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Thanks for the memory

As the picture on this page suggests, I'm delighted to tell you that the School of Journalism has replaced its outdated computer lab equipment with brand-new Macintosh LC's. Our system now has the memory to run the reporting, editing and design programs we need to train students for today's world. This happy development is the result of a $47,500 allocation to the J-School from Provost Robert Kindrick, and an earlier $5,000 gift from the Montana Newspaper Association. We're fortunate to have such good support from the UM administration and the news media industry.

We've been especially busy at The University of Montana School of Journalism this year.

This has been our year of self-study in preparation for a visit from the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in October. We've been re-examining what we teach and how we teach it, and soliciting comment from students, alumni, other educators and the journalism profession. The experience has been valuable.

A three-person team - two journalism educators and one professional journalist - will be here for three days, visiting classes, examining our procedures and our facilities, and speaking with faculty, students, university officials and representatives of the news industry in the area.

We were in the first small group of J-Schools to be accredited more than forty years ago. We're now one of 90 accredited journalism programs. We're looking forward to continuing our association with ACEJMC, which has helped keep standards high in journalism education.

Along with the rest of the university, the journalism school has been making a major transition - from quarters to semesters. The semester system begins in September, and we've been working to make that transition as smooth as we can for our students. The faculty has devoted many additional hours to academic advising during the past year.

Instead of three 10-week quarters, we now will have two 15-week semesters. That, of course, has required a major revision of our curriculum. Though we've had to reduce the total number of journalism courses, we believe we've designed a semester curriculum that takes optimum advantage of the longer term and does not sacrifice the practice course rigor that has been a hallmark of the school.

Nonetheless we expect 1992-93 to be a year of adjustment, and we will be making curricular changes as we see problems occurring.

As you'll see elsewhere in the magazine, two faculty legends are gone. Bob McGiffert has retired, and Jerry Holloron has resigned. If you're a baseball fan, that's like losing Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra in the same season. Dennis Swibold, who replaced Bob, and Clem Work, who replaced Jerry, have big shoes to fill, but happily they both wield big bats themselves.

You'll see elsewhere, too, that the 1992-93 academic year will be my last as dean. I have resigned, effective July 1, 1993, and will return to the faculty to teach and direct the journalism graduate program. I'm proud to have been at the helm of one of the best journalism programs in the country, and proud of our accomplishments during my tenure. But 10 years is long enough. It's time for a new dean with fresh ideas and new perspectives. It's been a privilege. Thanks for the memory.
It's not too late to buy a poster

If you haven’t yet acquired the beautiful poster commemorating the J-School’s first 75 years, it’s not too late.

In fact, we’ll send you the 20 x 30-inch poster for only $20, less than a third of what we asked for it during the school’s diamond anniversary year in 1989.

The poster of Missoula artist Kirk Johnson’s splendid full-color oil painting is a work of art, suitable for framing. It includes a history of the J-School and the achievements of its alumni. The adjacent artist’s sketch doesn’t do the poster justice.

Your contribution will be used to support student travel and scholarships, fund special projects and purchase equipment. Just write the School of Journalism and enclose a check.

‘Focus on Philipsburg’ available at discount

Journalism alumni may acquire copies of “Focus on Philipsburg: A Montana Mining Town,” for the bargain rate of $10 each, if they order them through the School of Journalism.

The book, which is the work of UM journalism students, documents in photos and words small-town life in Montana.

The 8 x 11-inch soft-cover book, designed by Prof. Patty Reksten, makes a wonderful Montana Christmas gift.

Proceeds will be used to fund future photojournalism projects in the School of Journalism. Just write the School of Journalism and enclose a check.

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Sullivan, Remington are 31st, 32nd distinguished alums

Two more University of Montana journalism alumni – representing graduating classes that are 35 years apart – received Distinguished Alumni Awards this fall at the 1992 Homecoming.

They are George Remington '50, former publisher of the Billings Gazette and the Helena Independent Record, and Julie Sullivan '85, reporter for the Spokesman-Review in Spokane.

George and Julie are the 31st and 32nd journalism alumni to be so honored by The University of Montana. Though the smallest major academic unit on campus, the School of Journalism continues to lead all other programs in the production of distinguished alumni.

George Remington: “the consummate journalist”

Reared in Anaconda, George Remington attended The University of Montana School of Journalism during the era of Dean James L.C. Ford and Professor Edward G. Dugan. In a 1948 memo to Dean Ford, Professor Dugan described George as “one of the finest students we have had in the School of Journalism during my 11 years on campus.”

George’s subsequent career was to bear out that assessment. Graduating in 1950, he began as a reporter for the Helena Independent Record, then was enticed to Hawaii by a reporting job with the United Press International Honolulu bureau. After five years, he joined the Honolulu Advertiser, then worked for UPI in San Francisco and for the Fresno, Calif., Bee.

In 1985, George and his wife Lorraine – also a UM J-grad – returned to Montana, where he rejoined UPI to become manager of the Montana bureau. He joined the Lee Newspapers’ state bureau as a reporter in 1965, beginning what would become a 20-year association with Lee.

He became editor, then publisher of the Helena Independent Record, and in 1975 was named publisher of the state’s largest newspaper, the Billings Gazette, a position he held until his retirement in 1985.

For decades a prominent leader in Montana journalism, George held executive positions in the Montana Newspaper Association, and served on that association’s legislative and freedom of the press committees. He won the association’s President’s Award for meritorious service.

“He is the consummate journalist,” wrote a Wisconsin publisher who worked with him. “In my 35 years of association with journalism and the newspaper business, I can’t think of anyone in Montana who has better exemplified the high ideals and the standards of ethical conduct that we would like to think are requirements in serious journalism.”

George and Lorraine live in Columbus. They have two grown children, David and Leslie.

Julie Sullivan: “a skilled, disciplined writer”

The same year – 1985 – that George Remington retired as publisher of the Billings Gazette, Julie Sullivan graduated from The University of Montana School of Journalism. Like George, she was a reporter and editor of the Montana Kaimin. She had grown up in Butte.

Last year – with scarcely a half dozen years of professional experience under her belt – Julie won the American Society of Newspaper Editors award for the best short news writing of 1991.

A reporter for the Spokesman-Review, Julie won the award for her profiles of tenants of a deteriorating downtown Spokane hotel, and for profiles of the Montana Logging and Ballet Company, musical satirists who brought South African Desmond Tutu to Helena in December 1990. Judges wrote that Julie “masters the art of the short personality profile.”

Her stories, and an interview with Julie, appear in the book “Best Newspaper Writing 1991,” published by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, which co-sponsors the award with ASNE. In the book an editor describes Julie as “a skilled, disciplined writer who tells a story to greatest effect by employing few and plainspoken words.”

Julie was awarded $2,500 for her work.

She was one of five journalists honored by ASNE and Poynter in their annual competition to acknowledge the best newspaper writing in the nation. Other 1991 winners represented Newsday, the Philadelphia Daily News and the St. Petersburg Times.

Julie and her husband, Jim Springer, a copy editor for the Spokesman-Review, are the parents of a son, Joe, born last summer. After a five-month maternity leave, Julie returned to the Spokesman in January and now covers medical news.

Julie worked previously for the Billings Gazette and the Palmer, Alaska, Frontiersman. While at the Frontiersman, she won several awards in the Alaska Press Club competition. They included a first-place award, shared with three other reporters, for the story "Decisions Behind Closed Doors: Newspaper Fights Over Open Government."

Past distinguished alums

Journalism School Distinguished Alumni Recipients:
Penny Peabody ’61, M.A. ’67, Robert H. Bennett ’46; Debbie McKinney ’79; Jonathan Krim ’77; Marjorie Nichols ’66; Don Oliver ’58; Sterling James ’58; Harry Billings ’33; Dorothy Rochon Powers ’43; Ronald S. Kain ’22; Vern Haugland ’31; Frank Brutto ’29; Ann Wilson Haynes ’22; Aline Musby ’43; Robert C. Henderson ’34; William Forbes ’39; Norma Beatty Ashby ’57; Vernon F. Spencer ’42; William A. Barbour ’48; Hal Starnes ’36; Andrew Coggswell ’27; Martha Dunlap-Moore ’28; Ostian MacKenzie ’28; D.J. Shults ’33; Joan Hoff Wilson ’57; Vern Green Smith ’40; David Korvick ’66; Janet Trank Cox ’63.

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Wilson nabs Picture of Year award

Kurt Wilson, chief photographer of the Missoulian, placed first in the 1991 Pictures of the Year competition for newspaper sports features.

More than 1,750 photographers entered 35,000 photos and tearsheets in the competition, which is sponsored by the National Press Photographers Association and the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Kurt also placed third in the POY sports portfolio competition.

His winning sports feature shot, “Close Shave,” was of young male swimmers shaving their bodies in preparation for a state swim meet.

The photo – and two others by Kurt – will become part of the School of Journalism’s permanent photojournalism collection. He is the second UM alumnus to be so honored. The first is Del Mulkey ’54, an international sports photographer based in France.

Kurt was honored at the opening reception of a national photojournalism exhibit at the School of Journalism January 31. The exhibit included winning entries from the 46th College Photographer of the Year contest as well as award-winning photos by Montana photojournalists, including journalism alums Liz Halin, Doug Loneman and Todd Goodrich.

Kurt joined the Missoulian staff in 1985 and became chief photographer the following year. He previously worked for the Longview, Wash., Daily News, from 1982 to 1985. He has won awards from the National Press Photographers Association, the Montana Newspaper Association and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Kurt and his wife Karen have a 5-year-old daughter, Holli.

Photo student wins major scholarship

Dan McComb, a junior in journalism, has won a $10,000 scholarship to study in England this fall.

Dan won the Photography for World Peace and Cultural Understanding Scholarship, which will allow him to attend Syracuse University London Center in London during the 1992 fall semester.

His studies will include photojournalism classes under Robert Gilka, former director of photography for National Geographic.

Dan, son of Terry and Jean McComb of Brandon, Manitoba, has been a part-time photographer for the Missoulian. He submitted two essays, a resume and a portfolio for the scholarship competition.

Twenty American students applied for the scholarship, which is provided by the Alexia Foundation for World Peace, a nonprofit organization established by the family of Alexia Tsairus, who died in the 1988 terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Tsairus was a 20-year-old junior and photojournalism student at Syracuse University London Center.

Dan plans to travel to London after completing a summer internship with the Muskegon (Mich.) Chronicle.

In addition to receiving the peace scholarship, Dan placed 13th in the 1991-92 photojournalism semifinal competition for the William Randolph Hearst Journalism Awards. The competition attracted 48 entries from 31 universities.
Three alums, ex-dean named Master Publishers

The Montana Newspaper Association has honored three UM journalism alumni and the journalism school’s former dean with the Master Editor/Publisher Award in recognition of a lifetime of achievement and service.

J-Alums receiving awards in 1991 were Louise (Eiselein) Rasmussen ’37, retired editor-publisher of the Roundup Record-Tribune who has been associated with that newspaper since 1959, and Harold G. Stearns ’36, retired editor of the Harlowton Times and influential advocate for the newspaper industry and Montana universities.

John Kavanagh ’61, editor and publisher of the Shelby Promoter, was among those honored at the newspaper association’s convention in June.

He has been associated with the Shelby paper for more than three decades, and has been an influential member of the Montana Newspaper Association for much of that time.

Nathaniel Blumberg, professor emeritus and former dean of the School of Journalism, was honored specifically for his service to journalism education.

Alumni honors

University of Montana journalism alumni who have been honored recently include:

- Julie Sullivan ’85, who won a 1991 American Society of Newspaper Editors news writing award for her reporting in the Spokesman Review and Spokane Chronicle.

- Kurt Wilson ’81, who won the National Press Photographers international Pictures of the Year competition for his sports features in the Missoulian.

- Jonathan Krim ’77, who directed - for the second time in four years - coverage that won a 1990 Pulitzer Prize for the San Jose Mercury News. This time, the story was the Bay Area earthquake of 1989.

- Deirdre McNamer ’73, who was hailed nationally for her novel, “Rima in the Weeds,” as a fresh new literary voice in the West.

- Gary Svec, ’66, who won the Western Writers of America Spur Award for 1991’s best novel, “Sanctuary.”

- Ian Marquand R-TV ’79, who was named Montana Broadcaster of the Year for two years in a row - 1991 and 1992 - for his work as news director of KPAX-TV, Missoula.

- Celeste River, M.A. ’91, who won the Montana Historical Society’s first William Lang Award for her thesis on Frank Linderman, “A Mountain in His Memory,” chosen as the best local Montana history of the year.

- John Kavanagh ’61, Louise Rasmussen ’37, and Harold G. Stearns ’36, who were honored by the Montana Newspaper Association with Master Publisher-Editor Awards for their lifetime contributions to Montana and to journalism through their newspapers.


- The late Sam Gilluly ’30, who was inducted into the Montana Newspaper Hall of Fame.

- Michael Moore ’86, Missoulian reporter who won the 1992 Montana Bar Association’s Silver Gavel Award for outstanding reporting.

- Jim Crane, ’65, former publisher of the Helena Independent Record, who received the Montana Newspaper Association President’s Award for distinguished service to the organization and Montana journalism.

- Bob Gilluly ’57, who is president-elect of the Montana Newspaper Association.
Gilluly, Johnson, Kavanagh in Hall of Fame

Three Montana journalism pioneers have been inducted into the Montana Newspaper Hall of Fame. All have ties to the UM School of Journalism.

The most recent is John F. Kavanagh, a frontier editor and publisher who was an influential leader on Montana's Hi-Line for more than 20 years during the early part of the century. He was the first of four generations of Kavanaghs who have operated newspapers in Montana. His grandson, John F. Kavanagh, is editor-publisher of the Shelby Promoter and a 1961 graduate of the UM School of Journalism. A great grandson, Brian Kavanagh, is publisher of the Glacier Reporter in Browning and general manager of the Cut Bank Pioneer Press.

The new Hall of Fame inductee came to Montana in 1910, and established the Galata Journal. Within three years he was publisher of three other papers as well. He purchased the Shelby Promoter in 1922, and soon was covering the Kevin-Sunburst oilfield boom with this editorial-page promise: "If you want oil news not colored, but truthful, get it through the Promoter." He eventually sold the Promoter to his sons. Except for a two-year interlude when he acquired a Havre newspaper, Kavanagh was a resident of Shelby. He died in 1937.

Dorothy M. Johnson - author, editor, writer and University of Montana journalism professor - is the first woman to be installed in the Montana Newspaper Hall of Fame. Dorothy was secretary-manager of the Montana Newspaper Association and a member of the UM journalism faculty from 1953 to 1967. She previously had been news editor of the Whitefish Pilot.

She was the author of 17 books and more than 100 stories, including three that were made into movies: "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance," "The Hanging Tree" and "A Man Called Horse." She died in 1984.

Sam Gilluly, member of another prominent Montana newspaper family, follows his father J.A. Gilluly, into the Hall of Fame. Sam, a 1930 graduate of the School of Journalism, was one of the state's most respected journalists, was an influential advocate for Montana newspapers and was the author of "The Press Gang," a history of Montana newspapers. His newspaper, the Glasgow Courier, was recognized as one of Montana's best weekly newspapers.

The Montana Newspaper Hall of Fame, established in 1958, is jointly sponsored by the Montana Newspaper Association and the Montana School of Journalism.

Blumberg's publication casts critical eye on news media

Nathaniel Blumberg, professor emeritus and former dean of the UM School of Journalism, has launched a controversial new publication, the Treasure State Review of Journalism and Justice.

The magazine offers analysis and sometimes-biting criticisms of news media performance. The first two issues cast a critical eye on the Missoulian, the Great Falls Tribune and news coverage of George Bush and his family.

Nathaniel writes that he has been "inundated" by letters from friends, colleagues, former students and others who have applauded, commented on, or criticized his publication.

He produces the review at his lakefront home near Bigfork. Besides his own articles, Nathaniel includes contributions from other writers, including former students.

Nathaniel's criticisms of the news media were the subject of a Bozeman Daily Chronicle article last spring.

Last year, Nathaniel received a special Master Educator Award from the Montana Newspaper Association, in recognition of his service to journalism as dean and professor at the School of Journalism. The award was presented at a banquet atop Big Mountain near Whitefish.
Obituaries

Marjorie Nichols, tough, trailblazing Canadian journalist

Many of her columns in the past four years were written from hospital beds or from home.

Paul Gessell, one of Ms. Nichols’ colleagues at the Citizen, wrote that despite the increasingly debilitating aspects of her disease, Ms. Nichols continued to stalk the halls of Parliament, “relentlessly wagging her finger at MPs to keep them honest on free trade, Meech Lake and other issues of the day.”

