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Connecting Campus and Community

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UM president joins regents in opposing CA30

University of Montana President George Dennison has joined the state Board of Regents in opposition to a proposed constitutional amendment that would change the governance of the Montana University System.

Constitutional Amendment 30, which will be on the ballot in November's general election, would eliminate the positions of regents and the commissioner of higher education, replacing them with a new state

education commission and a director appointed by the governor.

On Friday, March 29, the regents passed a resolution declaring that "the governance structure proposed in CA 30 is a step backward in University System governance and is not in the best long run interests of Montana higher education."

"I agree wholeheartedly," Dennison said in endorsing the resolution.

Putting a political appointee at the helm of Montana higher education

would reintroduce "the possibility of transient political and partisan passions into the governance of the Montana University System, which is the very problem that the 1972 Constitutional Convention worked so hard to eliminate," the resolution states.

The state's current lay governance system was proposed during the Constitutional Convention "to insulate higher education governance from the vicissitudes of partisan politics," the resolution states.

Sydney Pollack helps UM mark 100 years of film

Sydney Pollack, one of the most influential film directors in America, will look back on a hundred years of movies in a public lecture at The University of Montana—Missoula Wednesday, April 17.

The Academy Award-winning director will present "Reflections on the Centenary of Motion Pictures" at 8 p.m. in the Montana Theatre at the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The free lecture, presented as part of the 1995-96 President's Lecture Series, will follow a weeklong Sydney Pollack Film Retrospective that begins Wednesday, April 10, at the Crystal Theatre, 515 S. Higgins Ave.

Pollack is known for the fine performances he has elicited from top Hollywood stars including Robert Redford, Meryl Streep, Dustin Hoffman, Barbra Streisand, Paul Newman, Burt Lancaster and Tom Cruise.

His work has received more than 45 Academy Award nominations since his



Pollack

first movie, "The Slender Thread" starring Sidney Poitier and Anne Bancroft, was released in 1965. Pollack's 1985 film, "Out of Africa," won seven Oscars including Best Picture, Best Screenplay and Best Director for Pollack. He won the New York Film Critics' Award for his 1982 film "Tootsie."

Other films directed by Pollack include "The Firm," "Absence of Malice," "The Electric Horseman," "Bobby Deerfield," "Three Days of the Condor," "The Way We Were" and "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" His most recent film, a remake of the classic "Sabrina," was released earlier this year.

In 1985, Pollack formed Mirage Productions, through which he has produced a number of films, including "Scrooged," "Major League," "Fabulous Baker Boys," "Presumed Innocent," "Dead Again" and "Searching for Bobby Fischer."

Pollack, 61, began his career as an actor after studying at New York's Neighborhood Playhouse. He stayed at the playhouse as an acting coach while appearing on Broadway, in summer stock and on television.

UM's Film Centenary celebration will bring other filmmakers and scriptwriters to Missoula the same week. French

director Agnès Varda will present and discuss two films: "Les demoiselles vingt ans après," at 7:00 p.m. and "Les 101 nuits," at 8:45 p.m. April 16 at the Crystal Theatre.

Director Ron Maxwell will present his classic, "Gettysburg," at 7 p.m. April 18, at the Crystal. Maxwell will join UM history department faculty for a panel discussion of the film at noon, April 19, in the University Theatre.

Sydney Pollack Film Retrospective

April 10—"They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" 5 p.m.

April 11—"The Way We Were," 5 p.m.

April 12—"Three Days of The Condor," 7 p.m.

April 13—"Tootsie," 5 p.m., "Out of Africa," 7 p.m.

April 14—"The Firm," 7 p.m.

April 15—"Sabrina," 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased for \$3 at each showing, except "The Firm," which is free. A \$14 pass is good for admission to all seven movies.

KUFM fund-raiser aims to preserve public radio

The sometimes noisy battle over the popularity of cats and dogs returns to the KUFM/KGPR airwaves this month along with the sweeter strains of Bach and the Big Sky Mudflaps.

