dillow
’77 won an award in the 1986 National Society of Newspaper Columnists competition. A thrice-weekly columnist for the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, Gordon won first prize in the humor category for newspapers of more than 65,000 circulation.
Krim's team wins Pulitzer

Jonathan Krim, a former Montana Kaimin editor and 1977 honors graduate of the School of Journalism, directed the San Jose Mercury News investigative team that won the 1986 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting. Krim's three-reporter team — Lewis Simons, Pete Carey and Katherine Ellison — produced "Hidden Billions: The Draining of the Philippines," a series of articles detailing the transferral of wealth out of the Philippines by former President Ferdinand E. Marcos and his associates. The articles, published June 23-25, 1985, were judged by the Pulitzer board to have "had a direct impact on the subsequent political developments in the Philippines and the United States."

The idea for the series grew out of conversations between Krim, then assistant national/foreign editor, and Simons, the Mercury News' Tokyo correspondent who had been covering the Philippines. In a subsequent memo to his supervisors in November 1984, Krim proposed that the Mercury News determine the accuracy of the persistent rumors that vast sums of money were hidden in the United States and elsewhere by Philippine leaders. By examining tax rolls, court documents and real estate records, the reporters were able to document the flow of money from the Philippines into American real estate.

When the news of the Pulitzer award reached the Mercury News newsroom, Krim and his reporters were doused with champagne, then thrown by their colleagues into a waist-deep reflecting pool at the building's entrance.

Besides the Pulitzer, the series won the George Polk Award for international reporting and an award from the Investigative Reporters and Editors association.

Krim and his reporters traveled to New York for the Pulitzer and Polk banquets and to Portland for the IRE awards presentation. Asked whether he was disappointed that, as the supervising editor, his name was not on any of the awards certificates, Krim shrugged. "Editors have to live vicariously sometimes," he said.

Krim is the fifth UM journalism graduate to play a major role in winning a Pulitzer. Robert F. Alkire '53, Ken Kizer '41 and Bob Blair '46 helped win the deadline news prize for the Salt Lake City Tribune for its coverage of the collision of two airliners over the Grand Canyon in 1956. Alkire was an AP reporter, while Kizer and Blair were Tribune editors. A.B. Guthrie Jr. '23 won the 1950 prize for fiction for his novel "The Way West."

The 31-year-old Krim has since been promoted to city editor of the Mercury News. Before coming to the Mercury News three years ago, he worked for the Washington, D.C., Times, the Arizona Republic in Phoenix and for the Missoulian.

Krim grew up in New York City and attended two colleges in the East before transferring to the University of Montana.

Ralph Wanamaker
M.A. '78 is an assistant professor of journalism at Mankato State University in Minnesota. Previously he had worked for the Spokane Chronicle and served as an instructor in journalism at Spokane Falls Community College.

Wally Parker
'76 reports that he is in his third year as a medical writer for the St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press and Dispatch. Next fall he will begin teaching a course in interpretive science reporting at the University of Minnesota. Wally and wife Peggy have two children.

Larry Winslow
'76 is managing editor of Creation magazine, published in Oakland, Calif.

Carmen Winslow
'75 was promoted to lifestyles editor at the Butte Montana Standard. She had been assistant copy editor and a feature writer.

Michael Roney
'75 is a computer book editor at Bantam Books in New York City. He's living in Fair Lawn, N.J., and says he frequently crosses paths with Steve Forbes ex-'75.

Lynne M. Fleming
R-TV, ex-'74 is production manager at KRTV in Great Falls. She worked for television stations in Seattle for four years. Lynne has a son, Kyle Wayne.

Richard Bangs
'73 resigned as day news editor of the Rocky Mountain News in Denver to take a position on the news desk of the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville.

Woodeene Koenig Bricker
'72 is a free-lance writer in Eugene, Ore., and continues to work as a stringer for a weekly newspaper. She writes: "Recently had an article in McCall's. I'm collaborating with a physician on a series of articles on child care." Woodeene's husband, John, earned an M.A. in forestry at UM in 1972.

Donald E. Larson
'72 lost his bid for the Democratic nomination for the District 65 seat in the Montana House. He operates a bar and restaurant at Seeley Lake.