Fellow columnist Allan Fotheringham said Ms. Nichols was the “most uncompromising journalist” he had ever met. “She wasn’t scared of anyone and she would take on anyone,” he told reporters after her death. “She was incapable of uttering a sentence that didn’t have a dig, satire or twist. She is about the funniest person I ever met.”

Marjorie Nichols was born Oct. 10, 1943, on the family dairy farm near Red Deer. She enjoyed reading, writing and athletics, especially speed skating. She was Canada’s junior and intermediate girls speed skating champion, and was named as an alternate to Canada’s Olympic team in 1960.

Funds sought for Nichols Lectures

the School of Journalism will begin a fund-raising drive soon to establish the Marjorie Nichols Lectures in Canadian Studies at The University of Montana.

The Nichols family, of Red Deer, Alta., pledged the first contribution - a $10,000 gift.

Cheryl Hutchinson ’66, Marjorie’s longtime friend and J-School classmate, initiated the project, which will bring a Canadian journalist, political leader or scholar to the campus each year to deliver the Nichols lecture and participate in classes and symposiums.

Journalism alumni will be solicited through the mail.
**Sally Christiansen**

Sally Thane Christiansen '79, whose personal battle with cancer focused national attention on the controversy over taxol, a cancer-fighting drug derived from the Pacific yew tree, died Jan. 19, 1992, at her home in Missoula. She was 38.

An attorney and mother of two sons, Mrs. Christiansen was diagnosed with ovarian cancer three years ago and underwent experimental treatment with taxol.

She argued before Congress and in the press that the yew should be made available for the continued research and development of taxol despite environmentalists' fears that the tree may be endangered by overharvesting.

She made her case in an August 1991 commentary piece in Newsweek magazine, and her story later appeared in People magazine, Current Science Magazine and in reports by many American radio, television and newspaper journalists.

Mrs. Christiansen was born in Missoula on Jan. 26, 1953, and attended local schools. She graduated with honors from The University of Montana in 1979 and earned a law degree from UM in 1983.

After working for the Missoula County attorney's office and with the state's Public Defender's Project, Mrs. Christiansen became an attorney and adviser for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Missoula. She also represented the U.S. Forest Service in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and other areas. She was named special assistant to the U.S. attorney's office in 1990 and 1991.

Survivors include her husband, Michael L. Christiansen, and two sons, 10-year-old Jesse and 5-year-old Nicholas, all of Missoula; six brothers, James, Rock Island, Ill.; John, Bozeman; Stephen, Seattle; and Denis, Mark and Glenn, all of Missoula; two sisters, Mary Catherine and Teresa Louise, both of Tacoma, Wash.; her mother-in-law, Gladys MacKey, Missoula; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her father, James L. Thane, died in 1967, and her mother, Marie Bohac Thane, died in 1990.

Her brother Glenn is a 1986 journalism UM graduate.

**Douglass H. Thomas**

Douglass H. Thomas '29, whose long career as an executive with Mountain Bell included 16 years as manager of the phone company's Missoula office, died Dec. 28, 1989, of a heart attack at a Helena hospital. He was 84.

Mr. Thomas began working for the phone company shortly after earning a journalism degree from UM's School of Journalism in 1929. In addition to his long stay in Missoula, he worked for the company in Helena, Butte, Great Falls and Denver before moving back to Helena in the mid-1960s.

He was born in Dillon on Nov. 19, 1905, and graduated from Beaverhead County High School. During his time at UM, he was a member of the professional fraternity Sigma Xi.

On Sept. 5, 1936, he married Winnifred O'Reilly in Great Falls. She survives him in Helena.

Mr. Thomas was a member of numerous civic and service organizations in Montana and once served as vice president of UM's Century Club.

**Hulda Miller Fields**

Hulda Miller Fields '27, who, among other things, is credited with inspiring her son-in-law, actor Carroll O'Connor, to pursue a career in television and movies, died Feb. 19, 1991, at her home in Missoula following an 11-year-bout with Alzheimer's disease. She was 84.

Mrs. Fields, who worked in the UM alumni office from 1953 to 1963, also was a former editor of the Western News in Libby and maintained a strong interest in journalism for most of her life.

A Native American scholarship at the UM School of Journalism was established by her children in her name.

She was also influential in the revival of interest in the work of her father, Frederick E. Miller, a renowned turn-of-the-century photographer of American Indians. She helped to restore Miller's photographs of the Crow Nation, which were then exhibited nationally by the Smithsonian Institution.

Mrs. Field was born March 31, 1906, the eldest of four children of Frederick E. and Emma Miller. When her mother died, Hulda, a teenager, took over the household responsibilities, but also won a scholarship to The University of Montana in 1923.

While attending UM, she was a member and later president of Theta Sigma Phi. She was also an officer of the local YMCA and a member of the Press Club. Her devotion to her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, served as an example for generations of girls who knew her as an adviser and national membership chairman.

She received a journalism degree in 1927, and married Ralph E. Fields, a graduate of the UM School of Forestry, that same year. Mr. Fields' distinguished career with the U.S. Forest Service took the family to Libby, Billings, Missoula and Washington, D.C.

Their two children, Nancy Fields O'Connor and John Frederick Fields, were raised in Missoula and both graduated from UM in 1951.

She is survived by her children, Nancy F. O'Connor and her husband Carroll O'Connor, and John F. Fields and his wife JoAnn; by her grandchildren, Jeffrey H. Fields, Folsom, Calif.; Anne Marie Walters, Fullerton, Calif.; David R. Fields, Missoula; Matthew J. Fields, Canoga Park, Calif.; and Hugh E. O'Connor, Pacific Palisades, Calif.; and by her great-grandchildren, Ian Paul and Lindsay Ann Walters, Jamie Niestroy and Heather Leigh Fields.

**Norma Lee Jellison Bradeen**

Norma Lee Jellison Bradeen '47, died of cancer July 26, 1989, in Portland, Ore. She was 65.

She was born on April 9, 1926, in Lewistown. She graduated from high school in Hobson in 1943, and earned a journalism degree four years later from The University of Montana, where she had been an editor of the school annual and a member of Tri-Delta sorority.

She married Warren F. Bradeen, also a UM graduate, on April 24, 1949. The couple made Portland their permanent home in 1958. Mr. Bradeen died in 1979.

Survivors include three sons, a brother, a sister and three grandchildren.
Author of The Big Sky

A.B. Guthrie Jr., Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist

Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist A. B. Guthrie Jr. '23, whose stories depicted the grandeur and harshness of the American frontier, and whose uncompromising outrage pricked the West's environmental conscience, died April 26, 1991, at his home among the foothills west of Choteau, Mont., after a long illness. He was 90.

Plagued by respiratory and heart problems, Mr. Guthrie insisted on spending his final days at his home overlooking the jagged Rocky Mountain Front, from whence he had long drawn his inspiration and strength.

But it was "Bud" Guthrie's talent, which came to full flower with his novels "The Big Sky" and the "The Way West," that inspired a generation of Western writers.

"He certainly put Montana on the map as a writer," author Jim Welch told the Missoulian. "Just the way he dealt with historic people in this part of the country was unique at the time he wrote ... When I wrote my first novel, I was paying credit to Bud."

Mr. Guthrie's keen eye for detail and lean prose were sharpened during the more than 30 years he worked as a Kentucky newspaper reporter, editorial writer and editor. But it wasn't until the 1947 publication of his most famous novel, "The Big Sky," that he won national acclaim as a writer of fiction. "The Way West," published in 1949, won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1950. "These Thousand Hills" was published in 1956.

Those three books, which were considered to be among Mr. Guthrie's finest works, were made into movies, which he characteristically disliked. Nevertheless, he wrote screenplays for two successful movies, "Shane" in 1953 and "The Kentuckian" in 1955.

Mr. Guthrie's other historical novels were "Arrive," which won the 1970 Western Heritage Wrangler Award; "The Last Valley," published in 1975; and "Fair Land, Fair Land," which appeared in 1982.

He also wrote numerous short stories and essays, along with a few mystery novels, the latest being "Murder in the Cotswolds," published in 1989. His final book, "A Field Guide to Writing Fiction," was released last year.

Mr. Guthrie's historical novels were praised for their authentic portrayals of the settling of the American West from the time of the mountain men to World War II. While he celebrated the natural majesty of the land and the courage of those who came to live there, he also exploded romantic myths about the West by depicting the savagery and despair that often followed in the wake of settlement.

In his later years, Mr. Guthrie became an outspoken critic of "progress," if that meant the continued destruction of the West's natural heritage. In an interview published in the 1990 Missoulan, he decried the "cowboy ethic" prevalent in Montana.

"If a man owns a piece of property, he thinks it's his to do with as he damn well pleases," he said. "Bit by bit we're destroying the wilderness and if we don't address the population problem, we're headed for catastrophe."

Mr. Guthrie's ardent environmentalism, particularly his efforts to preserve the Rocky Mountain front and protect the grizzly bear, earned him plaudits from conservationists and criticism from Choteau-area business people and ranchers, including his son.

But, if anything, the controversy kept him going, as he told a Rocky Mountain News reporter in the fall of 1990. "Outrage keeps me alive," he said. "Push ... push! Remember! Keep pushing! It's the only way to stay alive."

Mr. Guthrie was born on Jan. 13, 1901, in Bedford, Ind., and his family moved to Choteau six months later. He grew up there, exploring the land he learned to love more than any other. After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Washington for a year before transferring to the UM School of Journalism, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1923.

After college, he took a job as a reporter for the Lexington (Ky.) Leader, where he was to spend the next 30 years, rising through the ranks to become the paper's executive editor. It was in Lexington that he married his first wife, Harriet, in 1931. The couple had two children, Bert and Helen.

In 1944, Mr. Guthrie won a Harvard University Nieman Fellowship, which permitted him to complete "The Big Sky."


Mr. Guthrie met his second wife, Carol Bischman, while living in Missoula. They were married in Great Falls in 1969.

UM awarded Mr. Guthrie an honorary doctorate of literature in 1949 and the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1984.

Guthrie Scholarship planned

Family and friends of the late A.B. Guthrie Jr. have established a memorial fund to provide scholarships for graduate students in journalism and creative writing.

Alumni and friends of The University of Montana are invited to contribute to the A.B. Guthrie Jr. Memorial Fund, c/o The University of Montana Foundation, Missoula 59812.

Mr. Guthrie always had one foot in the journalistic world, the other in fiction. A graduate of the School of Journalism, he worked for a newspaper for two decades before leaving that world for creative writing.

During recent years the journalism and creative writing programs have been developing specialties in an area that was close to Mr. Guthrie's heart — the environment. The J-School has created a course in environmental reporting, and the creative writing program has established a series of nature writing workshops.

The A.B. Guthrie graduate scholarship winners will be selected in part for their interest in and sensitivity to environmental issues.
Harry Billings, crusading newspaper editor

Harry Billings '33, described as Montana's "liberal conscience" when he and his wife published the weekly People's Voice from 1946 to 1969, died April 23, 1990, in Cottonwood, Ariz., of a heart attack. He was 77.

Mr. Billings, who fought for liberal and progressive causes at a time when conservative politics dominated Montana, moved to Arizona in 1983 when he began suffering from respiratory problems.

His death brought tributes from Montana politicians and labor leaders, who remembered Billings' battles on behalf of farmers, unions, working people, the poor and imprisoned at a time when the Anaconda Co. owned most of Montana's major newspapers.

Former Gov. Ted Schwinden told the Great Falls Tribune that Mr. Billings' paper was more that just a liberal voice in Montana. "It was a public conscience," Schwinden said. "It pricked many of the consciences that need to be pricked in Montana."

Mr. Billings was born Jan. 13,1913, in Somers, Mont., the son of Ray Billings and Edna Gannaway, who published the Camas-Hot Springs Exchange, where he learned to operate a linotype.

He graduated from UM's School of Journalism in 1933 and married Gretchen. The couple moved to the Seattle area during the Depression and worked on various public projects during World War II. After a brief post-war stint at the Tacoma Labor Advocate, Mr. Billings returned to Helena in 1946 to work for the People's Voice, a liberal weekly founded in 1939 as a cooperative. He became the paper's editor in 1948, the same year Gretchen joined the staff as co-editor.

Under the couple's joint-editorship, the paper lobbied for laws to help farmers, laborers and the poor. It reported on pollution problems years before other publications covered them, supported civil rights, opposed efforts to legalize gambling and harshly criticized U.S. involvement in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Although the paper's circulation was small — ranging from its usual 6,000 to 7,000 copies up to 12,000 during political campaigns — its influence was widespread. In 1958, it won the prestigious Sidney Hillman Award for outstanding reporting of liberal causes.

It was Mr. Billings' early opposition to the Vietnam War that led to the demise of the paper, which was plagued throughout its existence by financial difficulties. In view of the state and national AFL-CIO's support for the war, some unions began dropping their subscriptions to the People's Voice and even demanded control over its editorial policy.

Billings fought back, but the paper folded in 1969.

Mr. Billings went on to coordinate opposition to a 1971 ballot issue that would have created a sales tax in Montana. Voters rejected the sales tax by a margin of more than 2-to-1.

After several more years as a writer and researcher for the state AFL-CIO, Mr. Billings retired to Sanders County in 1974. After wintering in Arizona for several years, the couple finally moved there in 1983.

Mr. Billings is survived by his wife, Gretchen, of Apache Junction, Ariz.; three sons, John, Seattle; Mike, Helena; and Leon, Silver Spring, Md.; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Scholarship established in Billingses' memory

More than 300 donors have contributed $20,500 to a School of Journalism scholarship endowment in memory of crusading editor Harry Billings '33 and his daughter-in-law, Patricia Harstad Billings, '58 UM English graduate, journalism teacher and activist member of the Maryland House of Delegates.

The endowment will support an annual scholarship for a female graduate student in journalism at The University of Montana. The family would like recipients to reflect the same passion for justice and public affairs that characterized both individuals.

Harry Billings, managing editor of the progressive, labor-oriented People's Voice in Helena from 1946 to 1969, died in 1990. The Voice was known for its strong and often unpopular editorial stands on social and political issues. Mr. Billings won a UM distinguished alumnus award in 1983. A more complete obituary is on this page.

Patricia Harstad Billings, a Democratic activist and abortion-rights advocate, died of lung cancer in Bethesda, Md., Dec. 29, 1990, after winning her election bid for a seat in the Maryland House of Delegates. She had previously been appointed to the seat, to serve out the term of a retired member. She was 54.

Mrs. Billings' obituary in the Washington Post reported that she kept her illness a secret during her campaign. "She was the toughest lady I ever met in my life," said one of her colleagues in the House of Delegates.

Patricia Billings was born in Sidney on Nov. 9, 1936. She grew up in Glendive, where she graduated from high school. Besides her bachelor's degree from The University of Montana, she received a master's degree in teaching from San Jose State University. She taught journalism in California and in Rockville, Md.

Her survivors include her husband, Leon, of Silver Spring, Md., who helped set up the scholarship endowment; their three children, Shannon, Paul and Erin; her mother, Mary Harstad of Glendive, and two sisters, Margot Portal of Dijon, France, and Kathie Urbanec, a 1968 UM journalism graduate who is now on the UM Foundation staff.
William H. Giltner

William H. Giltner '36, who parlayed a newspaper background into a career with the U.S. Information Agency, died Dec. 1, 1990, in Washington, D.C. He was 76.

Mr. Giltner recently donated a comprehensive collection of 900 books on the American film industry to The University of Montana School of Journalism. Throughout much of his long career with USIA, he had been chief of the agency's international motion picture and television division.

He was born April 11, 1914 and grew up in Billings. After earning a journalism degree at UM in 1936, he became the university's first publicity director, a job he held until 1939, when he joined the staff of the Billings Gazette. He left the Gazette in 1940 to become a copy editor for the Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald.

He and his wife Virginia were married in August 1941.

Mr. Giltner's newspaper career was cut short when he joined the U.S. Army during World War II, but an assignment with U.S. occupation forces in Japan led to an appointment as a regional public affairs officer for the U.S. Foreign Service in Tokyo. He left Japan in the mid-1950s to join the USIA.

James McKay

James McKay '58, a Montana public school teacher who went on to teach English at Seattle-area universities and colleges for almost 20 years, died Aug. 5, 1990, at his home in Tacoma. He was 62.

A member of the Blackfeet tribe, he was one of the first Native Americans to graduate from the UM School of Journalism.

He was teaching English at Pierce College in Tacoma at the time of his death.

Mr. McKay was awarded a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Washington in 1980. His dissertation was titled "Hamlin Garland's 'The Book of the American Indian': A View From the Inside."

