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Connecting Campus and Community

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Missoula scores symphony orchestra with campus-community partnership

Forty-one years ago, The University of Montana and Missoula orchestrated a partnership to make beautiful music for the entire community to enjoy.

and community give Missoula an orchestra that rivals that of any town its size, says Joseph Henry, the orchestra's conductor and a UM associate professor of music.

Founding conductor Eugene Andrie recognized that UM needed to provide a performance outlet to attract quality faculty to its music department. The University has always provided the orchestra's conductor and many of its principle players, says Caralee Blair, the symphony's executive director. About half of the orchestra's 80 members are either UM students or employees.

"Clearly, in the 41 years, it has always been a collaborative effort—community, faculty and students," Blair says.

Henry conducts the orchestra, while Assistant Professor Margaret Baldrige serves as concertmaster. Almost every music department faculty member has a hand in the symphony, says Henry, who has served as the orchestra's music

director for 10 seasons. Faculty who aren't regular members of the orchestra appear throughout the year as featured performers, such as soprano Anne Basinski, who will perform in the March program, and organist Nancy

Cooper, who will perform in next month's concerts.

Currently, 15 UM students earn academic credits and gain valuable performance experience playing in the orchestra. The cooperative effort extends

further; the Missoula Symphony Guild provides \$3,000 in scholarships to UM music students each year and pays guest artists extra to teach master classes on campus while in town to perform.

"Many communities our size have orchestras, but not many have orchestras of the quality we have," says Henry.

The Missoula-UM collaboration, he notes, is unique: it is the only Montana orchestra with a university and community partnership.

The Missoula Symphony Orchestra & Chorale will perform with the Helena Symphony Chorale at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24, at the Wilma Theatre. Call 721-3194 for tickets.



The orchestra is under the expert hand of music director Joseph Henry

Today the harmonious results of that collaboration can be heard when the Missoula Symphony Orchestra takes to the stage of the Wilma Theatre to perform five programs each year during its October to May season.

The combined musical forces of campus

Community, campus leaders mark Women's History Month with UM events

In celebration of Women's History Month, UM will host panels, lectures, workshops and displays throughout March to explore the historic contributions of women in politics, the environment, culture and community.

Presented by the UM Women's Studies Program, the following panels include women from both campus and

the community who will share their research and life experiences:

- "Ecofeminism in Theory and Practice," by Cathy Zabinski, UM biological sciences adjunct research assistant professor; Lila Cleminshaw, former UM student; Bryony Schwan, UM graduate student in environmental studies; and Deborah Slicer, UM philosophy associate professor, 3 to 5 p.m. March 27,

Liberal Arts Building Room 243.

- "Women in Politics," by state Sen. Vivian Brooke of Missoula; Rep. Jeanette McKee of Hamilton; and Laurie Zimorino, local historian, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. March 29, Social Science Building Room 352. "Carrying the Torch," a play commemorating women's successful struggle for the vote, will be presented after the discussion.

Festival features culture, cuisine, foreign flair

Sail around the world in half a day by sampling the culture and cuisine of other nations at the annual UM International Festival and Food Bazaar this month on campus. Whet your appetite for International Month activities



on campus in April by attending "World Cruise '96" from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 31, in the University Center Ballroom and Montana Rooms. This year's cruise ship theme will take guests to more than 25 foreign nations represented by UM's International Student Association and members of the Missoula community.

The public event will feature sample sizes of ethnic foods served by people in native dress from all corners of the world. Food items vary in price from 50 cents to \$2.

Dancing, music and children's activities from foreign countries will be presented throughout the afternoon.

Among the countries represented will be Argentina, Sri Lanka, Spain, Thailand, India, Nepal, Indonesia, Pakistan, Taiwan, Finland, France, Malaysia, Russia and Japan. Community organizations that will participate include the Sons of Norway and the Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center's Global Village World Crafts.

The Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the Friendship Force of Western Montana will be among the community groups with information booths. Representatives of UM's Office of International Programs and Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures also will provide information about their programs.

Admission is \$1 for adults; free for children under 12.