Michael Pane
'72, former managing editor of the American Hunter magazine, is a free-lance writer in Kalispell and a columnist for the Whitefish Pilot.

John Paxson
'72 was promoted from assignment editor to night news manager for CBS News in New York.

Robin Brown Tawney
T.J. Gilles

ex-'71, agriculture editor of the Great Falls Tribune, and wife Margarita announced the birth of their second child, Jimi Hendrix, Aug. 29, 1985. T.J. placed first in feature writing in a contest sponsored by the Newspaper Farm Editors of America and was one of four finalists for "Farm Editor of the Year." He also won the Tribune Publisher's Award and placed second in general column writing in the competition sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Society of Professional Journalists.

Louise Fenner

70 left the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to work as a journalist for the United States Information Agency. She accompanied Secretary of State George Shultz on his trip to Latin America.

Ken Dunham

R-TV '70 and wife Janelle K. Fallan '74 continue to live in Helena where Ken is president of Dunham Advertising and Janelle is executive director of the Montana Petroleum Association. Ken was elected the 100th president of the Montana Club, the state's oldest private social institution.

Charles S. Johnson

'70, chief of the Great Falls Tribune Capital Bureau, placed first in business writing in a contest sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Society of Professional Journalists.

Carmen Monaco

'70 moved from San Francisco to Dallas, where he is vice president of advertising and marketing for the south-central division of Mervyn's Department Store.

Marilyn Pelo

'70 returned to the New York Times Magazine after two years as a free-lance writer and editor. She is an editor in the special issues department. Marilyn and her husband, Dennis Gibbons, live in Manhattan.

60s

Nancy Marks Foote

'69, earned the designation of certified travel counselor from the National Institute of Certified Travel Agents. An 11-year veteran of the travel industry, Nancy is a travel agent for Big Sky Travel in Dillon. She has been head of and consultant to new agencies in Butte, Bozeman, Helena and Dillon. She is married to Rick Foote, editor of the Montana Standard. They have a two-year-old son, Ryland.

Rick Foote

'68, was named editor of the Montana Standard in Butte. He joined the Standard in 1970 as a reporter and became managing editor in October of 1984.

Gary Langley

'69, executive director of the Montana Mining Association, boxed three rounds with a lobbyist for the Montana Environmental Information Center to raise money to restore the ghost town of Garnet. An estimated $2,500 was raised by the Helena event, which ended in a draw. Gary also was elected president of the Montana Society of Association Executives.

Lesley Maynard

'69 was assistant producer of "Motown Returns to the Apollo," which won the 1985 Emmy Award for the Outstanding Variety or Event Program. Producer Don Mischer mentioned Lesley's contributions to the program when he accepted the award. Lesley has worked in entertainment television since she was graduated from UM. She will be associate director for the next show by Don Mischer Productions. Lesley lives in Van Nuys, Calif.

Julie Parker Huntington

'69 and husband Gene reside in Helena.

Katherine Harstad Urbanec

'68 left as director of admissions and public relations for Dawson Community College in Glendive to become Missoula area coordinator for the Ponderosa Council of Camp Fire Inc. She is working on a master's degree in interpersonal communication at UM.

Rosalie Johnson

'70 returned to KYLT Radio as the "Voice of the Grizzlies," an assignment he had from 1971 to 1983. He has been program director of KDKT Radio.

Raymond Dominick

'66 is manager of the Radio Shack Computer Center in Helena.

Cheryl Hutchinson

'66, local-government liaison in the lieutenant governor's office, is coordinating plans for Montana's Centennial activities in 1989. She works with a Centennial Commission authorized by the legislature. A feature story about Cheryl and her assignment appeared in the Nov. 4, 1985, Missoulian.

Emily Melton

'65 is executive secretary of the new Westin Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Don Kinney

R-TV '64, president of Rocky Mountain Reflections in Lakewood, Colo., visited the J-School last summer. His firm does production work for the Public Broadcasting System.