He was born Feb. 11, 1928, in Browning, and attended local schools before enrolling at The University of Montana. He received his journalism degree from UM in 1958.

After graduation, he worked briefly as a reporter for newspapers in Idaho and Montana before deciding to become a teacher. From 1959 to 1971, he taught in various Montana junior and senior high schools, including those in Poplar, Busby, Lame Deer and Browning.

He married Rose Marie Lopez on April 22, 1966, in Philipsburg.

Mr. McKay earned a master's degree in American literature from UM in 1971 and moved to Seattle, where he taught freshman English at the University of Washington from 1971 to 1976.

He taught English at Tacoma's Pierce College (formerly known as Fort Steilacoom Community College) from 1976 until his death.

Survivors include his wife, Rose, of Tacoma; and one daughter from a previous marriage, Sheila McIntosh.
Duane W. "Doc" Bowler

Duane W. "Doc" Bowler '39, a longtime Billings Gazette editor whose career in Montana journalism spanned more than four decades, died of a heart attack on May 31, 1992, at his Billings home. He was 74.

Mr. Bowler's newspaper career began in 1936 when, as a college freshman home for the summer, he was ordered to help produce his father's newspaper, the Daniels County Leader, in Scobey. That career ended 46 years later when he retired as editorial page editor of the Billings Gazette in 1982.

Although he was at times a traveling salesman, editor of a public health magazine, news director of Missoula's KGVO radio station and a soldier in the U.S. Army during World War II, Mr. Bowler spent most of his life working at Montana's major daily newspapers.

In 1941, he landed a job as a general assignment reporter for the Montana Record Herald. Mr. Bowler was news editor of Helena's Independent Record in 1960 when Lee Enterprises took control of the Anaconda Company's Montana newspapers. He was named managing editor of the Billings Gazette that same year and eventually became the paper's editor and editorial-page editor.

Gary Svec, who followed Mr. Bowler as the Gazette's editorial-page editor, once described his predecessor as a "consummate newsman" with a strong sense of personal and professional integrity.

"He lived through the company days when the Anaconda Company pulled the editorial strings on most of the state's daily newspapers and emerged with his integrity intact and even blooming," Svec said. "And that's no little accomplishment."

Mr. Bowler was born in Antelope and graduated from Scobey High School before earning a bachelor's degree from the School of Journalism.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Bowler of Billings; a son, Mike Bowler of Baltimore; three daughters, Bonnie Swor of Helena, Deborah Bowler of Seattle and Barbara Bowler of Billings; and a brother, Larry Bowler of Scobey.

Ronald Stuart Kain

Ronald Stuart Kain '22, a one-time New York Herald Tribune reporter who traded a career in journalism for one in government, died Aug. 9, 1991, in Washington, D.C. He was 92.

Mr. Kain, who received UM's Distinguished Service Alumnus Award during Homecoming ceremonies in 1962, retired from public service in 1967 after 18 years with the U.S. State Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Mr. Kain's career in journalism began immediately after his graduation from the UM School of Journalism in 1922. He spent a year as editor of The Montana Banker, an industry publication based in Great Falls, before taking a reporting job at the Yakima (Ore.) Herald.

He returned to Montana in 1923 to become a reporter and state editor at the Butte Miner, but quit the paper after two years to report for the New York Herald Tribune. Mr. Kain spent three years at the Herald Tribune, but left the paper in 1929 to become an editor of the New International Year Book, an encyclopedia that was to be Mr. Kain's professional home for the next 15 years.

But his career took a sharp turn in 1944 when he became an editor for publications produced by the U.S. government's Office of War Information. By the war's end, Mr. Kain had served as a London-based press officer for both OWI and the psychological warfare department at Allied headquarters. He also worked as a press officer for the U.S. embassy in The Hague from 1945 to 1946.

After the war, Mr. Kain worked for a time as a freelance writer and editorial consultant, but eventually joined the U.S. State Department as an intelligence analyst in Washington, D.C. He worked for the State Department from 1949 to 1961, when he transferred to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He retired to do freelance work in 1967.

Mr. Kain was born near Helena on March 5, 1899. After receiving his journalism degree from UM, he studied briefly at Harvard University during the 1925-26 academic year. He eventually earned a master of arts degree from Columbia University in 1936.

He married Olive McKay in June of 1929. She died before him.

Charles P. Keim

Charles P. Keim, who studied journalism at UM in the early 1920s and returned to UM to earn a degree in business administration at age 81, died April 7, 1990, of natural causes at a Missoula hospital. He was 86.

His son, Lewis Keim, of Denver, earned a journalism degree from UM in 1953.

The elder Keim, a Missoula native, enrolled in the UM School of Journalism in 1925. The following year, he transferred to Northwestern University, earning an associate degree in business in 1929.

Over the next 50 years, he worked as an accountant for Depression-era relief programs in Missoula, managed the Western Montana Fair, managed the Blackfoot Fire Protection Association, operated an office-supply business in Kalispell and an orchard on the east shore of Flathead Lake, worked as a hospital administrator in Kalispell and sold group insurance for Blue Cross of Montana. For 25 of those years, he was secretary-manager of the Intermountain Logging Conference, which he helped create in 1938.

In 1983, Mr. Keim enrolled again at The University of Montana. He was the oldest student attending UM when he received his degree in business administration in June of 1985.

He was born Feb. 25, 1904, in Missoula, and received his early education in Deer Lodge, graduating from Powell County High School in 1922.

In 1925, he married Ruby Parker in Missoula. She died in 1983.

Survivors include his son Lewis, Denver; a daughter, Charlene Enger, Great Falls; two brothers, Neil Keim, Hungry Horse; and Custer Keim, Victor; and seven grandchildren.
Ronald P. Richards

Ronald P. Richards ’59, a former aide to Montana governors and U.S. senators and one of the state’s best-known political operatives, died Aug. 16, 1990, at his home in Helena after a four-month battle with cancer. He was 56.

Mr. Richards was administrative assistant and chief of staff for Democratic U.S. Sen. John Melcher from 1982 until Melcher was defeated by Republican Conrad Burns in 1988. He had worked since as a private political consultant.

His long political career began in 1964 when he resigned as a radio-television instructor at UM’s School of Journalism to serve as a congressional intern for U.S. Sen. Lee Metcalf. After a year in Washington, Mr. Richards returned to Montana to become executive secretary of the Montana Democratic Central Committee.

From 1969 to 1972, Mr. Richards was a top aide to Democratic Gov. Forrest Anderson. He served in the same capacity for Anderson’s successor, Democratic Gov. Tom Judge. In fact, Mr. Richards managed Judge’s successful 1976 re-election campaign and was later named director of the state highway department.

After Judge failed to capture a third term in 1980, Mr. Richards became chairman of the Montana Democratic Party, a position he held until he joined Melcher’s staff in 1982.

In addition to his political career, Mr. Richards had been a co-owner of KMTX radio in Helena and a partner in Nordbye Advertising and Marketing in Missoula. He also served as a director of the Montana Broadcasters Association.

Mr. Richards was born Aug. 1, 1934, in Mobridge, S.D. After earning a journalism degree from UM in 1959, he worked as a broadcaster at KBTK and KYSS and eventually became news director for KREM radio and television in Spokane. He returned to UM in the early 1960s to teach and work on a master’s degree in journalism.

He married Annabelle Rolczynski in Missoula on May 5, 1965.

Survivors include his wife in Helena, and three children, Kent, of Yakima, Wash.; Brent, Helena; and Lisa Richards, Kent, Wash.

Lyle K. Williams

Lyle K. Williams ’27, former publisher of the Three Forks Herald and other weekly newspapers in southwestern Montana, died May 15, 1990, in St. Paul, Minn., following a short illness. He was 89.

Mr. Williams, a native of Willow Creek, retired in 1968 after 42 years in the newspaper business. In addition to the Herald, he also published the now-defunct Belgrade Journal, Ennis Wrangler and Manhattan Press, as well as The Western Parks Trailsman, the first regional newspaper for tourists visiting Yellowstone and Glacier national parks.

He was born Dec. 10, 1900, on the family ranch near Willow Creek. After high school, he attended The University of Montana, where he earned a journalism degree and acclaim as a track star. He bought the Three Forks Herald immediately after graduation in 1927, and ran the paper until he sold it in 1968.

In addition to his work in publishing, Mr. Williams served as a justice of the peace and police judge in the Three Forks area. He belonged to numerous civic and service organizations, and helped organize the Three Forks Historical Society.

He moved to St. Paul to live with his daughter and son-in-law in 1981.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Terry Schopfer; two sisters, Lois May of Three Forks and Gladys Raymond of Cornelius, Ore.; a brother, Ronald of Eugene, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Beatrice T. Pierson

Beatrice T. Pierson, a former librarian at the UM School of Journalism, died of natural causes on March 4, 1989, in Eugene, Ore. She was 87.

Ms. Pierson also worked as a bookbinder for The University of Montana printing services.

A native of Akeley, Minn., Ms. Pierson attended the University of Oregon and was a member of its alumni association.

Survivors include four sisters: Evelyn Spurgin, Mable Aydelott and Laura Patton, all of Eugene, and Ethel Combs of Tillamook, Ore.

Deane S. Jones

Deane S. Jones ’31, a colorful Missoula newsmen who was perhaps best known for his “Keeping Up With Jones” column in the Missoulian, died Aug. 18, 1991, of complications from emphysema and diabetes, at St. Joseph Hospital in Polson. He was 81.

Mr. Jones, who retired in 1972 after 42 years with the Missoulian and its now-defunct afternoon paper, the Sentinel, divided his time between homes in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, and on Flathead Lake.

Though most Missoula residents may remember Mr. Jones for his general-interest column that appeared in the Missoulian from 1967 to 1972, his career included stints as managing editor of both the Missoulian and Sentinel. In fact, he was the last managing editor of the Sentinel, which folded in 1967.

Mr. Jones, who was born Feb. 2, 1910, in Missoula, enrolled at The University of Montana at age 16 and received a degree from the School of Journalism in 1931. He joined the staff of the Missoulian as a night police reporter that same year, and on Sept. 26, 1931, he married Elizabeth (Betty) Withrow of Essex.

He worked his way through the Missoulian’s ranks as a beat reporter, assistant city editor, city editor, news editor and wire editor and eventually became the paper’s managing editor. Shortly after Lee Enterprises purchased the Missoulian and Sentinel from the Anaconda Co. in 1959, Mr. Jones was named managing editor of the Sentinel. He became a columnist when the paper folded.

In addition to his work as a journalist, Mr. Jones earned a reputation as an amateur boxer, losing only two of 36 bouts as a lightweight. He taught boxing to Air Force cadets stationed at UM during World War II.

Looking back in a 1979 interview with the Missoulian, Mr. Jones said he had no regrets about his life or career as a newsmen. “Any prognostication for longevity would be pretty far-fetched,” he said at the time. “But while I’m here, I’m going to enjoy the son of a bitch.”

Survivors include his wife; a son, Robert Withrow Jones and his wife Hazel Foley Jones; daughter Patricia Hochhalter and her husband Harold Hochhalter; daughter Carol Jones-Baugher; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Another daughter, Bette Deane Jones, died before him.
Clinton J. Hansen

Clinton J. Hansen ‘51, a former newsman, attorney and later president of the Arizona Mining Association, died June 18, 1991, of a heart attack at his Tucson, Ariz., home. He was 64.

Mr. Hansen spent most of his career as an attorney and executive with the Anaconda Co. in Montana, Colorado and Arizona. The family has lived in Tucson in recent years.

Mr. Hansen, who was born in Butte and reared in Philipsburg, graduated from The University of Montana School of Journalism in 1951 and worked for the Missoulian, the Montana Standard at Butte and the Independent Record in Helena.

He also worked for United Press International in Salt Lake City before receiving his law degree from UM in 1956.

After serving as legal counsel for the Montana Public Service Commission, Hansen joined the Anaconda Co.’s legal staff in Butte. From the mid-1960s to 1978, he served as legal counsel and executive for Anaconda Co. properties in Arizona.

When Anaconda merged with the Atlantic Richfield Co. in 1977, Hansen transferred to the company’s headquarters in Denver, where he served as senior attorney. He later returned to Arizona and became president of the Arizona Mining Association.

He is survived by his wife, Arletta, Tucson; two married daughters living in Ohio and Colorado; and a brother in Helena.

Robert H. Bennetts

Robert H. Bennetts ’46, a retired Great Falls printing executive and former president of The University of Montana Alumni Association, died of heart failure March 30, 1991, in a Great Falls hospital. He was 70.

Mr. Bennetts, known for his leadership in many civic and service organizations, was named a distinguished alumnus of The University of Montana during the 1990 Homecoming festivities.

Born March 16, 1921, in Butte, Mr. Bennetts graduated from Butte High School and served as an infantry captain in China during World War II. He received a journalism degree from the UM School of Journalism in 1946.

He worked for the Butte Post before joining Electric City Printing, a firm operated by his father-in-law, in 1947. Mr. Bennetts took over operation of the firm in 1961 and ran it, with his wife Marilyn, until its closure in 1975.

He later joined Tribune Printing and worked in sales for Advanced Litho Printing before retiring.

In addition to his volunteer work with the Jaycees, Kiwanis, Masons, American Legion, YMCA and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. Bennetts served as a Great Falls school trustee and member of the President’s Council at the College of Great Falls. He directed Montana’s East-West Shrine Football Game for 42 years.

Mr. Bennetts also served as president of UM’s Alumni Association in 1958.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, of Los Angeles; two sons, Steve of Great Falls and Bruce of Santa Rosa Calif.; a foster son, Bob Bray of San Francisco; a daughter, Marjorie Bennetts a 1973 UM journalism graduate, in Los Angeles; a sister, Charlotte Clemens of Missoula; and four grandchildren.

Ray M. Loman

Ray M. Loman ’49, who published the Ronan Pioneer from 1950 to 1971 and served four terms as a state legislator from Lake County, died of cancer Feb. 23, 1990, at his home in Seattle. He was 68.

Mr. Loman worked in the composing room of the Seattle Times from 1983 until his death.

After graduating from the UM School of Journalism in late 1949, Mr. Loman became editor and publisher of the Pioneer. During the next 21 years, the paper won prizes in statewide newspaper contests and was recognized as a leader in innovative typographical designs.

In 1958, Mr. Loman was elected to the first of four consecutive terms as a state representative from Lake County. He also helped create the Salish Kootenai Housing Authority, and served as its first chairman from 1963 to 1967. For many years, Mr. Loman led the Upper Columbia Development Council, which spearheaded a successful fight against the Paradise and Knowles dam projects.

After selling the Pioneer in 1971, Mr. Loman worked briefly for the Helena Independent Record before taking a production job with the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, which merged with the Seattle Times in 1983.

He was born July 15, 1921, in Missoula, the son of Roy and Tella Loman. He moved to Ronan in 1930 when his parents bought the Pioneer, and graduated from Ronan High School in 1938. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the South Pacific during World War II.

In 1947, he married Audrey L. Eder. The couple divorced in 1971, and he then married Alice Hazen that same year.

Survivors include his wife, in Seattle; three sons, Roy M. Loman, Killington, Vt.; Richard Hazen, Issaquah, Wash.; and John Hazen, East Helena; three daughters, Linda R. Loman, Ronan; Merle A. Loman, Seeley Lake, and Pam Hazen Neuwerth, Peoria, Ariz.; and 13 grandchildren.

I. Donald Aldrich

I. Donald Aldrich ’35, a longtime crusader for the conservation of Montana’s natural resources, died of cancer March 8, 1990, in a Missoula hospital. He was 77.

Mr. Aldrich’s advocacy of wildlife preservation and wise land-use policies took him to the forefront of the state’s conservation movement in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. He lobbied Congress and the Montana Legislature, and was an officer in several local, state and national conservation organizations.

His contributions to conservation were recognized with numerous honors, including the Ray Rocene Sportsman of the Year Award in 1967, the KGVO Citizen of the Year Award in 1967, the Sears Roebuck Foundation Conservationist of the Year Award in 1969, the Shikar Safari International Conservationist of the Year Award in 1970, and the Montana Wildlife Federation Conservationist of the Year Award in 1983.

The Aldrich Conservation Award, presented annually at the Ray Rocene Awards, was established in his honor.

He was born June 2, 1912, in Deer Lodge, and grew up in Deer Lodge, Garrison, Missoula and Superior. He graduated from Superior High School in 1933 and earned a journalism degree from The University of Montana in 1935.


Mr. Aldrich worked for the Montana Power Co. for 33 years before retiring to devote his time to conservation issues and his hobbies — hiking, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Missoula; two sons, Dave, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; and Tim, Bozeman; and two stepsons, David and Anthony Bell, both of Houston, Texas.
Frank Brutto
Sallie Maclay Brutto

Frank and Sallie Brutto, husband and wife and both 1929 graduates of the School of Journalism, have died since the Communique’s last publication.