International Month on campus kicks off at noon Monday, April 1, in the University Center Atrium, with a welcoming address by President George Dennison, introduction of visiting scholars and students, and live entertainment.

Crisis brings out Missoula's best

by President George Dennison

The University community suffered a devastating loss last month when student and distance runner Ryan Cross drowned in an irrigation canal near campus. From this tragedy came a reminder of how the Missoula community pulls together in time of need. The phrase "neighbor helping neighbor" comes to mind when I think of the efforts displayed by so many agencies and individuals. Almost 100 people became involved somehow in the search for Ryan.

Rescuers from the Missoula fire and police departments and the Missoula County Sheriff's Department were on the scene within minutes of receiving a call for help early on the morning of Feb. 10. They remained there continuously for five days. By daylight, volunteers from Search and Rescue scoured the icy waters of the canal for Ryan's body. To quote Sheriff Doug Chase, city firefighters kept an all-night vigil at the site so "the family would know Ryan was not alone and forgotten after sundown." Some might say they were only doing their jobs. But we at the University believe each individual went above and beyond the call of duty, exhausting every possibility in the efforts to find this young man and bring closure for his family, friends and track teammates.

The men and women of the Missoula County Search and Rescue gave up their regular work commitments to volunteer their time. Many of them lost wages as a result.

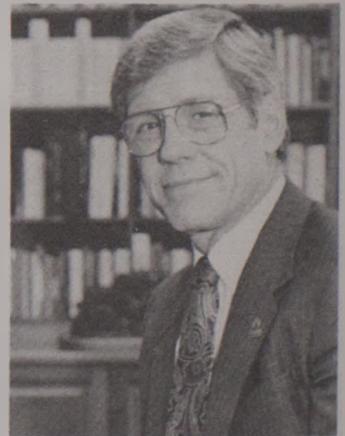
Many others wanted to help however they could. When the owners of Food For Thought discovered that University Dining Services had been providing food and beverages daily for volunteers and law enforcement officers, they asked if they could take over that duty. The Press Box sent hot coffee and breakfast in the morning for the rescuers. Bert Bailey, a resident assistant in Elrod Hall, used his food allowance to buy Gatorade and bottled water for rescue workers.

The Missoula Rural Fire Department, the Missoula County Airport, the Montana Department of State Lands and the Montana National Guard pitched in, even though the site was not within their jurisdictions. Lloyd Twite of Missoula and his son, Scott, delivered a front-end loader without charge. L.S. Jensen Construction had a backhoe, complete with operator and observer, at the site for more than two days. Bretz RV Center and the City of Missoula cleared ice from boat ramps so boats could be launched for the river search.

Help even came from outside Missoula. The Ravalli County Search and Rescue sent 10 members to relieve Missoula County's Search and Rescue after its four days of hard work.

Isn't it unfortunate that it takes a tragedy to remind us of our concern for each other's welfare? This situation demonstrates, nonetheless, what is exceptional about our community and our nation. More than 160 years ago the French social and political analyst, Alexis de Tocqueville, visited this country and observed something about the American people that he did not see in other countries: a spirit of volunteerism, reflecting what he called "habits of the heart." He said: "America is great because her people are good. When her people are no longer good, America will no longer be great!"

The people of Missoula have once again demonstrated what a great community of caring people we are. We at the University are proud to be a part of the Missoula community.



Newsletter, photographs win regional awards

Main Hall to Main Street and UM's photographer won Gold Awards in the 14th annual Council for Advancement and Support of Education's District VIII Juried Awards competition last month.

Todd Goodrich, photographer for University Communications and Sports Information, won a Gold Award for a photo of an American Indian boy published in the 1995 President's

Annual Report. Goodrich also won two Bronze Awards for photos that appeared in the Montanan and on the cover of the 1995-96 campus telephone directory.

CASE District VIII is comprised of professionals in fund-raising, alumni associations, communications, government relations and student recruiting services at educational institutions in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and four Canadian provinces.