The special events are part of the annual on-air fund-raiser during Public Radio Week on Saturday, April 13, through Sunday, April 21.

This year's theme asks listeners to help "Preserve the Sound" of public radio by pledging \$275,000 to offset federal funding cuts and an increase in programming fees. Reaching that goal will help Montana Public Radio continue to give listeners a variety of classical, jazz, blues, new age and folk music, literature, comedy, children's programming and more than 36 hours of news each week.

The week's special events include a studio concert by the



Big Sky Mudflaps and friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 13, and Pet Wars, the week's finale that pits cat and dog owners against each other for pledges (each pledge counts for one vote), from 7 p.m. to midnight Sunday, April 21. Last year's score: dogs 423, cats 408.

Throughout the week, an assortment of "premiums" will be offered as incentives for pledging, including radio jam—a choice of blackcap (black raspberry) or huckleberry

preserves from Eva Gates in Bigfork—and T-shirts or travel bags with the "Preserve the Sound" logo. Listeners, eager to help support public radio, also have offered a variety of unique premiums for pledgers, from a fire eater to perform at a party to lunch with Gov. Marc Racicot at his house.

To pledge money or offer premiums, call (800) 325-1565 or 243-6400.

UM organists play special concert

The organ at Missoula's First Presbyterian Church will be played more than usual Sunday, April 14, when nine western Montana organists join counterparts nationwide in the world's largest organ concert.

The concert celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Guild of Organists will begin simultaneously in more than 300 locations throughout the United States. Each concert will open with Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor," (played in Missoula by UM's piano technician Jeff Stickney), said concert organizer Nancy Cooper, UM's organ teacher.

The Missoula concert, free and open to the public, begins at 4 p.m. at the church at 201 S. Fifth St. W. Cooper will be joined in the concert by her UM colleague, visiting instructor Cheryl Hewson.

The following weekend, Cooper will play the Wilma Theatre organ in the Missoula Symphony Orchestra's Pops Concert, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21.

Other concerts worth noting:

- UM Percussion Ensemble and "Islanders" Steel Band, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, Music Recital Hall. Free.
- Opera Workshop: "The Beggar's Opera," 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, April 23-25, Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$3/general and \$1/students.
- UM Jazz Festival concerts feature vocalist Sunny Wilkinson, 8 p.m. Friday, April 26; world-class jazz drummer Louie Bellson 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27. University Theatre. Tickets \$8/general and \$5/students and seniors.

Aber Day tradition branches into communitywide cleanup

Eighty-one years ago this month, Professor William Aber persuaded students, staff and fellow faculty to join him in sprucing up campus by planting trees and clearing away debris.

April 16, 1915, marked the beginning of what was to become one of UM's oldest traditions—Aber Day, named for its founder, who taught Greek and Latin from 1895 to 1919. Like many who came after him, the popular professor was

enthralled by the beauty of the UM campus and Mount Sentinel. Aber believed himself to be the keeper of the campus and spent hours tending the trees and shrubs.

Aber Day and what was later known as "M" Trail Day, combined last year with Missoula organizations for a citywide cleanup. The University and Missoula communities will team up again this year to clean up the campus and city Saturday, April 20, in celebration of Earth Day.

Volunteers are needed for "A Clean Start" to help in the morning with projects that range from picking up litter downtown to repairing the "M" Trail. Workers are asked to report to check-in points at the Caras Park parking lot and the base of the "M" Trail to pick up assignments and equipment beginning at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers should bring work gloves and drinking water.

Cleanup concludes at noon, but the community celebration will continue from 1 to 7 p.m. at Caras Park. Highlights of the event coordinated by the Five Valleys Land Trust/Mount Jumbo Campaign include music, speakers and educational and children's events. The first 250 volunteers to register at the check-in points will receive discount coupons that can be used for food from Caras Park vendors at the afternoon celebration.

To volunteer or find out more, call UM's Volunteer Action Services at 243-4442.