Frank Brutto, a longtime foreign correspondent for the Associated Press who was once known as the “dean of the Vatican press corps,” died March 1, 1991, at a Missoula hospital. He was 84.

Sallie Maclay Brutto, whose career included stints as a newspaper editor and high school journalism teacher, died June 21, 1992, at Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital in Hamilton. She too was 84.

Mr. Brutto’s career with the AP began in 1940 when he went to Italy as a war correspondent. When America entered the war, he was sent to Switzerland where he remained, separated from his family, for the duration.

After the war, the Bruttos were reunited in Italy, where he worked as a correspondent for the AP’s Rome bureau and gained recognition for his coverage of Vatican news. While in Rome, Mrs. Brutto helped to organize the American Overseas School. In 1962, the couple moved to Rio de Janeiro, where Mr. Brutto served as AP bureau chief for Brazil and Mrs. Brutto taught journalism at the American high school.

The family returned to the United States in 1965 and Mr. Brutto worked for the AP in New York until his retirement in 1967. The couple moved to Hamilton in 1969, where Mr. Brutto served as AP bureau chief for Brazil and Mrs. Brutto taught journalism at the American high school.

The couple is survived by their two daughters, Marta Cramer, Billings, and Elisabeth Hallett, Hamilton; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In addition, Mr. Brutto is survived by one brother, Al Brutto; and two sisters, Theresa Neaves, Hamilton, and Sister Rose Angela, Great Falls. Mrs. Brutto is survived by two sisters, Annie Leffingwell and Nelma Maclay, both of Hamilton; and two brothers, David Maclay, Missoula, and Samuel Maclay, Stevensville.

Albert Erickson

Albert Erickson ’31, a former Montana newspaper publisher, advertising executive and spokesman for the Montana Automobile Association, died July 8, 1991, in Helena after a long illness. He was 82.

Mr. Erickson was perhaps best known for his work with the Montana AAA from 1956 to his retirement in 1971. He lobbied the state legislature to hold down gas taxes and limit the size of commercial transport trucks traveling the state’s highways.

He was born on June 22, 1909, in Hamilton, where he attended local schools. He received a journalism degree from UM’s School of Journalism in 1931.

After graduation, Mr. Erickson worked as an editor for the Dairy Farm Leader in Seattle and the Montana Education Association’s journal in Helena.

In 1934, he married Dorothy Gerer in Hamilton. The couple moved to Dillon in 1938 when they purchased the Dillon Daily Tribune and Dillon Messenger. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, Mr. Erickson returned to Helena in 1949. During the next six years, he worked as an advertising executive and was president of the Pacific Northwest Travel Association.

He was one of the first Montanans to propose a special tax on hotel and motel accommodations to finance tourism promotion.

He recently wrote a book, “Montana’s Brand of Western Humor.”

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Helena, two sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alumni contributions climbing

Journalism school graduates have a reputation for being among The University of Montana’s most loyal alumni, and Excellence Fund giving totals for the last three years bear that out.

Since 1989, 977 J-alums have contributed $47,937 to the School of Journalism, excluding scholarship contributions. That’s more than at any period in the school’s history.

The totals have been climbing impressively each year. In 1989, J-alums contributed $9,423; in 1990, the figure climbed to $12,980; in 1991, the total reached $16,215.

By mid-year of 1992, 186 donors had given $9,319. The average pledge gift, including major donors, for the Excellence Fund Spring Phonathon last April was $53.45. Dean Charlie Hood is hoping that contributions from the upcoming Excellence Fund Fall Phonathon will make 1992 another record year for journalism gifts.

Journalism scholarship totals up

Scholarships given out yearly by the School of Journalism have more than doubled in total dollars in the past six years.

In 1986, the school awarded $13,000 in scholarships and awards at Dean Stone Night and on other occasions. This year the total exceeded $34,000.

Dean Charlie Hood attributed the increase to renewed fund-raising efforts by the school and to the continued willingness of alumni, friends and the journalism profession to support the program.

“It’s very gratifying to know that a lot of people believe in this school, and understand how important scholarship assistance is for our students,” he said.
Hood to quit after decade as dean

Charlie Hood, dean of the School of Journalism since 1982, will step down as dean next year to return to full-time teaching and to direct the journalism graduate program.

His resignation, submitted last spring to UM Provost Bob Kindrick, is effective July 1, 1993. A national search for a new dean will begin early this fall.

"I've had a very satisfying tenure as dean," Charlie said. "I'm very proud of the strides the school has made during the last decade." He pointed to the success of the American Indian Journalism Project, dramatic increases in Excellence Fund giving and scholarship support, the development of an international dimension to the journalism program, significant improvements in the management and the news product of the Montana Kaimin, the enhanced reputation of the broadcast program, the national attention being given to the school's photojournalism activities, improvements in the quality and size of the journalism graduate program, and successful new course offerings in ethics, media management, reviewing the arts and environmental reporting.

"Most important of all, we've been able to maintain our traditional strengths--teaching writing and editing," Charlie said. "We're still very much a writing school. That's the source of our strength."

Charlie spent the 1989-90 academic year teaching journalism at Kumamoto University in Japan, then returned to Japan last year to marry Jana Skinner, a Missoulan who was teaching English at the same university. Jana and her daughter Hadley have since joined Charlie in Missoula.

Charlie traveled to Hawaii last year to be a panelist at a symposium titled "Japanese & American Media: Coverage of Friction between Two Nations," and was moderator of a UM symposium titled, "Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima: Historical and Ethical Reflections."

He is looking forward to getting back to the writing and research he was doing before he accepted the dean's job 10 years ago. "I think of myself as a writer," he said. "I'm anxious to start acting like one."

Gunnin to help J-School raise money

The University of Montana Foundation has assigned Shawn Elise Gunnin as the development officer for the School of Journalism.

Shawn will serve as the liaison between the journalism school and the foundation, will ensure that the J-School is represented at all Foundation fund-raising discussions, and will assist Dean Charlie Hood in coordinating and developing the J-School's fund-raising efforts.

Her responsibilities include setting up scholarships and maintaining communication with donors, helping to identify potential donors, preparing fund-raising proposals, helping with outreach and coordinating fund-raising visits to other cities.

Shawn grew up in Oklahoma and Texas, and earned a bachelor's degree in English from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She came to The University of Montana three years ago, and has been at the UM Foundation for two years.

Ethics expert to join J-School as adjunct

Deni Elliott, a widely known authority on journalism ethics, has been hired by The University of Montana as Mansfield Professor of Ethics and Public Policy, and will have a special association with the School of Journalism.

Though she will be tenured in the Department of Philosophy, Deni will be an adjunct professor in the J-School, and will teach occasional courses in journalism ethics.

She previously had been the director of the program in applied and professional ethics at Dartmouth College.

Staff notes...

Karen Kaley, the journalism secretary, was selected as UM Staff Employee of the Quarter for Winter 1991, and received her award from President George Dennison at the annual recognition banquet in spring 1991. Her position was upgraded to administrative assistant. She recently completed a term as vice president of the university's Staff Senate.

In her spare time, Rebecca Hazlitt, radio-TV department secretary, continues as the lead singer for "Rydyr," a country-western group that performs regularly in the Missoula area.

Marylor Wilson has been hired as a half-time secretary at the School of Journalism. A graduate of The University of Montana, she has impressive prior experience, including staff work at the Hoover Center at Stanford University. Marylor works at the UM graduate school in the morning, the journalism school in the afternoons.

Millie Dunn, one of the UM journalism school's RSVP volunteers, was named University of Montana Volunteer of the Year last spring, based primarily on her contributions to the School of Journalism.

Beryl Seljak continues to help out as a RSVP volunteer in the Journalism Library.
Tuholske, Short are Kim Williams Fellows

Lilly Tuholske, a graduate student in journalism from Missoula, is completing her second year as the journalism school’s Kim Williams Fellow. The fellowship, honoring the late National Public Radio commentator and conservationist, is awarded to outstanding journalism graduate students who have a special interest in environmental reporting. Lilly traveled to Washington, D.C., and Atlanta earlier this year to do research on her professional project, an investigative report about the Clark Fork River Superfund Site.

Lilly will be succeeded as the Kim Williams Fellow by Dan Short, a graduate student in journalism from London, England. Dan, a graduate of Colgate University, will be Prof. Joe Durso’s teaching assistant next spring for the J-School’s Environmental Reporting course.

Walsh Poynter-bound

The Poynter Institute for Media Studies has selected University of Montana graduate student Tom Walsh for its 8-week Media Management and Entrepreneurship program. Tom will receive a $2,500 fellowship to attend the program from Sept. 11 through Nov. 15 at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida. About a dozen of the country’s outstanding journalism graduate students are selected for the program in which they receive intensive training in media management.

Tom, who was editor of the Montana Kaimin in the 1990-91 academic year, is at present in Bolivia doing research for his master’s thesis in journalism. He expects to spend nearly a year in Bolivia, investigating the political and environmental pressures affecting that country’s Amboro National Park.

Threlkeld hired

Melanie Threlkeld, a graduate student in journalism, has parlayed an internship with the Associated Press into a full-time reporting job with the Idaho Statesman in Boise. Melanie was hired by the Associated Press as a vacation-relief intern at its Helena bureau last fall. Then she was given a second short-term assignment in the AP’s Indianapolis bureau, where she produced several national stories. She was still in Indianapolis when the permanent job offer came from Boise, where she will work on her thesis in her spare time. During the summer of 1990, Melanie interned with the Kansas City Star.

Shen joins scholars’ tour

Shen Fuyuan, a graduate student in journalism from Shanghai, People’s Republic of China, won an expenses-paid scholars’ tour of the eastern United States from the National Committee on United States-China Relations in the spring of 1992. His group visited newspapers and other sites of interest in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg, Virginia. Shen will travel to San Francisco this year to interview the subject of his master’s thesis, Bill Powell. Powell’s reporting in China provoked treason charges against him in the United States during the McCarthy Era.

Billings Fellow named

Elizabeth Ichizawa, graduate student in journalism from Boston, has been named the first Harry and Patricia Billings Graduate Fellow. A graduate of Boston University, Elizabeth is working on a thesis titled, “Images of the Japanese in Time and Newsweek, 1989-1991.” Elizabeth is the wife of Masonori Ichizawa, a UM Japanese language professor. Their first child, Maria, was born last April.

Anderson at UN

Tina Andersen, graduate student in journalism and anthropology from Oslo, Norway, is a public affairs officer for the United Nations. She recently was transferred from New York to Cambodia, where she is assisting in the registration of voters. Her master’s thesis will focus on Asia. Tina visited UM last year, and arranged UN public affairs internships in New York for three journalism students.
Professional visitors

Visitors to the Montana School of Journalism from out of state since the last Communique included:

**Tetsuo Ukai**, staff editor, editorial department, *Yomiuri Shimbun*, Tokyo.

**David Hackworth**, senior military affairs correspondent, *Newsweek* magazine.

**Deni Elliott**, director of the Institute for Applied and Professional Ethics, Dartmouth College, and a specialist on journalism ethics.

**Gerhard Menning**, correspondent, Deutsch Presse Agentur, Hamburg.

**Peggy Kuhr**, city editor, *Spokesman-Review* and *Spokane Chronicle*.

**Faith Gabelnick**, director of the Lee Honors College, Western Michigan University, and an expert on academic assessment.

**Kate Turkington**, director of Central Television Service, University of The Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Ahmad Suwan**, newspaper editor, Tishreen, Syria.

**Yahya Al-Aridi**, assistant director of Syrian television, Damascus.

**Douglas Anderson**, director, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Telecommunications, Arizona State University, Tempe.

**Yunosuke Ohkura**, former foreign correspondent for Tokyo Broadcasting System, now professor at Toyo University, Tokyo. Author of “A Single Dissenting Vote: The Life of Jeannette Rankin.”

**Lawrence Weschler**, staff writer, *The New Yorker*.

**Hsiao Ching-Chang**, visiting fellow, China Times Center, University of Minnesota, Harvard Nieman Fellow and former columnist, World Economic Herald in Shanghai.

**Yang Mei-rong**, visiting fellow, China Times Center, University of Minnesota, and former writer, World Economic Herald in Shanghai.

**Roger Buckley**, professor of history, International Christian University, Tokyo.

**Holly Houston**, freelance journalist, Hong Kong, and former journalism instructor, Shanghai International Studies University.


**Neal Pattison**, assistant managing editor for news, *Spokesman-Review* and *Spokane Chronicle*.


**Larry Slonaker**, reporter and columnist, *San Jose Mercury News*.

**Scott Sines**, director of photography, *Spokesman-Review* and *Spokane Chronicle*.

**Therese Schecter**, assistant creative director, *Chicago Tribune*.


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Giago visit focuses attention on Native American coverage

**Tim Giago**, editor of the largest independently owned Native American weekly, delivered the 1991 Dean Stone lecture at the School of Journalism.

He also moderated a panel discussion, “Covering the News from Indian Country.” Panelists included Bob Gibson of the *Billings Gazette*, Rich Stripp of the *Lake County Leader* in Polson, Ian Marquand of KPAX-TV in Missoula and Woody Kipp of the *Montana Kaimin*. All are UM journalism graduates.

Tim is editor and publisher of the *Lakota Times* in Rapid City, S.D. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard during the 1990-91 academic year.
Honors J-class tackles stories on Indian education

An honors reporting class in the School of Journalism has prepared a special report about American Indian education in Montana.

The class is the most recent activity of the journalism’s school’s American Indian Journalism Project, designed to heighten sensitivity of journalism students to minority issues and to improve the school’s recruiting and training of Native Americans.

Professors Carol Van Valkenburg and Patty Reksten were in charge of the Native News class. Woody Kipp, the journalism school’s minority affairs specialist, assisted them.

The twelve students-five of them Native Americans-studied the issue in the classroom during the first quarter. Then two-student teams, each consisting of a writer and a photographer, were dispatched to various reservations to get stories and photos.

The class, which has received support from the university’s new honors college and from the UM office of research, produced a newspaper supplement that will be distributed widely.

Earlier activities of the J-School’s American Indian project include production by Native American students of a minority recruiting brochure; a student-produced “Native News Page” in the Montana Kaimin; an experimental course designed to introduce Native students to basic journalism skills and explore minority issues in the media; and speeches and workshops featuring Native American journalists.

The school appointed a Native American writing coach in 1987, and last year acquired Woody Kipp, a Native American, as its minority affairs specialist.

Native American journalism students shine

Native American students in the School of Journalism have won recognition both for their academic performance and their professional promise.

They include:

- Roger Renville, a Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux from Sisseton, S.D., who placed in the 99th percentile nationally on his Graduate Record Examination and won a major fellowship to begin work on his Ph.D. in history at Yale University. Roger finished 19th nationally in the William Randolph Hearst column-writing competition, won Fields and Lee Enterprises journalism scholarships, and interned at the Missoulian as a reporter.

- Kenny Blackbird, an Assiniboine Sioux from Ft. Belknap, who was one of 12 American Indian photographers selected to shoot for the book, “A Day in the Life of Native America.” He won a scholarship to attend the University of Missouri’s prestigious photojournalism workshop last year, received the Great Falls Tribune’s Minority Scholarship, and interned as a photojournalist with the Great Falls Tribune in 1992. He joined National Geographic photographer Don Doll to assist in photographing pow wows in South Dakota during the summers of 1991 and 1992.

- Sharon Alton Moses, an Apache from Kalispell, who received the Lee Newspapers Native American Scholarship. She interned with St. Patrick Hospital’s public affairs department, published her first free-lance magazine article, and was inducted into Mortar Board, the UM group honoring scholarship, leadership and integrity.

- Eldena Bear Don’t Walk, a Crow from Billings, who was the first Native American to edit the Billings Senior High Bronc Express. The paper won sixth place in national competition under Eldena’s guidance. As a freshman, Eldena won the journalism school’s Penny Peabody Scholarship and a scholarship from the Native American Press Association. Now a sophomore, she is one of two recipients of the Lee Newspapers Minority Scholarship.

- Bernie Azure, an Assiniboine from Ravalli, who received a $500 Lee Newspapers Scholarship and a $5,000 Fields Scholarship. Bernie was a member of the Native American Honors Class.
Chinese students Christina Hu and Shen Fuyuan pose with Everton Conger '42, who helped Ms. Hu enroll in the J-School after he taught her at Nanjing University. Shen was steered to the J-School master's program by Holly Houston, a Helena broadcast journalist who taught him at Shanghai International Studies University.