Edward C. Nicholls

'64 left the AP after 17 years to become president of the Nebraska Credit Union League, Inc. (NCUL Services Corp.). He is treasurer of the Nebraska Corporate Central Federal Credit Union and a director of the Credit Union National Association. Edward and his wife, Marlies Larson Nicholls '64, live in Omaha.

Judith Franklin Spannagel

'63 is copy director and a creative consultant for Joan Biggs & Associates, a public relations and advertising firm in Portland, Ore.
Scott Sorensen

'63 resigned as vice president of retailing services of General Growth Companies to open Scott Sorensen Resources, Inc., which specializes in retail consulting work for shopping centers around the world. He will continue to be based in Des Moines, Iowa. Scott and wife Joanie have two teenage sons, Scott Jr. and Shawn.

Janet Trask Cox

'63, owner of Exclamation Point Advertising & Public Relations in Billings, received the American Advertising Federation's Silver Medal Award for her creativity and contributions to her agency, advertising and her community.

Doug Kienitz


Frank Walsh

'62, M.A. '72 continues as an associate professor of journalism at the University of Texas at Austin. He took a partial leave to set up public relations and research divisions for an Austin marketing firm. A second textbook, "Public Relations Writer in the Computer Age," was published in December.

Patti Jo Shaw Wright

'62 is sales manager for the Sheraton Missoula. She previously had been advertising manager of the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls.

Penelope Wagner Peabody

'61, M.A. '67 was named the first executive director of the new Seattle-King County Economic Development Council. The council is charged with attracting new businesses to the area and with assisting businesses already there. Previously Penny was executive director of Seattle Metro, the 2,300-employee public transportation and water pollution control utility. She earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from the University of Montana, and has worked as a reporter and editor in Montana and Washington before turning toward a career as an administrator. She has taught as a visiting lecturer in the communications program at the University of Washington. Penny is married and has two stepdaughters. She and her husband live on Mercer Island.

John F. Kavanagh

'61 and Patricia R. Christofferson were married Feb. 2, 1985, in Missoula. John owns the Shelby Promoter, Cutbank Pioneering Press and the Browning Glacier Reporter.

Zena Beth McGlashan

'61, a journalism faculty member at the University of North Dakota, spoke Feb. 22 at the West Coast Journalism History Conference in San Francisco. Her topic: "Women Witness the Russian Revolution: Analyzing Ways of Seeing."

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Carroll O'Connor, television's Archie Bunker, was an associate editor and columnist for the Kaimin during his undergraduate days at the University of Montana in 1948-49. Last year the university conferred on him an honorary doctorate of humane letters, citing his long and distinguished acting career. Interviewed by telephone from his Los Angeles home, O'Connor told journalism student Verina Palmer that he and editor Bill Smurr resigned their Kaimin positions in protest when the university censored an issue containing an editorial cartoon depicting the Board of Regents as a group of rats, eating bags of meal labeled "university funds."

Student newspapers are learning tools and should not be controlled or censored, O'Connor said, but he added that freedom should never be abused by irresponsible editors. O'Connor majored successively in journalism and English as an undergraduate, then returned to campus to complete a master's degree in speech in 1956.

Geoff O'Connell

'47 is coauthor with George Gallup Jr. of the book "Who Do Americans Say That I Am?" subtitled "What Christians Can Learn from Opinion Polls." George is a free-lance writer and consultant based in White Plains, N.Y.
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Visits from pros enliven J-classes

Visitors to the UM School of Journalism in 1985 and 1986 included a number of prominent news media figures:

— Lloyd G. Schermer, chief executive officer of Lee Enterprises, Davenport, Iowa.
— Fred Friendly, professor emeritus of the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism and former CBS News president.
— John Lemmon, managing editor, the Evening Sun, Baltimore.

— Kay Wight, vice president, CBS Sports, New York.
— Angus McDougall, former head of the University of Missouri photojournalism program.
— Bill Kuykendall, former photography and graphics director, Seattle Times, who now heads the photojournalism program at the University of Missouri.
— Don Oliver, NBC News correspondent, Los Angeles.
— Gregg Peterson, general manager, WBBM, Chicago.
— John Bennitt, director of special projects, Associated Press Broadcast Services, Washington, D.C.
— Garry Wills, author and political columnist, Chicago.
— Ann Geracimos, society reporter, the Washington, D.C., Times.
— Paul Lowenwarter, former producer, "Sixty Minutes."
— James Wall, editor, Christian Century magazine, Chicago.
UM’s Sears success: caring

Since the program was inaugurated in 1970, more Sears Congressional Interns have come from the University of Montana School of Journalism than from any other journalism program.