Bear Briefs

Bromenshenk's Bees—

Imagine...honey bees sounding the alarm on environmental pollution. The buzzing insects pick up pollutants as they fly through the air. Monitoring bees is one of the most efficient ways to sample the environment, says Jerry Bromenshenk, UM entomologist and biological sciences professor. Like a canary in a coal mine, bees can warn of environmental hazards before humans can detect them.



Bromenshenk and bees

"We've found out that because bees have fuzzy bodies, little branched hairs and electrostatic charges, they're really actually little electrostatic flying dust mops," says Bromenshenk, whose work has earned him a permanent spot in the Smithsonian Institution. To find out more about bees and their benefits to environmental studies, tune in to *Imagine That!* on KUFM/KGPR Montana Public Radio at 9 p.m. Sunday, March 17.

Ethics Expert—Deni Elliott, professor of ethics in public affairs at UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, was the sole North American representative invited to address an international media conference Feb. 26-28 in Ghana. She spoke about journalistic accountability and journalistic freedom in her speech, "Ethics and Professional Codes." The conference was attended by media specialists from west Africa, Europe and North America.

Free Foreign Flicks—UM's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures features free movies for the public on Tuesdays through April 9 for the "Spanish Film Festival IV: 100 Years of Spanish Film" and "Le Festival du Film Francais 1996." Spanish films are "Mujeres al Borde de un Ataque de Nervios," March 19; "El Viaje a

Ninguna Parte," March 26; "Jamon, Japon," April 2; and "Belle Epoque," April 9. The films will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Journalism Building Room 304, except the March 26 film, which will be shown in Liberal Arts Building Room 243. French films are "Divertimento," March 19, "Van Gogh," March 26, and "La Discrete," April 2. The films include English subtitles and will be shown at 7 p.m. in Social Science Room 352.

Broadcast Director—

William Marcus has been named director of UM's Broadcast Media Center, making permanent the post he has held as acting director for more than two years. Marcus was selected from a national field of 32 applicants. He has worked for the center since he graduated from UM in 1974.

Enrollment Up—

UM enrollment set a new spring semester record with a head-count of 11,380 and a significant increase in the number of credits taken by students. While head-count enrollment increased slightly from last spring's 11,363, the full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment jumped from 9,791 in spring 1995 to 10,045 this semester.

President George Dennison said the increase of 254 FTE represents an average increase of nearly half a credit in students' course loads, which reflects the success of the University's recent efforts to help students graduate in four years. Spring enrollment figures include UM's College of Technology, which posted a head-count of 640 this semester.

Classic Theater—Take a journey of struggle and triumph with the UM Department of Drama/Dance's stage presentation of John Steinbeck's classic story, "The Grapes of Wrath,"

Tuesday through Saturday, March 19-23 and 26-30. Performances begin at 8 p.m. nightly with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturdays at the Montana Theatre in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.



Tickets are \$10 general and \$9 students and seniors. Call the box office, 243-4581, weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for reservations.

Extended Study—Break the traditional summer school mode and hike the Bob Marshall Wilderness, explore the Anasazi ruins of southern Utah or take in the Shakespeare Festival in Oregon while earning academic credits. UM's Center for Continuing Education offers field courses and short courses throughout the summer for teacher professional development and community interest. The course catalog will be available at the end of March. For a free catalog, call 243-2900 or write: UM Center for Continuing Education, The University of Montana, Missoula, 59812.

Leading Teachers—



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UM English Professor Beverly Ann Chin became president in November of the 125,000-member National Council of Teachers of English. Chin is the first Montanan and the first Asian American to lead the organization. NCTE is the

world's largest subject-area organization. Its members are primarily teachers and supervisors of English language arts programs from kindergarten through university.

Late Break—For the first time in recent memory, UM and Missoula public schools will take their spring breaks together, April 8 to 12. Next year, public schools will honor UM's traditional spring break in March.

Student Scientists—The public is invited to see the work of tomorrow's scientists at the 41st annual Montana Science Fair April 15-16 at the Harry Adams Field House. More than 400 entries are expected from Montana students in grades six through 12. The UM-sponsored fair is funded by the UM Excellence Fund and the Missoula Exchange Club. Top high school winners will be sent to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Tucson in May.