J-School enjoying increase in international students

A glance through student files will tell you that a growing number of international students are enrolling in journalism at The University of Montana.

You'll find file records for Yoshi Doshita of Japan, Ke Jia Hu of the People's Republic of China, Benjamin Basintal of Malaysia, Shir Khim Go of Singapore and Fu Ching Ching of Taiwan.

You'll also find folders for Andre Veijo of Norway, Alastair Baker of Great Britain, Carolyn McLuskey of Canada, Udo Flick of Germany and Tara Turkington of South Africa.

The names — and the young people who come with them — are one sign of The University of Montana's recent efforts to internationalize its curriculum, establish exchange ties with foreign universities, and create an atmosphere that encourages diversity and enhances international understanding.

"Having students from another culture enhances the education of our American students," says Dean Charlie Hood. He said the presence of Canadian, English and Japanese students in his Senior Seminar class earlier this year helped put classroom discussions about the practice of journalism into global perspective.

The journalism school's 1992 graduation class includes a Japanese, three Canadians and an Englishman.

Bozeman publisher joins school's advisory board

Bruce Smith, publisher of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle, is the newest member of the Montana Newspaper Association's journalism school advisory committee.

Bruce attended the committee's annual meeting at the School of Journalism in March. He replaces Brad Hurd, editor of the Missoulian, who resigned.

Other members who attended the meeting in Missoula were Bob Gilluly, Great Falls Tribune, chairman; Marc Wilson, Bigfork Eagle; Jim Crane, Helena Independent Record; Melody Martinsen, Choteau Acantha, and Chuck Walk, executive director of the MNA.
Reflections on America

Japanese exchange professor impressed with UM's J-School

Editor's note: Professor Nobuchika Urata, a visiting exchange fellow from Japan's Toyo University, spent a year at The University of Montana's School of Journalism. Shortly before he left in March of 1992, Nobu, who worked for many years as a foreign correspondent for one of Japan's largest news agencies, wrote the following article comparing journalism training in the United States and Japan.

By NOBUCHIKA URATA
Visiting Exchange Fellow

Before I arrived in Missoula at the end of March last year, the UM had decided to attach me to the faculty of the J-School as an exchange fellow, but I had little idea about what the school was doing with journalism training. Even in Japan I was not familiar with the idea of a journalism school. Though I became a reporter after university graduation many years ago, I had never been trained as a journalist in my school days, and during my long career, I didn't think training was meaningful in school, because Japanese reporters are trained on the job.

In the early days after my arrival here, I felt students of the U.S. and Japan were quite different. Coming from Toyo University, Tokyo, to this campus, it was a surprise, even a shock, for me to see the students in class: some of them wear caps, sip drinks and bite sandwiches, while others sit cross-legged on the table and call professors by their first names. You will never meet such students in Japanese universities, where they are supposed to behave themselves well and be polite to professors.

At the same time, it didn't take me many days to be strongly impressed by the hard-working professors and the active participation of the students in class. Professors invite them to ask questions, encourage them to read books and give plenty of assignments, quizzes and tests. I feel that students here are kept busier and work much harder than their Japanese counterparts. Moreover, professors do not seem to be generous in their grading: the extremely low rate of graduation of the UM students is another surprise for me. Roughly speaking, the reverse is true in Japanese universities: students are quiet and ask few questions in class, while professors are not as serious as here in their encouragement of students to be hard-working, and they are more generous in grading.

The very practical training curriculum of the J-School is also impressive to me. Though I often hear that the shortage of funding in recent years is providing difficulties for both faculty and students, the curriculum is well-prepared and covers almost all the spheres of journalistic activities which students will engage in after graduation. A print-emphasis student, who is trained well in covering Missoula City Council, can be a good reporter on Capitol Hill, and a serious photo-emphasis student, who parachutes with smokejumpers on a mountain fire site, may be shooting a wide variety of subjects as a skilled and ambitious photojournalist in the future. It seems to me that, through the training and education in the School of Journalism, students acquire important knowledge and skills which enable them to work as independent, individual and
The system of training journalists in Japan is quite different. A university graduate of any specialty may be hired by a media organization. All the candidate has to do is to pass the company's employment examination, which usually checks the applicant's basic knowledge and ability to read and write. Foreign language skills are valued, too. Novices get their real training on the job, after they've been hired, and it takes them at least a year or more to become well-qualified journalists. They are trained according to the specific needs and purposes of the medium and the group they are placed in, so that they will become contributing members of the team. To put it another way, rocks are cut, shaped and polished at the workplace rather than in school.

This way of training professionals in Japan is common not only for news reporters but also for many other occupations. It means that the employers invest plenty of money and time in new employees, presupposing that they will stay in a workplace or with a company for many years. Such an investment would be wasteful if Japanese professionals jumped from company to company or changed careers. But as a matter of fact, it is very common for many Japanese employees to remain with one company until retirement. As years go by, they are provided with better jobs and promotions inside the organization.

With some exceptions, I see in every American a strong personality and individuality or even a maverick's disposition. It is interesting and fascinating for me to associate and talk with any of you, because each of you is a different person and each has his or her own way of life and opinions. The longer I stay in the United States, the more I feel that this country is made up of an enormous number of individuals with very strong personalities and inclinations. On the other hand, Japanese faces may look rather blank and featureless; a person who stands out among others is not respected in Japanese society. We are more or less conformists and usually keep ourselves quiet. We are group-oriented and good at putting forth the group's strength.

In observing the difference between the two nations' systems for training journalists, I notice easily that they are a reflection of each country's social, historical and traditional background, and I know from my experience that, in either way, journalists are being brought up to meet the needs of both societies.
Facility briefs

Sharon Barrett
was awarded sabbatical leave for the 1991-92 academic year to complete work on various writing projects. She was promoted to professor in Spring 1991. For the past three summers she has worked as an assistant foreign editor of the Washington Post. She also continues to write book reviews for the Chicago Sun-Times and to freelance for a variety of newspapers and magazines, including, most recently, the Chicago Tribune and the Wall Street Journal.

Greg MacDonald
completed a screenplay (someday it may come to a theater near you), began a second screenplay, began research on a biography of Father Charles Coughlin, the religious broadcaster of the 1930s and 40s, and continued work on a textbook on directing studio television programs. As all of western Montana knows (at least those who read the Missoulian), he was the cover boy of The Entertainer, the weekly magazine, by dint of his having won the annual Missoulian cooking contest with a recipe for “salmon escallops.”

Clem Work
and his family were the subject of a Missoulian feature about upwardly mobile, impressively credentialed urbanites who move their families and households to more pleasant, less hectic and safer surroundings. Now that he has resigned his job at U.S. News & World Report for a tenure-track faculty position, Clem says he’s enjoying academic freedom, “an unusually-gemutlicht” faculty and, from his office, an unparalleled view of the oval, Main Hall and Mount Jumbo. The Work family, including their dog, now live in a log house in Pattee Canyon.

Joe Durso
was awarded a merit salary increase this year, on the basis of creative activity and service. He has completed two major creative projects. One is a book-length manuscript about the Depression-era boyhood of a Montana cowboy. The other is a 40-minute television documentary about the life of Montana writer Frank Bird Linderman. He is the adviser of UM’s Rodeo Club. Joe has moved to a small farm outside Victor, where he is learning the fine art of flood irrigating.

Bill Knowles
spent the summer of ’92 at a monastery in Canada, working on his book about the history of radio, television and cable broadcasting in Montana. He attended, on the journalism school’s behalf, the convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Montreal in August. Bill married Sharon Weaver of Great Falls in 1991.

John Talbot
spent the summer of ’92 in Europe, touring with the Mendelssohn Club, a Missoula men’s choir, which had concert engagements in several countries. His wife, Susan, accompanied the group. John and Susan, who speak French, will be the Missoula hosts next year of a prominent French journalist who will visit the School of Journalism, the Missoulian and other points of interest in Western Montana as part of a U.S. State Department tour.

Dennis Swibold
and his wife Julie are parents of Colton Peter, born April 25, 1992. Dennis is establishing a Journalism School news bureau in Helena, to provide weekly newspapers with student-produced news stories during the 1993 Montana Legislature. He is also arranging a J-School-sponsored gubernatorial debate, to be held on campus during Homecoming in September. He will attend the American Press Institute educators’ seminar in Virginia this fall.

Dave Wilson,
director of the Center for Telecommunications, is hoping for good news on a $1.7 million grant proposal to establish a public television facility at The University of Montana and a two-way video interconnect between UM and Montana State University. Dave teaches a radio-televison course in broadcast and cable programming.
Gus Chambers and Ray Ekness
of the UM Telecommunications Center were co-producers of "Back Roads Montana," which has been named the Noncommercial TV Program of the Year by the Montana Broadcasters Association for the second year in a row.

William Marcus,
director of audio programming at the center, is host of the program. Gus, Ray and William, all UM J-alums, continue to teach radio-television courses at their alma mater.

Terry Conrad,
director of programming at KUFM, is elated over KUFM's record-breaking 1992 fundraising campaign, which brought in more than $215,000 in eight days. Terry continues to teach a radio-television class called The Art of Radio.

Sally Mauk,
news director at KUFM, supervises the journalism interns who work in her radio news operation each semester.

Ed Dugan,
professor emeritus, joined the journalism faculty last October at its retreat at the Yellow Bay Biological Station, and demonstrated that he can still bluff with the best of them. After two nights of poker with his colleagues, Ed walked away as one of the big winners.

Bob McGiffert,
recently retired from the journalism faculty but still furiously busy, is working on a book about Montana media law and is jogging regularly. During the summer of 1992 he worked as a foreign editor at the Washington Post.

Carol Van Valkenburg
spent another summer last year as a copy editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer. She made a side trip to Boston to be a panelist at the national convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, discussing the effects of the Supreme Court's Hazelwood decision on high school newspapers. She was also among 15 professors nationwide selected to attend the first college media advisers seminar at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, Florida. Carol was promoted to associate professor in 1991.

J-School's 'Japan Connection' enriches school

The School of Journalism's newly developed "Japan Connection" has enriched the experiences of students and faculty on both sides of the Pacific.

Though there has been a welcome increase generally in international journalism students, and especially Asians, the Japanese link seems the strongest, owing in part to The University of Montana's well-developed student and faculty exchange programs with several universities in that country. Here are some highlights of this new relationship:

- Dean Charlie Hood taught journalism for the 1989-90 academic year at Kumamoto University in southern Japan.
- Nobuchika Urata, a distinguished foreign correspondent who later became dean of academic affairs at Toyo University in Tokyo, joined the UM journalism faculty as a visiting exchange professor during the 1991-92 academic year.
- The J-School acquired its first Japanese exchange student, Hideto Masukawa of Toyo University, during the 1991-92 academic year.
- In June 1992, Yoshi Doshita of Osaka became the first Japanese national to receive an academic degree from the School of Journalism.
- In fall 1992, Tomoko Otake, graduate of Osaka University of Foreign Studies, became the first Japanese national to be admitted to the journalism master's program at The University of Montana.
- A journalism graduate student participated in an international research project, sponsored by the Mansfield Center for Pacific Affairs, about the quality of American reporting on Japan, and of Japanese reporting about the United States.
- The first UM journalism master's thesis on a subject relating to Japan is under way. It examines American news magazine coverage of Japan.
- Dean Charlie Hood spoke in Hawaii at an international symposium about Japanese and American journalism.
- Japanese journalists from two large Tokyo dailies, the Asahi Shimbun and Yomiuri, and from newspapers and television stations in Kumamoto Prefecture have been recent guests of the School of Journalism.
Irrepressible Bob McGiffert parachutes to retirement

Bob McGiffert, UM journalism faculty member for 25 years, celebrated his 69th birthday — and perhaps his 1990 retirement from the School of Journalism — by jumping from an airplane at 5,000 feet. He was wearing a parachute at the time.

The event took place above Desert Sky Ranch near Phoenix, Ariz., where Bob was visiting his daughter, Sarah, who also made the jump. The Missoulian later devoted an entire page to Bob's hilarious first-person account of his adventure.

The escapade and the resulting article were perfect reminders of why Bob has been such an immensely popular and respected professor. His genius for combining expert professional knowledge with outrageous showmanship has left an imprint on thousands of would-be journalists, who may remember the difference between the verbs “lie” and “lay” only because Bob used to throw his wiry body to the floor to make the point. McGiffert has been our master editor, our guru of grammar, our sentinel against censorship and prince of panache.

Bob’s retirement culminates more than two decades of full-time teaching at the School of Journalism. He arrived here in 1966 after four years at Ohio State University and 16 years as a reporter and city editor for the Easton, Pa., Express. He has spent many of his summers working at the Washington Post, the International Herald Tribune in Paris and the Baltimore Evening Sun. Bob concluded his career as a full-time faculty member by spending the 1989-90 academic year as acting dean, subbing for Dean Charlie Hood who spent a year as an exchange professor in Japan.

Though he retired in June of 1990, Bob maintains his ties to the School of Journalism and the profession and continues to take on life at full speed. He is doing consulting and writing projects, including work on a book about Montana’s media laws.

We suspect Bob doesn’t know how to slow down. He spent the summer of 1992 as a copy editor at the Washington Post. Sources told us that Bob, a runner of some reputation, jogged daily on Capitol Hill. So much for the rocking chair.

Still, Bob’s retirement probably means that he will spend less time at the J-school. The faculty will miss him and so will students.

When McGiffert won the university’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 1982, one of his many former students described McGiffert’s talents this way: “Bob is one of those rare professors who can inspire students to the heights of their potential, who refuses to accept what he knows is not a student’s best effort, and who can push, cajole and coax his students without upsetting that sometimes delicate balance between critiquing students’ work and destroying their self esteem.”

That’s a neat trick, one that few teachers can perform with consistent grace. It is much harder than leaping from an airplane 5,000 feet over the Arizona desert.

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PEMCO Scholarship honors McGiffert

The PEMCO Co. of Seattle has established a $10,000 fund to underwrite four renewable scholarships in the name of Robert C. McGiffert, who retired from the journalism faculty last year.

Stanley McNaughton, president of the company, established the scholarship to honor McGiffert for teaching excellence over more than two decades at The University of Montana journalism school.

Earlier, Mr. McNaughton had established a similar series of scholarships in memory of Warren J. Brier, UM journalism professor and former dean who died in 1988.

The first two recipients of the McGiffert scholarship are Jessica Smith of Bozeman Senior High School and Kyle Wood of Custer County High School, Miles City.
Jerry Holloron resigns, returns to newspapering

Jerry Holloron, a member of the journalism faculty for 16 years and one of Montana’s most respected journalists, has resigned to take a newsroom position with the Morning News Tribune in Tacoma, Wash.

Jerry had taken leave from the journalism school during the 1990-91 and 1991-92 academic years to work as a copy editor at the McClatchy newspaper. He resigned from the journalism faculty last November to accept the permanent position.

In his letter of resignation, he expressed sadness at leaving his longtime faculty colleagues, and “in my weaker moments, even the students.” “I have the highest regard for the J-School,” he wrote.

Jerry joined the journalism faculty in 1974 after 10 years as a journalist and as a research specialist for the Montana Legislature and the Montana Constitutional Convention. He had been chief of Lee Newspapers’ State Bureau in Helena and city editor of the Missoulian.

After joining the faculty, he had worked summers for the Missoulian and, more recently, for the Morning News Tribune in Tacoma.

Jerry was honored for his teaching performance in 1984 by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, which selected him as one of 10 journalism professors to receive its national teaching award. He also received a university merit award based on his teaching performance.

In a 1987 letter nominating Jerry for a Distinguished Teaching Award, Dean Charlie Hood wrote the following:

“His students regard him with a mixture of fear, respect and affection. They know him to be one of the most demanding professors on campus and one of the toughest graders. . . .

“Yet students do not resent their demanding instructor. Over the years they have shown their affection by wearing T-shirts bearing Jerry’s caricature, hiring a belly dancer to visit his class or by taking out this classified ad in the Kaimin: HARDER TO JOIN THAN MENSA—Jerry Holloron’s ‘A’ Club.

“Jerry brings to the classroom a disciplined mind, a thorough understanding of the basics of writing and reporting, a wonderfully acerbic sense of humor and an absolutely uncompromising insistence that each student strive to reach the limits of his or her potential. He is capable of expressing anger in the classroom, but such displays are reserved not for those who have done their best and failed, but for those who seem not to care about accuracy, fairness, thoroughness and precise language.

“But for all his competence, the most important quality about Jerry is his willingness to work as hard and as long as necessary to ensure that his students are developing the writing skills they need.