Even before Tamara Mohawk was selected in June as UM’s 1987 intern, Montana led the field with 20, followed by Indiana University with 17, the University of Kansas with 16, Ohio State University with 14, and Michigan State University and the University of Tennessee with 13 each. Students from 89 journalism programs have applied for the internships over the years.

Why has the Montana J-school fared so well? Professor Warren J. Brier, who was dean when the program was inaugurated, believes the answer is that the journalism school recognized the value of the program early and has made a special effort to encourage its best students to apply.

The consistently laudatory evaluations of UM interns by the congressmen and senators with whom they served supports Brier’s assertion. A promotional videotape prepared by the Sears internship program features a 1984 Montana intern, Bethany Redlin, and includes an enthusiastic testimonial from her boss, Sen. Alan J. Dixon. Beth’s office supervisor commented: “Beth was a superb addition to our office staff. Surely she ranked in the top 5 percent of more than 100 interns we have employed since 1980.”

UM’s 1986 Sears intern, David Fenner of Helena, won high praise from Sen. Jeff Bingaman’s office. “David was an excellent intern—hard-working, reliable and intelligent,” wrote the evaluator. “He handled major writing jobs for us most satisfactorily and was a fine asset to our organization. Send us another just like him any time.”

The internship is much more than an opportunity to work for a congressman or senator. The program is designed to help prepare public affairs reporting students to become acquainted with both government and the news media in the nation’s capital. Fenner’s group, for example, attended weekly seminars about covering the White House, Congress, the Supreme Court, the State Department and the Pentagon. Speakers included David Broder of the Washington Post, Lyle Denniston of the Baltimore Sun, columnist Jack Anderson, Eric Severeid of CBS News and White House press spokesman Larry Speakes.

Some of the Montana interns stayed on in Washington, or returned there. Jim Grady of Shelby was an investigative reporter for Jack Anderson before devoting full time to his career as a novelist; Nedra Bayne Carpel of Spokane became a farm policy columnist in Washington; Jack Cloherty of Chicago worked for Anderson, wrote a syndicated column and then became an investigative reporter for WRC-TV in Washington; Suzanne Lagoni of Missoula went to work as a press officer for Sen. Max Baucus; Lexie Verdon of Libby became an editor for the Washington Post; Shirley Hodgson of Eureka worked as a legislative aide.

Many Montana Sears interns returned to Montana, however. Peter Johnson and Richard Ecke, both of Helena, are reporters for the Great Falls Tribune, while Charles Johnson, Helena, is chief of the Tribune’s Capital Bureau; Steve Shirley of Eureka heads the Lee Newspapers State Bureau in Helena; Beth Redlin of Sidney is a reporter-editor for the Sidney Herald; Kathleen Crump of St. Ignatius is a free-lance writer based in her home town; and, until she resigned last year, Paula Walker of Glen Ellyn, Ill., was press secretary to Gov. Ted Schwinden.

Other Montana Sears alums are more widely scattered. Ronnae Anderson of Missoula was a reporter for the Oxford, England, Times before settling as a free-lance writer in Edmonton, Alta.; Bill Murphy of Lovettsville, Va., went to Maine as a reporter for the Bangor Daily News; and Patricia Elich of Roundup became a reporter for a daily in Florida.

Two UM Sears interns became lawyers. Jeanne Young of Troy practices in Great Falls and Brad Newman of Helena is a law clerk for a U.S. district court judge in Butte.

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Curley, Schermer

Dean Stone speakers

The chief executive officers of two major newspaper groups — Gannett Co. and Lee Enterprises — were the speakers at the most recent Dean Stone Night journalism awards banquet.

John Curley of Gannett addressed the 1985 banquet, and Lloyd G. Schermer of Lee Enterprises spoke at the 1986 gathering. Both executives also visited journalism classes.