Davidson Honors College moves to new home in April

The Davidson Honors College will finally have a home of its own with a move next month to its new building on the Oval next to Main Hall.

The \$2 million, one-story brick structure was constructed over the past 14 months with private funds.

The building will be named for its chief benefactors, Ian and Nancy Davidson of Great Falls. The couple contributed \$1.1 million to the construction project.

The Honors College has been located on the third floor of Main Hall, which is inaccessible to people with disabilities, said Honors College Dean John Madden.

"This will put us right into the heart of the campus community and make our services and facilities easily accessible to everybody on campus," Madden said. "It means we'll be able to integrate



student services, social events and academic instruction together in the same building for the first time."

The Honors College will occupy the new building's main floor, while the Information Technology Resource Center—a state-of-the-art production facility for electronic and multimedia teaching resources—will be housed in the basement.

A public dedication ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 17.

UM faculty train engineers in resource management

Faculty from three UM disciplines will teach the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers methods to preserve and manage the nation's natural and cultural resources.

UM has been awarded a \$430,000, three-year contract to provide state-of-the-art training to employees of the federal agency, that, among other duties, oversees management and construction activities involving the nation's water resources.

The contract, which has been funded for the first year with an option for an additional two years, calls for updating of course materials and instruction by UM faculty members from anthropology, forestry and environmental studies.

Corps of Engineers planners and managers will learn how to protect archaeological and historical sites and the environment while constructing dams and other projects. Courses will be taught throughout the country,

primarily in Huntsville, Ala., Santa Fe, N.M., Dallas, Texas, and Sacramento, Calif.

The contract will be managed by anthropology faculty members James M. Welch and William C. Prentiss of UM's Cultural Heritage Resource Office, which was established on campus last summer. Welch and Prentiss developed the program for the federal government.

"It is really a coup," said Ray Murray, UM vice president for research and development. "This award reflects the quality and integrity of our anthropology faculty and others involved."

Courses will be taught by associate professors John Douglas and Thomas A. Foor of anthropology; Professor Vicki Watson and Assistant Professor Leonard Broberg of environmental studies; and Professor Donald Potts and graduate student Andrew Whittaker of forestry.

UM Calendar

Tuesday, March 19

Lecture—"The McDonald Family: How Scottish Highlanders Became Indian People in the Mission Valley," by James Hunter, Scottish author and historian, 7:30 p.m., Summit Conference Room, old Milwaukee Station. Free.

Dance Showcase—8 p.m., March 19-23 & 26-30, Open Space, lower level of Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets \$4.

Wednesday, March 20

Campus Recreation—Used Bicycle and Outdoor Gear Sale, noon-5 p.m., University Center Mall.

Outdoor lecture—"Rafting and Kayaking Missoula Area Rivers," lecture and slide show by Paul Hengel, UM's chief kayaking instructor, 7 p.m., Science Complex Room 131. Free.

Lecture—"My Life Story," by Eldridge Cleaver, 1960s Black Panther activist and author, 7:30 p.m., University Center Ballroom. Free.

Thursday, March 21

Performing Arts Series—Canterbury Tales, comedy theater from London, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$15/general, \$12/students and \$5/youth (not suitable for children under 12).

Friday, March 22

Philosophy Forum—"Philosophy and Education: The Socratic Enterprise and the University, Maieutic (Midwife) Approach to Teaching," by the Rev. Bill Iverson, theologian and inner city educator, and Eldridge Cleaver, 1960s Black Panther activist, noon, law school's Pope Room. Free.

Student Chamber Music Recital—8 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Free.

Tuesday, March 26

Symphonic Wind Ensemble—"Home from Tour" concert, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Free.

Friday, March 29

Lecture—"The Million Man March, Malcolm and Me," by Eldridge Cleaver, 1960s Black Panther activist, 8 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall. Free.

Saturday, March 30

Campus Recreation—"Fly Rod Casting Clinic," by Paul Koller of the Missoulian Angler. Bring a rod and warm clothing, 10 a.m., outside the Recreation Annex. Free. Call 243-5172 for information.



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