By 7 every weekend morning, Jerry is on campus grading reporting papers. With a slashing red felt pen, he delivers pithy, cryptic messages that goad, instruct, explain, cajole, congratulate, deplore, swear or just cry out in agony. Last quarter his advanced reporting class presented him with a rubber stamp imprinted with the words: GOOD LORD! They thought they would save the school money in its budget for red pens.”

Survivors of Jerry’s classes often feel his influence long after leaving the J-School. One prominent Montana reporter who studied under Holloron jokes that Jerry’s grim visage appears on his video display terminal whenever he’s about to make a mistake. Others recall the frustration of trying to live up to Holloron’s high standard. One former student put it this way in a letter to Jerry:

“Now that I’ve finished school and it won’t look like I’m trying to win favor, I want you to know that you are by far the best instructor I have worked with. I have to admit that there were times when I wanted to scream at you because you couldn’t know about the chaos in my life, but your willingness to discuss work individually and offer encouragement where other professors do not really helped me to improve and kept me from becoming unnecessarily discouraged like so many other journalism students I know.

“You are very good at what you do and because of your influence I will never be satisfied with my journalistic abilities; I will always strive to improve.

“Thank you. . . .”
Editors Work, Swibold join journalism faculty

The School of Journalism has two new faculty members — Clemens P. Work, a former senior editor for U.S. News & World Report magazine, and Dennis L. Swibold, former managing editor of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

Both were hired to tenure-track positions following national searches.

Clem is the newest addition, having been hired in June to replace Jerry Holloron, who resigned to take an editing job with the Tacoma News Tribune. The search for Holloron’s replacement produced 134 candidates.

A visiting professor in the journalism school for the past two years, Clem has taught media law, reporting, editing and photography. He had been a reporter and a deputy editor of the business section at U.S. News & World Report for eight years when he took a leave of absence to teach at the journalism school.


He has a bachelor’s degree in international relations from Stanford University, did graduate work in journalism at the University of Southern California, and earned a law degree from Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

Clem’s wife, Lucia, is also a former staff member of U.S. News & World Report. They have two children.

Dennis Swibold brings 10 years of daily and weekly newspaper experience to the School of Journalism. He had been a visiting professor at the J-School for a year when he was hired in 1991 after a search that produced 126 applicants.

His teaching experience at UM includes beginning and advanced reporting, public affairs reporting, legislative reporting and editing.

He is the school’s Native American writing coach.

Before being named managing editor of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle in 1987, Dennis had been a reporter for that paper, covering agriculture, state and local government and politics. His coverage of the Montana legislature in Helena earned him a reputation as one of the state’s best reporters.

Dennis has previous experience as editor of the Sidney Herald and as a reporter for the Prescott, Ariz., Courier.

He has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Arizona, and a master’s degree in journalism from The University of Montana, where he was the Ted Delaney Teaching Fellow.

Dennis’ wife, Julie, is the daughter of Jerry Miller, owner and publisher of the Harlowton Times-Clarion. Julie is an experienced printer and typesetter. Their son, Colton Peter, was born in Missoula on April 25, 1992.
Alumni notes

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Joe Kolman
'92 is a reporter for the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

Rebecca Bullock
'92 works for CNN Headline News in Atlanta.

Dave Sirak
'92 works for KOMA TV in Seattle.

Cheryl Buchta
'92 is a reporter for the Salt Lake Tribune.

Nettie Powers
'91 married Mark A. Traxler on June 20 in Billings. The couple lives in Helena.

Lisa Meister
'91 and
John Firehammer
'90 were married Aug. 22 at Camp Mimanagish in McLeod, Montana. Both are reporters for the Helena Independent Record.

Alan Johnson
'91 began law school at The University of Montana after finishing up the journalism degree he began in the 1970s. His senior paper was about press coverage of the Vietnam War. He previously edited or reported for newspapers in Washington and Montana.

Steve Coffel

Kerie Hagler
'91 is working weekends as a news writer for KNX, the CBS all-news radio station in Los Angeles.

Amy Radonich
'91 is an advertising saleswoman for the Missoulian.

Lisa Fairbanks
'91 is working weekends as a news producer at KHQ-TV in Spokane.

Meryl Seely
'91 is teaching high school English in Japan. She studied the Japanese language while at UM.

Matt Whalen
'91 is a reporter for the Lewistown News-Argus.

RANDALL GREEN

Randall Green
'91 is editor of the Tobacco Valley News in Eureka. He covers some stories on his bike.

Judy Matovich
'91 is a student in the UM master's program in creative writing. She won a $20,000 Jacobs Javits Scholarship to support her graduate education.

Shelly Sniffin
'91 is an advertising saleswoman for the Missoulian.

Kerri Lee
'91 is a producer with WOTV in Grand Rapids, Mich. She previously had been a producer for KHQ-TV, Spokane.

Teresa Bell
'91 is a reporter for Eagle Communications television stations, based in Bozeman.

Mark Falkenburg
M.A. '91 is a reporter for two weekly newspapers in British Columbia – the Chilliwack Progress and the Hope Standard. He and Janice Pavlik, a UM journalism graduate student, were married in December. She is teaching communications at University College of the Frazier Valley, which is in the same area.

David Stalling
'90 is an editor/writer for the U.S. Forest Service at its Sula ranger station, Bitterroot National Forest, south of Hamilton. He previously had worked as a reporter for the Wyoming State Journal in Lander.

Karl Rohr
'90 resigned his reporter's job at The Montana Standard in Butte and returned to his home in Athens, Ga. He's looking for newspaper work in the South, but is also contemplating a master's degree in history.
Quentin Richardson
'R-TV '90 was a participant in the School of Journalism's Homecoming symposium, “Student Athletes After the Cheers,” in October 1991. “Q” is based in Los Angeles, where he is doing part-time and free-lance television work.

Amber Underhill
'90 is a features copy editor and design editor at the Great Falls Tribune. She married Oscar McLaurin on Sept. 7, 1991.

David Purviance
'90 is director of news and publications at The University of Montana.

John MacDonald
'90 is a reporter for the Associated Press bureau in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Kris Sell
'90 is anchor/reporter at KPAX-TV, Missoula.

Richard Lyons
'90 was director and co-producer of “Sign Talker,” a UM-produced television documentary on the life of Montana writer Frank Linderman.

Christine Johnson
M.A. '90, returned to Hamilton in September 1991 after spending two years in Guam, with her husband. While there, she did freelance work and lots of traveling. Her articles appeared in the Guam Business News and the Pacific Daily News, a Gannett paper.

Mark Downey
'89 is a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune.

Celeste River
M.A. '89 (Journalism and Religious Studies) received the William Lang Award from the Montana Historical Society for producing the best publication on local Montana history to appear in 1988-89. The award was for her master's thesis, “A Mountain In His Memory,” which recounted the role of Frank Bird Linderman in helping the Montana Chippewa and Cree to acquire the Rocky Boy’s Indian Reservation in 1916. Celeste lives in Missoula.

Amy Cabe
'89 is a reporter for the Coeur D'Alene Press.

Dennis Olijnyk
R-TV '89, is director of the Family Food Assistance Program in Missoula, a non profit project which provides nutritious meals and referrals for Missoula-area families and chil­dren who are not covered by federal pro­grams. Dennis and the program were the subject of a front-page story in the Missoulian in February.

Roger Maier
'88 is an assistant editor, writer and photog­rapher for Front Sight, a bimonthly publica­tion of the U.S. Practical Shooting Associa­tion. The magazine, which is available only to members of the organization, has a circu­lation of about 10,000. Roger is based in Sedro Woolley, Wash.

Christian Murdoch
'88 is chief photographer of the Coeur d’Alene Press.

Scott Crandell
M.A. '88 left a copy editing position at the Great Falls Tribune to join the Kalispell Daily Inter Lake.

Michelle Willits
'88 is copy editor at the Southern Illinoisan, a Lee Newspaper in Carbondale. She previously had worked in the production department at the Missoulian.

Carol Roberts
'88 was sent to Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer. She dropped a card from the Maldives Islands, where she worked with a Danish development project—"an unexpected but romantic twist in my Africa Peace Corps experience." The capital of Male, she says, was "a chaotic mess," but the other islands she visited were "quite fantastic."

Anette With
'88 completed her master’s degree in jour­nalism from The University of Montana in 1991. Before returning to Oslo, Norway, in December, she interned with the public af­fairs department of the United Nations in New York. She now works for a new televi­sion station in the seaport city of Bergen.

Thom Jensen
R-TV '88 is a reporter for KPAX-TV, Mis­soula.

Katie McCartney
'88, UM School of Law '91, is an account executive in the public relations division of R and R Advertising Ltd., Las Vegas.

Bryan Allen
R-TV '88 is a videographer for KECI-TV, Missoula.

Todd Goodrich
'88 is the photographer for The University of Montana’s News and Publications staff. He previously had worked for the Havre Daily News.

Greg Van Tighem
'88 is a reporter for the Western News in Libby.

Dan Rapkoch
'88 is capital correspondent for the Montana Television Network in Helena.

Grant Sasek
'88 is a reporter for the Helena Independent Record.

Dave Kirkpatrick
'88 is a reporter for The Montana Standard in Butte.
Kevin McRae
'88 left his job as reporter for the Lee Newspapers State Bureau in Helena to become a field representative of the Montana Federation of Teachers and State Employees. He continues to be based in Helena.

Shannon Hinds Jahrig
'88 is production editor/designer of the Montana Business Quarterly. Her husband, Gary Jahrig
'86 is education reporter for the Missoulian. Gary was one of 20 reporters nationwide to receive an all-expenses-paid fellowship to attend a week-long education reporting workshop sponsored by the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism at the University of Maryland.

Mike Kustudia
'88 is serving in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. He previously had been assigned to a countryside post in the Philippines, but was driven out by the Communist insurgency.

Ken Pekoc
'88 is a reporter for the Helena Independent Record. He married Anne Elizabeth Thomas in Billings. She is a restitution officer with the First Judicial District in Helena.

Karen Nichols
'88 is a photographer for the Daily Inter Lake in Kalispell. The AP picked up her photo of New York Yankees pitcher Steve Howe being booked on charges of cocaine possession.

Faith Conroy
'87 left her reporting job with the Great Falls Tribune and headed for Los Angeles in late 1991 to find work in the film industry. Earlier in the year she was an assistant publicist for Robert Redford's film production of "A River Runs Through It," which was filmed in the Bozeman area.

Melody Perkins Martinsen
'87 left the Great Falls Tribune to become editor and co-publisher of the Choteau Acantha, which she and her husband, Jeff, purchased. Melody's reporting at the Tribune won the Montana Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award for two years in a row.

Kevin Twidwell
'87 is attending law school at The University of Montana. He previously had worked as a reporter at two newspapers in Texas, at the Great Falls Tribune and the Helena Independent Record.

Dan Black
'87 is managing editor of the Columbia Basin Herald in Moses Lake, Wash.

Julie Sullivan
'85 reporter for The Spokesman-Review and Spokane Chronicle, won the 1991 American Association of Newspaper Editors award in the short news writing category.

Janie Sullivan
'87 started her own business, "DeskTop Designs," in Mesa, Arizona. She received her master's in business administration from the University of Phoenix in 1991.

Natalie Munden Ringland
'87 is a TV producer and writer for the public information division of the North Slope Borough in Barrow, Alaska. In her spare time, she writes children's books and song lyrics. She reports that she and a friend from Helsinki "have an album out in Scandinavia," and that it's selling well. "What a dream," she says. "I've been writing lyrics since I was eight."

Leen Johnson
'86 is weathercaster at WBFF-TV in Baltimore.

Bruce Burk
R-TV '86 is studying for a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at Portland State University. As co-coordinator of the Students With Disabilities Union, he has led an effort to update the PSU campus access code and to raise university awareness of the disabled. He has been the subject of profiles in the Portland Sunday Oregonian and the Portland State University Vanguard.

James Conwell
'86 returned from Germany, where he was a military police officer in the Army, to enter law school at The University of Montana.
Three J-School alums teamed up to produce “Backroads, Montana,” the prize-winning public TV program, for the UM Telecommunications Center. They are Ray Ekness, left, and Gus Chambers, center, co-producers; and William Marcus, right, the show’s host.

Ron Selden
'86 is the Flathead Valley correspondent for the Missoulian. He moved back to Montana in 1988 after spending three years in Marquette, Michigan, where he worked for the local daily and freelanced for the Milwaukee Journal. He and his wife, Lisa Fleischer, have a 2-year-old daughter. They live in Ronan.

Cindy Astle
'86 is community relations coordinator for St. Vincent Hospital in Billings.

David Fenner
ex '86 is a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune, now a Gannett newspaper. He recently put in a stint on the staff of USA Today in Reston, Va.

Eric Troyer
'86 is features editor of the Fairbanks, Alaska, Daily News-Miner. His responsibilities include editing the arts and entertainment section as well as the Sunday magazine, “Heartland.” He’s collected several writing and layout awards from the Alaska Press Club and the state SPJ chapter.

Doug Decker
'85 is director of the Public Affairs Office of the Oregon Department of Forestry. He is based in Salem, Oregon.

Gus Chambers
R-TV '85 and

Ray Ekness
R-TV '83 producers and directors for the UM Telecommunications Center, have won the Montana Broadcasters Association award for non-commercial TV program of the year for two years in a row. Gus was also named The University of Montana’s Staff Employee of the Quarter earlier this year. His UM recruiting videos have won several awards.

Janice Downey
'85 moved with her husband to Port Angeles, Wash., where she is a reporter for the Peninsula Daily News. She previously had been a reporter for the Wyoming State Journal in Lander and editor of The Montanan, UM’s alumni magazine.

Gordon Gregory
M.A. '85 works for the Grants Pass, Oregon, Daily Courier.

Melinda Sinistro Gervelis
'85 is in Youngstown, Ohio, where she is married and has a pre-school son, Hunter. At last report she was between jobs, but since graduating has written for three small papers and a literary magazine, and done copywriting, radio and television.

Carlos Pedraza
'85 will enter the graduate program in education at the University of Southern Maine. Until spring of 1992, he had been deputy press secretary for Gov. Booth Gardner in Washington. He previously had worked for the Tri-City Herald in Kennewick.

Michael Moore
'85 a reporter for the Missoulian, won the Montana Bar Association’s Silver Gavel Award recently for his articles about drug law enforcement.

Marlee Miller
'85 has moved from Washington, D.C., to Houston, Texas, where her husband, Edward Bernard, has taken a job that “was too good to pass up.” In Washington, Marlee had been senior editor of AAUW Outlook, the quarterly magazine of the American Association of University Women.

Damian Conrad
'84 is the owner of Damian Conrad Photography in Portland, Oregon, where he lives with his wife, Pamela.

Theresa Walla
ex '84 is a copy editor for the Chicago Sun-Times. She previously had worked for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Anne Hennessey
'84 is a reporter for the Press-Enterprise in Riverside, California.
Virginia Vickers Braun

Capt. Richard Venola
'84 is on the inspector-instructor staff at the Marine base, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served in the Persian Gulf during the war.

Gary L. Green
'83 is an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. He married his Gonzaga University law school sweetheart, Laura Riley, an attorney with the National Labor Relations Board. They reside on Capitol Hill.

Mike McInally
'83 was promoted to city editor of the Missoulian. As editor of the paper's Entertainer magazine, he won a JC Penney Missouri Award and a first-place award for best lifestyle pages from the Montana Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

Gary Moseman
'83 is managing editor of the Great Falls Tribune. He is a member of the President's Advisory Council of The University of Montana and is on the advisory board of UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Gary is chairman of the Montana Associated Press Managing Editors Association. His wife, Jeannie Young '76, is an attorney.

Doug O'Harra
'82 is staff writer of the "We Alaskans" section of the Anchorage Daily News. He has published short stories in Antioch Review and Bellington Review. He received his MFA in creative writing from UM in 1988.

Greg Gadberry
'82 lives in Steep Falls, Maine, and writes arts and entertainment articles for the Maine Sunday Telegram. He married Susan Leon on in 1988, and their son, Benjamin, was born the following year. Greg worked previously for the Los Angeles Daily News and the Anchorage Daily News.

Paul VanDevelder
'82, a freelance journalist, has moved from Moscow, Idaho, to Missoula. He has done assignments recently for Sail, Sailing and Alaska Airlines magazines. He works part-time for UM Communications as publications editor.

Tim Rogers
'82 is a salesman for Don's Office Machine Co. in Butte. He previously worked for KXTL Radio.

Kurt Wilson
'82, chief photographer of the Missoulian, was honored by the School of Journalism for having won an international Picture of the Year award for sports features in 1991. Kurt's award-winning photo, of Big Sky High School swimmers preparing for a race, will be added to the J-School's permanent photojournalism collection.