Curley, who heads the nation’s largest newspaper group and was the first editor of the national newspaper USA Today, spoke about “Freedom and Responsibility of the Press.”

Schermer, whose Iowa-based media group owns 18 daily newspapers, including four in Montana, spoke about “American Newspapers: Today and Tomorrow.” Schermer is a former publisher of the Missoulian.

Some $11,000 in awards and scholarships were presented at the 1985 banquet, and more than $13,000 at the 1986 affair.

The Dean Stone Night awards and the recipients were:

- Richard Shirley Award — Roger Maier, Missoula, $150; Janice Downey, Butte, $300.
- Blanche Coppo Lanstrum-Dean Stone Award — Judi Thompson, Butte, $100; Julie Sullivan, Butte, $300.
- Outstanding Senior Woman Award, $100 — Ginny Merriam, Bigfork; Nola Gerth, Butte.
- Last Chance Press Club Award, $100 — Ken Pekoc, Sidney; Kevin Twidwell, Butte.
- New Northwest Award-Liberty County Times, $100 — Ken Pekoc.
- Mary Decker Memorial Award, $100 — Karen Buchanan, Missoula; Kathie Horejsi, Missoula.
- Great Falls Newspaper Guild Award, $200 — Adina Lindgren, Superior; John Engen, Missoula.
- Montana Stockgrowers’ Association Award — Janice Zabel, Grass Range, $500; Jamie McCann, Wolf Point, $300.
- Robert L. Wolfe Photography Award, $100 — Nicole Messa, Doylestown, Pa.; Brett French, Bozeman.
- Norman Johnson Memorial Award, $300 — Erika Colness.
Tammy Mohawk, a senior in journalism from Libby, is one of 20 students nationwide to receive a three-month Sears Congressional Internship in Washington, D.C. The internship will begin in February 1987.

The Sears program gives outstanding junior and senior journalism students the opportunity to work in the nation’s capital on the staff of a U.S. senator or representative.

Tammy is the 21st University of Montana journalism student to be so honored. The UM J-School ranks first among all journalism schools in the nation in the number of students selected for the internships.

She is the recipient of Buttrey and Scripps-Howard scholarships and was given a Dean Stone Award by the School of Journalism last spring for academic performance and professional promise.

Earlier this year Montana’s 20th Sears intern, David Fenner, completed his internship in Washington.

Novelist Grady is Sears alum


Grady ’72, is the author of two novels published in 1985 — "Hard Bargains" (MacMillan) and “Razor Game,” a paperback original (Bantam).

Another Bantam paperback, “Just a Shot Away,” will be published this year.

Grady learned recently that CBS Television will produce his dramatic pilot, a detective show whose leading characters are “reporters and cops” in Washington, D.C. “It'll be a cross between Doonesbury and Miami Vice,” he says.

Grady, a Shelby native, continues to live in Washington. He was married March 31, 1985, to Bonnie Goldstein and is enjoying being a father to his 13-year-old stepdaughter, Rachel, who is his "official photographer," and took the photo that appears with this article.

Before devoting full time to fiction writing, Grady worked for years as an investigative reporter for columnist Jack Anderson. He previously worked as a research analyst with the Montana Constitutional Convention and as a technical writer for an HEW project in Helena.

He was awarded a Sears Congressional Internship in 1971 and was Sen. Lee Metcalf’s Montana congressional intern in 1974.

His other novels include “Shadow of the Condor,” “Catch the Wind” and "Runner in the Street.”
Senior Seminars

'85-'86 Out on a Ledge


'84-'85 After the Fall

In front, Eric Troyer; Row 1, Dean Hood, Jeanine Bohannan, Carlos Pedraza, Shannon Hinds, Janice Downey and Michael Moore. Row 2, David Fenner, James Dunn, Marlee Miller, Colette Cornelius, Julie Sullivan (with helmet), Julie Heath, Susan Forman and Donna Clark. Row 3, Matt Popham, Doug Decker, Doug Lonesman, Brett French and Jean McDonald. Back row, Kevin Brooke, Tom Mendyke, Eric Williams and Jeff Gardner.