Larry Gilbert
'82 is director of communications of the Vermont Hospital Association, "a fancy title that really means writer." He is editor of a book, "Vermont Odysseys: Contemporary Tales from the Green Mountain State," published in 1991 by Penguin. He lives in Montpelier.

John Pearson
M.A. '82, a resident of West Seattle, is general manager of Predictive Maintenance Ltd., an industrial service firm based in Lynden, Washington. The firm serves timber companies, pulp and paper mills and processing plants. It is helping Halliburton NUS Environmental Corporation introduce a revolutionary testing system for finding problems in circuits of electric motors, and just completed its first contract at Boeing's huge manufacturing facility at Everett.

Shane Morger
R-TV '81 is vice president for sales and marketing at KADY-TV in Oxnard, California. He married Geri Merryman in Ventura; they have two daughters.

Solomon Levy
R-TV '81, is a producer with ABC News. He and his wife, Susan, live in New York City.

Susan Toft Cuff
'81 is city editor of the Coeur d'Alene Press. She met her husband, Gary, a lieutenant at the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, during her earlier tenure as police reporter.

Tom Newmann
M.A. '81, lives in New Zealand, where he works for Mt. Cook Resorts near Christchurch. He and his wife return to the United States each winter to teach skiing in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Diana Pellegrini Brown
'81 is a senior technical writer/editor at Vitro Corporation in Silverdale, Washington. She and her family live in Bremerton, where her husband, Craig, is a naval architect.

Dan O'Boyle
'81 recently completed the Army's advanced public affairs course at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He and his wife, Marie, live in St. Louis, where Dan is in charge of media relations for the Army's aviation systems command. They have two daughters.

Mike Dennison
'81 and his wife
Sue O'Connell
'81 have moved from Helena to Grand Junction, Colo., where Mike is a reporter for the Associated Press bureau. Sue works as a stringer for the Rocky Mountain News. Mike and Sue previously had been reporters in Helena.

Toni Volk

Bob Hermes
R-TV '80 has been promoted to general sales manager of KPAX-TV, Missoula, with responsibilities for all national and local sales and station promotions. He is a Missoula city councilman and is the recipient of a public service award from the city.
Jeff Cole
'80 has joined the reporting staff of the Wall Street Journal. He has been assigned to the 14-member Los Angeles bureau, where he will cover the aerospace industry, including military and commercial aviation in southern California and the Boeing Co. in Seattle. In August, Jeff traveled to Russia to do a story about a Hughes Aircraft venture in Kazan, Tatarstan. The trip produced his first Journal cover story. He previously had been covering the airlines industry for the St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch. Before that he worked for the Tacoma Morning News Tribune, the Everett, Wash., Herald and the Missoulian.

Mike Cadicamo
'80 and his wife visited the J-School in June. He teaches social studies and journalism in the Owens Valley in Bishop, California, “at the base of the Eastern High Sierra.”

Jim O’Day
'80 received The University of Montana’s Service Award last year. The award honors alumni who have served their alma mater in a variety of ways. Jim is publisher of the Western Breeze in Cut Bank. The story of his UM honor was given front-page display in the Cut Bank Pioneer Press, Jim’s competition.

John McNay
'80 received his master’s degree in history from The University of Montana in 1991 and is now a teaching assistant and Ph.D. candidate in history at the University of Hawaii. His master’s thesis focused on Lee Enterprises’ purchase of the Anaconda Company’s Montana newspapers in 1959.

Nick Ehli
'80s, married Crystal Graff on Aug. 8 at Rock Creek Resort in Red Lodge. Nick is a reporter for the Billings Gazette. Crystal is the daughter of Jim Graff ’57 and Louise Graff.

**J-grad writes songs for singer Garth Brooks**

Stephanie Davis ’80, a song writer for EMI Music, is making it big in Nashville. She’s writing songs for – and in collaboration with – country singer Garth Brooks, and she says her J-School training has played a major role in her success.

Two years ago, Brooks included Stephanie’s song, “Wolves,” on his “No Fences,” album, which has since sold 10 million copies. The association with Brooks has “changed my life,” says Stephanie. “I feel like Cinderella.”

Brooks’ newest album, to be released later this year, will include two of Stephanie’s songs, “We Shall Be Free,” which is about the Rodney King incident, and “Learning to Live Again.” Another of her songs, “The Gift,” will be on Brooks’ upcoming Christmas album.

Stephanie is a performer as well as a songwriter, and she’s about to cut her own record, on which she will sing her own songs.

“The J-School is hugely responsible for my songwriting success,” she says, explaining that the principles of good writing she picked up from her journalism professors apply perfectly to her craft. “They (the professors) were really hard on me,” she recalls. “They taught me how to cut to the chase, and the difference between telling and showing. When I write songs, I show.”

Professor Jerry Holloron was particularly helpful, she said. “He taught me to trim the fat. I use all his tricks.”

Stephanie, who was a double major in journalism and music at The University of Montana, came to Nashville about five years ago, after spending years in Alaska and California, where – among other things – she sang and played her “fiddle.” In Nashville, she said, she was “a sideman and demo singer.” She had some modest success writing songs for recording artists such as Roger Whittaker, but her breakthrough came when Brooks chose “Wolves” for his album.

When Brooks saw that Stephanie’s home town of Billings was on his 1992 concert tour, he arranged front-row seats for her parents, and bought the songwriter a plane ticket home. During the performance, Brooks surprised and delighted the Billings audience, and Stephanie’s parents, by bringing her out on stage, where she joined the band in the performance of “Wolves.”

Stephanie, of course, is delighted by her good fortune. “My wildest dream was to buy a big ‘ol ranch in Montana,” she says. Now she may be able to do just that.
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Paul Lloyd Davies
'79 was working on a master’s degree in technical communication at Colorado State University during the 1989-90 academic year. He previously worked as Wyoming state editor for United Press International.

David Cates
'79 is the author of “Hunger in America,” a novel published this year by Summit Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, in New York. He is completing a master of fine arts degree at The University of Montana, and occasionally stops by to visit friends at the School of Journalism. He’s already at work on a second novel.

Ian Marquand
R-TV '79 has established himself as one of Montana’s top broadcast journalists. In June, he was named Montana’s Television Broadcaster of the Year for the second consecutive year by the Montana Broadcasters Association and the Greater Montana Foundation. He also won the Television Program of the Year award as producer of “The Price of Healing: Challenges in Health Care,” which aired on three Montana television stations in January. This is Ian’s third Broadcaster of the Year award in four years. He has won nine MBA/GMF awards since 1987. In May 1991, he was a panelist at the School of Journalism’s symposium, “Covering the News in Indian Country.”

Tom Harvey
'79, senior foreign correspondent of the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, covers Latin America and the Middle East. Based in Israel for two and a half months during the Gulf War, he was in Tel Aviv to cover the SCUD missile strikes. He returned to Israel before last Christmas, and also visited Syria, to do stories related to the Middle East peace talks.

Before joining the Sun-Sentinel last year, Tom had been chief correspondent for United Press International in Santiago, Chile, and Bogota, Colombia. During recent years his reporting has also taken him to Peru, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Haiti and Cuba.

Tom began his journalism career in Montana as a reporter for the Sidney Herald and the Daily Inter Lake in Kalispell. He joined UPI’s Helena bureau in 1982, then moved to Salt Lake City and Washington, D.C., before getting his South American assignment.

In the photo, Tom is shown in front of an erupting volcano in southern Chile.

Patrick B. Rowe
'78 married Meribeth Bergsma in Bremerton, Washington, in 1990. Pat is employed by Almac Electronics Corporation in Bellevue, Wash. He has a master’s degree in business administration from Western Washington University. Meribeth is a fourth-grade teacher.

Suzanne Lagoni
'78, formerly an aide to Sen. Max Baucus, is now a public relations officer for Atlantic Richfield Co. in Montana.

Kelly Roberts Weibel
R-TV '78 was an English language lecturer at the University of Osijek in Yugoslavia during the 1989-90 academic year. She and her husband Pat lived previously in Seattle, where Kelly picked up an M.A. in English as a Second Language at the University of Washington in 1987.

Daniel Struckman
'78 is a pharmacist in Billings. He commutes to Lame Deer, where he works for the Indian Health Service as chief pharmacist. He contributed a column to the first issue of Nathaniel Blumberg’s Treasure State Review of Journalism and Justice.

Victor Bjornberg
R-TV '78 is the press secretary to Gov. Stan Stephens. He visited School of Journalism classes in spring 1992.

Jonathan Krim
'77 is assistant managing editor for projects at the San Jose Mercury News. Previously he had been metropolitan editor, a position from which he directed the newspaper’s Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the Bay Area earthquake in 1989. Jonathan married Joyce Gemperlein on April 26 in Saratoga, Calif. Joyce is also on the news staff of the Mercury News.

Mary DeNevi
'77 is an assistant attorney general for the state of Massachusetts, specializing in consumer protection. "Professor McGiffert," she said, "will be glad to know that after eight years of practice, I know the difference between 'libel' and 'liable.'" She lives in Winthrop, Mass., works in Boston.

Bob Simonson
'77 is branch manager for Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood, Inc., in Missoula.
Angeles previously had been a columnist for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, which folded. He and his wife live in Glendale.

Rob Dean
'77 left the Tacoma Morning News Tribune to become assistant managing editor for news at the Sante Fe New Mexican. As there is no managing editor position at the paper, Rob has more responsibility than his title suggests.

Randy Rasmussen
ex '77, assistant director of photography at The Oregonian in Portland, has had an interesting year. On assignment in Los Angeles to cover the rioting over the Rodney King verdict, he was in Chicago, covering the Blazers-Bulls championships, when rioting broke out in that city, in celebration of the Bulls' victory.

Jay Kohn
'76 is a reporter for KXLF-TV in Butte.

Kay Hardin
'76 is writing a book on “a contemporary bit of Montana history.” She lives in Helena, where she worked on publicity for Montana’s centennial.

Walter Parker
'76 covers city hall for the St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch. He switched to that assignment after several years’ duty as the paper’s medical affairs reporter.

Richard Kaudy
'76, an attorney with White and Steele in Englewood, Colorado, served as president of the Colorado Defense Lawyers Association. He and his wife, Terri Hansen, have a daughter, Courtney, who is 2.

Sam A. Roberts III
R-TV '75 is the special events director for the McLean Community Center in McLean, Virginia. He came to the center from the Washington, D.C., Navy Yard, where he was director of public affairs for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division of Headquarters, Naval District Washington. He and his wife, Charlotte, have a 3-year-old daughter, Mandy.

Michael Roney
'75 is a computer book editor for Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group in New York City. He lives in suburban New Jersey with his wife, Maureen, and two young daughters.

Daryl Gadbow
'75, outdoors editor of the Missoulian, won a second place in outdoor reporting from the Montana Newspaper Association’s Better Newspaper Contest.

Bob Gibson
'75 is associate editor of the Billings Gazette. He was a participant in the School of Journalism’s recent symposium, “Covering the News in Indian Country.”

Dale Faulken
R-TV '75, lives in London, where he is a financial journalist with LBC, an all-news radio station that provides, through the Independent Radio News Network, news for all commercial radio stations in the United Kingdom. He covers national and international financial news, concentrating on Tokyo, London and New York markets. “I’m the only American voice heard on LBC news, but my producer seems to like it that way,” says Dale. Before joining LBC, Dale was a stockbroker.

Cynthia Jameson
'75 is a training analyst for Xerox Corporation in Webster, New York. She writes internal job-training curricula for U.S. operations. She and her two dogs live outside Rochester. “I long for my former classmates,” she writes.

Steve Shirley
'75 left his reporter’s position in the Great Falls Tribune’s capital bureau to become that paper’s regional editor in Great Falls.

Pat Murdo
'75 continues to be an editor/analyst for the Japan Economic Institute in Washington, D.C. One of her primary responsibilities is editing weekly reports about the economic and political relationships between the U.S. and Japan. She also researches and writes about trends in Japanese environmental matters, health care and social security, and helps write and edit a monthly publication, The Japan-U.S. Business Report. She visited the J-School last year.

Dan McIntyre
'74 received his Ph.D. in politics from Princeton University in 1991. He has been working for the past two years at the Pew Charitable Trusts—making grants in international affairs and governance.

Randy Morger
'74 headed the Armed Forces Television Network in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War. He is an Air Force officer.

Kevin Giles
'74, editor of the Bismarck Tribune, writes a regular column, “A Letter from the Editor,” which often focuses on issues relating to the way the news media do their job.

Deirdre McName
'73 is the author of “Rima in the Weeds,” a novel that has received highly complimentary reviews from major reviewers nationally.

The book is set in northern Montana, where the author grew up.

Dee, who is already under contract to write a second book, has accepted two teaching assignments for the coming academic year. She will be the James Thurber journalism fellow at Ohio State University and a visiting lecturer at the University of Oregon.

She and her husband, Bryan DiSalvatore, a regular contributor to The New Yorker...
magazine, presented readings of their work during Homecoming 1991. Bryan and Dee continue to write movie reviews regularly for the arts and entertainment magazine of the Missoulian.

**George E. Guntermann**
'73 is president and owner of Page-Guntermann, Inc., in Salem, Oregon.

**Wayne Montgomery**
'73 is working in the distribution department of the Missoulian while his wife, Carol, completes a double major in art and foreign languages at The University of Montana. Wayne also is attending UM part-time.

**Jim Grady**
'72 is the author of “River of Darkness,” a novel about the intelligence community. The cover jacket sports a blurb from Seymour Hersh, who compliments Jim for his knowledge about this area. Jim continues to live in the Washington, D.C., area.

**Khelly Webb**
'72 was a panelist at the symposium, “Student Athletes: After the Cheers,” sponsored by the School of Journalism during 1991 Homecoming. Khelly, a chiropractic sports physician in Los Alamitos, Calif., is an international authority on sports injury care who has advised Olympic athletes in the People's Republic of China and the former Soviet Union. Last year she was named editor of the Great Falls Tribune. She went back to full-time employment in 1988 “after 16 years of staying home with my two daughters and taking on occasional writing contracts.” She and her husband Gene live in Helena.

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**Daniel N. Vichorek**

**Gary Niles Kimble**
'68, is executive director of the Association of American Indian Affairs, the nation’s oldest American Indian rights organization, New York City. Gary flew to Missoula in May of 1991 to introduce Tim Giago, editor of the Lakota Times, who was the School of Journalism’s Dean Stone Night speaker.

**George H. Peck**
'68, an Air Force lieutenant colonel, is director of public affairs at the Technical Training Center, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver. He recently returned from Korea and service with the United Nations Command and U.S. Forces, Korea.

**Bennett R. Hansen**
'68 continues as editor of the Beaumont, Texas, Enterprise, a 70,000-circulation daily that has been piling up awards from the Texas Press Association. Ben reported that the Enterprise had won the general excellence award five out of the past six years, and was sweepstakes winner four out of the past six years. Ben is also finding time to write novels.

**Kathie Urbanec**
'68 is public relations/special events manager for The University of Montana Foundation. Last year her Szechuan pork with walnuts gained her third place in the Missoulian’s Taste of the Town cooking competition. At Dean Stone Night, she presented the first Billings Graduate Fellowship, in memory of her sister, Patricia Billings, a former member of the Maryland House of Delegates, and Patricia’s father-in-law, Harry Billings, former editor of the People’s Voice in Helena.

**Mark Satre**
'67 is district sales manager for the Arizona Republic and the Phoenix Gazette. He lives in Mesa.

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**ALUMNI NOTES**

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Bill Schwanke

'67 is assistant director of development in the UM Department of Athletics. He moderated a Homecoming 1991 symposium, "Student Athletes: After the Cheers," sponsored by the School of Journalism. Bill continues to be the radio "Voice of the Grizzlies." His wife, Lynn Stetler Schwanke '68, continues to head the Newspapers in Education program at the Missoulian.

Nell Wheeler

'67 continues to live in Salt Lake City, and to keep in touch with the School of Journalism by sending news clippings and commentaries on public affairs.

Gary Svee

'67 received the Western Writers of America Spur Award for writing the best novel of 1991, "Sanctuary." Gary continues to write editorials for the Billings Gazette.

Fred Caruso


Jo Ann Speelman

'67 is a reporter for the Daily Inter Lake in Kalispell. She helped cover the stories about New York Yankees pitcher Steve Howe being arrested on cocaine possession charges.

Nils Rosdahl


Norma Sandberg Mason

'66 is enjoying life with her husband in Ana­ cortes, Wash., where she's found "a wonderful part-time position" at a middle school, doing office work and helping with the gifted student program. "With five children scattered in Tempe, Fresno, Calgary and Pakistan, plus parents in Florida and Arizona, it helps to have summers free for visiting," she writes.

Karen "Kaycee" Schilke

'66 works for ASUM Programming at The University of Montana.

Lorretta Lynde

B.A. '67, M.A. '79, has been named publisher of Helena's Independent Record. Lorretta, who had been general manager of the Racine, Wis., Journal Times since 1989, replaced another UM grad, Jim Crane, who published the IR for five years before he resigned in mid-April.

Steve Smith

B.A. '65, M.A. '69 is the author of "Out Among 'Em," a collection of his columns from the Missoulian, for which he worked for many years. His biography of H.O. Bell, a pioneer Missoula businessman, also is on Montana bookshelves. He recently moved back to Missoula from Issaquah, Washington.

Joe Hoppel

'65 visited the School of Journalism and was a guest lecturer in an editing class. Joe is a senior editor with The Sporting News in St. Louis.

Les Gapay

'65 is doing freelance journalism in San Rafael, Calif. He recently has been published in Newsweek International and the Washington Post. The Post op-ed page article recounts how Les, on a recent trip to Hungary to "find his roots," discovered that his late father, who had brought Les and his mother to the United States after World War II, had been accused of being a war criminal who had helped the Nazis persecute Hungarian Jews. Les is expanding the article into a book. He returned to Hungary in 1992 to do more research. Les grew up in Miles City. He is a former reporter for the Wall Street Journal.

Don Hegg

R-TV '64, host of a popular Denver public television program, "The State of Colorado," is—in his own words—"among the 30 fastest old guys in the U.S." He recently ran the Boston Marathon in two hours, 59 minutes. Earlier this year, in a successful effort to raise funds for a Denver Press Club journalism scholarship, Don ran across the state of Colorado—476 miles in 12 days. He logged 54 miles in one day. Don, who has run 23 marathons in the last seven years, says he's ready to run across the state of Montana to raise funds for a School of Journalism scholarship. Stay tuned.
Printer Bowl

'63 has released the fourth edition of his cookbook, "Wheatflowers," which contains "Exceptional Wholegrain Natural Foods Recipes for Lovers of healthy bodies, clear minds and pure hearts." Printer also operates a business that does public relations, publications writing and design, and writing workshops. He lives in Bigfork.

John Schulz

'63 has returned to the Voice of America after spending two years as a professor at the National War College, where he taught courses in national security policy and regional affairs relating to East and South Asia. He is now one of five VOA senior correspondents based in Washington, D.C.

Patti Jo Shaw

'62 is marketing director of Joe Robbie Stadium, the home of the Miami Dolphins.

Al Madison

'62 retired as director of Printing Services at The University of Montana. He and his wife, Aggie, continue to live in Missoula. Al recently attended the Montana Newspaper Association convention in Hamilton.

Lyle E. Harris

B.A. '62, M.A. '67 is chairman of the Department of Journalism at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

Frank Walsh


Zena Beth McGlashan

'61 resigned her journalism faculty position at the University of North Dakota two years ago after her husband, Harley Straus, also a professor of journalism, died of cancer. She returned to her home town of Butte, where she does freelance writing and operates an antique business. She visited the School of Journalism as a guest lecturer last spring, and spoke on the topic, "Equality for Women in Journalism in the Next Century? Not!" Widely published in academic journals, Zena Beth continues to remain active in efforts to advance the status of women in journalism, and is co-chair of the 1993 Western Journalism Historians Conference. She recently married Mike Gamble, a professional musician, in Butte.

Owen Ditchfield

'61, is a teacher and media specialist in Columbus, Ga. He and his wife, the former Mabel Myrick, art '62, have four children. Owen is on the board of directors of the Columbus Habitat for Humanity group, and is building his 10th home. He's been to meetings in Plains with Jimmy Carter, one of the leaders of the organization. Owen visited the J-School last year.

Judy McVey Tritz

'61 assumed the editorship in 1990 of the Kirkville, Missouri, Daily Express. The newspaper has since won awards from the Missouri Press Association and the American Publishing Co. Earlier, as editor of the weekly free circulation newspaper, the Kirkville Crier, she placed first nationally for feature writing in the Independent Free Newspaper Association's journalism competition.

Judy's son, Gerry, a communications graduate of Northeast Missouri State University, is a staff writer for the Jefferson City, Mo., News-Tribune.

Three years ago, Judy and her family established a scholarship at the UM School of Journalism to honor her parents, George W. and Marie Lynch McVey, who made lifelong contributions to the journalism profession in Butte. Judy's most recent contribution fully funds the scholarship endowment, setting into motion "a dream of mine - to memorialize my folks." Her father was editor and publisher of the Montana Standard, her mother a teacher.

The first award will be at Dean Stone Night in 1993.
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Keith A. Robinson
'58 is retired from the Air Force, and living in Kalispell. He does volunteer work.

Frank Crepeau
'58, assistant foreign editor at the Associated Press in New York, visited the J-School in 1991.

Don Oliver
'58 left NBC News in July 1991 to do media consulting and public relations work in southern California. He will continue to do freelance reporting for NBC's "Sunday Today" program. Don worked 25 years for NBC as a correspondent, covering stories from around the globe. In recent years he had been based in Los Angeles.

John Bansch
'57, sportswriter for the Indianapolis Star, continues to cover pro football – primarily the Indianapolis Colts. John visited the School of Journalism during Homecoming 1991.

Richard D. Warden
'57 has retired as legislative director of the United Autoworkers Union in Washington, D.C., a post he had held since 1979. Dick was honored recently at the Hubert H. Humphrey Civil Rights Award Dinner. He is a former assistant secretary for legislation for President Carter's Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He also worked for Sen. Lee Metcalf and Rep. James O'Hara of Michigan.

Bob Gilluly
'57 is the first vice president of the Montana Newspaper Association. He has been chairman of the MNA's journalism school.

Jerry R. Hayes
'57, manages the 185-person classified advertising department at the Arizona Republic and Phoenix Gazette in Phoenix. He recently completed a three-year term as director for the International Association of Newspaper Classified Advertising Managers.

James R. Graff
'57, president and owner of Sage Advertising, has relocated his Billings business to the Century Plaza building downtown.

W. Keith Wuerthner
'56 was installed as district governor of Lions Clubs International District 23B—Connecticut at the organization's convention in Brisbane, Australia. Keith is responsible for 62 clubs representing 2,600 members in Connecticut's Hartford and Litchfield counties. He is director of community affairs for the Central Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens in New Britain.

J.D. Coleman

Among the "fifty-ish J-School grads from the 50's" was this crew of alums who posed with Professor Emeritus Ed Dugan and the Montana J-School poster at the school's 75th anniversary reunion. Standing are Frank Norberg, J.D. Coleman, Bob Gilluly, Dugan ("retired but not tired"), and Pat O'Hare Rhodes. Front kneeling are Verna Johns Kessner, Tom Needham and Keith Robinson.
Tom Needham
'55 is marketing director for Scott Publishing Company of Kalispell. He recently completed a 25-year career with Xerox Corporation where he was involved in the early development and marketing of the first commercially successful facsimile machine and as the Xerox fax trainer at its center in Leesburg, Va. In his new publishing position, Tom is director of the company's drug abuse awareness publications program.

William Evans Jones
'54 is a member of the Benefactors Society of the UM President's Club. He is an attorney with Garlington, Lohn and Robinson in Missoula.

Virginia Smith
'53, with a Billings colleague, created and developed an adult Bible-study program, "Scripture from Scratch," which has been published nationally. Virginia is chairman of the Religious Studies Department at Billings Central Catholic High School. She writes that "I'm still a journalist... still trying to apply what I was taught in the J-School "several" years back."

Don Zupan
'52 has retired after a 39-year sports career with the Billings Gazette, the Missoulian and - most recently - the Contra Costa Times, Walnut Creek, California. He and his wife Patricia live in Pittsburg, California.

Wilma J. Ellis
'52 retired from the Phoenix Police Department, where she had headed the forensic photography lab.

Frank Norberg
'52 retired as editor of DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Magazine. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Erlanger, Ky. They have six children and five grandchildren.

Henry Pratt
'52, retired from the National Park Service and the U.S. Army Reserve, is a freelance writer. His articles have appeared in numerous newspapers and magazines, including the Denver Post, Antique Week and The Rotarian. He and his wife Beverly live in Lakewood, Colorado.

Nathalie McGregor Pattison
'52 retired after 25 years of teaching political science and history at Lodi High School in Lodi, Calif. She and her husband plan to spend much of their time at their summer home in Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

John Owen
'51, associate editor with the Seattle Post Intelligencer, participated in a symposium, "Student Athletes: After the Cheers," sponsored by the School of Journalism during Homecoming 1991. John has won the Washington Sportswriter of the Year Award seven times and has published five cookbooks. He and his wife, Alice, live in Bellevue.

Douglas E. Dean
'51 has been retired in Missoula since 1982. He is a 9 handicap golfer and a member of Gideons International.

William Heintz
'50, an El Paso, Texas, resident, received the University of Notre Dame Award of the Year for "outstanding service to the El Paso club" as well as a certificate of recognition for "outstanding community service and voluntary support" presented by the El Paso Volunteer Bureau of United Way. Her husband, Jim, is a '49 graduate of Notre Dame.

Joe A. Renders
Judd Moore
They usually visit Montana once a year, for golf in Billings and fishing in the Gallatin River area.

Regina (Gene) Gilmore Ford
'50 is retired from the National Park Service, and is a freelance writer. His articles have appeared in numerous newspapers and magazines, including the Denver Post, Antique Week and The Rotarian. He and his wife Beverly live in Lakewood, Colorado.

Joe A. Renders
'50 is a member of the Benefactors Society of the UM President's Club. He is an attorney with Garlington, Lohn and Robinson in Missoula.

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Tom Shardlow
'49 is co-owner of a travel agency business, "Handle With Care Travel, Inc.," in Los Angeles. He retired earlier from a career in corporate communications. He says his journalistic endeavors in recent years "have been limited to writing irate letters to various editors."

Paul Verdon
'49 has retired from his job with the Montana Legislative Council in Helena. Though he intends to continue to do some part-time work for the council, he wants to spend more time at his condo in the Bigfork area. Previous to his Legislative Council assignment, Paul had been publisher of The Western News in Libby for many years.

Dawson N. Oppenheimer
'48 is press deputy to the Los Angeles County supervisor. He and his wife, Audrey, live in Pasadena, California.

Judd Moore
'48 retired from his position with the public information office of the U.S. Forest Service. He and his wife, Mary Kidd Moore '48, continue to live in Missoula. Mary is retired from UM Printing Services. Judd is an outstanding long-distance runner.
Ron Rice
'48 retired from the Great Falls Tribune, after a long career as a reporter and editor. He reports that he’s keeping busier than ever, with volunteer activities, and that he recently constructed in his back yard the only flagpole in the world that is shaped like an “S.”

Don Coe
'47 has sold his newspaper, the Plains Plainsman, after 44 years as publisher/editor. His wife, Betty, died only a few months after the couple had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The two were a team; he handled the editorial and photography side, she the business and production side. Don earned a master’s degree in journalism from UM, and is a former visiting professor at the School of Journalism.

Shag Miller
'47 is a director of the Montana Power Co. He is owner of KBOW-KOPR Radio in Butte, and has launched a new venture, Muzak by Satellite. His wife, Helen “Gus” Guthrie Miller, a UM graduate in English, is the daughter of the late A.B. Guthrie Jr., '23.

Lorraine Lindahl
'45, a Minneapolis resident, attended the journalism school’s 75th alumni reunion and reported that she enjoyed “walking up fraternity row, sitting in on the J-School alumni seminars, renewing old acquaintances, climbing up Mt. Sentinel (and seeing a concrete “M” instead of rocks).” She added, “It’s good to see the ‘U’ is alive and doing well!”

Ray Fenton
'43 is teaching writing skills to government workers in Washington, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Hawaii. He is the author of style manuals for government writers. Ray lives in Helena.

Aline Mosby
'43 retired from United Press International, continues to live in Paris and to do freelance work for the New York Times and other publications. Her biography has been included in the second edition of “5,000 Personalities of the World,” in recognition of her service to journalism. Aline continues to visit Western Montana each spring.

Evelyn Mayer King
'43 has retired from full-time duty at the Missoulian, but continues to write her popular column. She married Richard Moore in Missoula on June 21, 1991.

Everton Conger
'42 participated in a panel about Chinese journalism at the western regional conference of the Asian Studies Association, held in Missoula in October 1991. Everton has experience teaching journalism and English in India and China, as well as in the United States. Now living in Missoula, he is the sponsor of Christina Hu, a Chinese student who is completing a journalism degree at The University of Montana.

Earl W. Martell
'40 is retired from The University of Montana. He and his wife, Grace, also a UM alum, live in Missoula.

John T. Campbell
'40 is a sports freelancer whose columns appear occasionally in the Missoulian. He was honored by the UM Alumni Association in 1988 for his many years of service to the university.

Verna Green Smith
'40 received the Missouri Communicator of Achievement Award. She recently attended conventions of the National Federation of Press Women and Women in Communications. She continues to live in St. Louis.

Larry Bowler
'37 is editor, publisher and owner of the Daniels County Leader in Scobey.

Louise Eiselein
Rasmussen
'36 former editor and publisher of the Harlowton Times, won a Master Publisher/Editor Award from the Montana Newspaper Association in 1991, in recognition of a lifetime of service to her community and state.

Harold G. Stearns
'35, former retail merchant in Great Falls and high school French teacher in Oregon, is retired with his wife, Dorothy, in Grants Pass, Oregon. He writes that “I have now been longer in retirement than I have held any job: 18 years.”

Dorcas Keach Northey
'35 attended the UM Foundation’s first reception honoring scholarship donors and scholarship recipients. Dorcas’ husband, Harry, established the Dorcas Northey Scholarship for journalism students in recognition of his wife’s retirement from University of Montana Printing Services.

Robert E. Jones
'34 is president of Hellgate, Inc. in Missoula. He has served for more than three decades on a federal commission on land condemnation by the U.S. government. He and his wife, Florence, live in Missoula.

Joel Overholser
'32 retired editor of the Fort Benton River Press, is the author of “Fort Benton: World’s Innermost Fort,” which tells the story of that historic city from its founding to 1889, when Montana became a state. The book was recently added to the School of Journalism’s alumni bookshelf.
Recent books by alumni

At least 20 books by University of Montana journalism alumni have been published since 1990. They include:

Montana Farm and Ranch Life, by Daniel N. Vichorek '69, Montana Magazine/American and World Geographic, Helena, 1992.


Focus on Philipsburg: Portrait of a Mining Town, photographs and text by University of Montana School of Journalism faculty and students, published for Angus MacDougall by Jostens Publishing Co., St. Louis, 1991. Editing and design, Patty Reksten, M.A. ’90; text by Scott Crandell, M.A. ’88; picture printing by Bob Cushman, UM ’90.


(Have we missed any books by alumni, former students, or former faculty? Please let us know, and — if you can — send us a copy of your book for our alumni and faculty bookshelf.)
Making it in the Big Apple

Shane Bishop and Erika Colness, posing by a famous logo in the lobby of the CBS Broadcast Center in Manhattan, where both of them work, have come a long way since they graduated from the School of Journalism as radio-television majors in 1986. Shane, a small-town boy from Conrad, is a co-producer for the hour-long 5 p.m. newscast on WCBS in New York. He writes up to 30 scripts a day. His wife, Erika, a big-city girl who spent part of her childhood in New York City, works in the studio next door as a producer for "The Joan Rivers Show." She produces one of the six shows each week. They recently purchased their first home, in Glen Ridge, N.J., and report: "Things couldn't be better." The couple came to New York from Pennsylvania, where Shane worked as a writer for WCAU-TV in Philadelphia and Erika as general manager of a cable television system in Harrisburg.

Former faculty notes

Ken Brusic, a member of the journalism faculty from 1979 to 1981, is an assistant managing editor for the Orange County Register in southern California. He was a participant in the Freedom Foundation's Technology Studies Seminar for newsroom managers last December. Ken and Pam are the parents of a three-year-old son, Michael Richard.

Joe Shoquist retired as dean of the University of South Carolina School of Journalism.

Frederick T.C. Yu is professor emeritus at Columbia University in New York.

Documentary wins SPJ award

A School of Journalism student documentary about Montana tourism has won the Society of Professional Journalists' 1991 national college "Mark of Excellence" Award for television in-depth reporting.

The program, "Tourism: Beyond the Beauty," was the product of the school's Student Documentary Unit, supervised by Prof. Bill Knowles.

Student team members included Lisa Orler of Billings, producer; Dave Sirak of Hooksett, N.H., director, and Terry Meyers, Veradale, Wash., anchor.

The program was aired statewide on both commercial and public television.