A Clean Start participants include the U.S. Forest Service, Americorps, RSVP Senior Environment Corps, Five Valleys Land Trust/Mount Jumbo Campaign, Volunteer Montana!, Community Service, Missoula Urban Development, Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, A Carousel for Missoula, Rattlesnake Middle School, Missoula City Parks, Missoula Downtown Association, MontPIRC and Feet First, and the UM President's Office, Facilities Services, Community Relations and Outreach, Diversity Advisory Council and Volunteer Action Services.



UM's Diversity Advisory Council will host a tree planting ceremony near the Oval at 12:15 p.m. "The All People's Tree," a white fir, will be planted near the northwest corner of Main Hall to symbolize the diverse people of the world. Organizers envision the tree serving as a gathering place for significant occasions or for peaceful reflection.



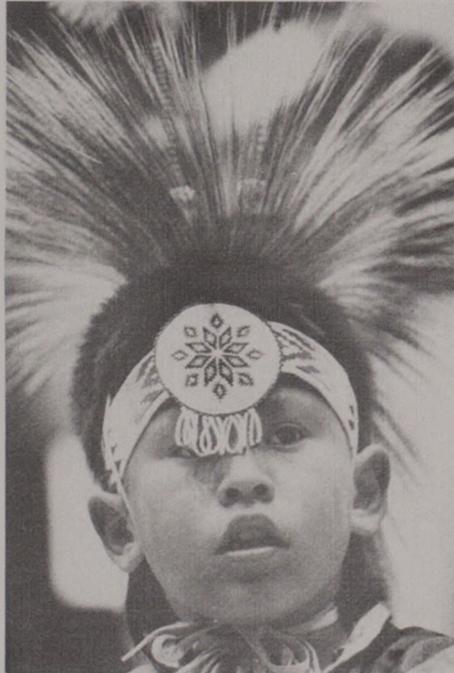
Bear Briefs

Authors Honored—Authors Annick Smith and Mildred Walker will receive the 1996 H.C. Merriam Awards at the annual spring banquet of the Friends of the Mansfield Library Tuesday, April 16, at the Village Red Lion's Edgewater Restaurant. Smith, author of a new book, "Homestead," co-edited "The Last Best Place: A Montana Anthology," with UM's William Kittredge. She produced the internationally acclaimed film, "Heartland," and co-produced the hit movie, "A River Runs Through It." Walker is the author of 13 novels, including "Winter Wheat," "The Body of a Young Man," "The Quarry" and "Light from Arcturus."

The banquet is open to the public; cost is \$15 per person. Call 243-6800 by Friday, April 12, for reservations.

Scientists Convene—Scientists from Montana and surrounding states will present their work at a two-day symposium, "Ecosystem CPR—Conservation, Preservation and Restoration," on the UM campus Friday and Saturday, April 19-20. The gathering, which is open to the public, is the annual meeting of the Montana Academy of Sciences. The symposium will include speakers from UM, Montana State University, the U.S. Forest Service, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Missoula City-County Health Department. Cost for the public is \$5 each day. The symposium will be held in the UC Mount Sentinel Room April 19, and Liberal Arts Room 102 April 20. For more information, call Vicki Watson, UM environmental studies professor and MAS president, 243-5153 or 549-7149.

COT Grant—Soroptimist International of Missoula North has awarded the UM College of Technology a \$3,000 grant to establish a peer tutoring service to help students gain greater academic stability and retention. In the past, the college has mainly offered tutoring in basic math and English, but as the college continues to grow, the need for tutoring in other areas has expanded. The grant will allow the college to offer students additional tutoring in subjects including accounting, computers and physics.



Cultural Exchange—American Indian art, fashion and dance will be featured in an April 25-26 cultural festival sponsored by the University of Montana-Missoula chapter of American Indian Business Leaders. "A Cultural Exchange: Success Through Entertainment and the Arts" will feature free displays of Native American art at four downtown Missoula galleries and a fashion and dance showcase.

The second annual "Elaine Clayborn Memorial Fashion Show and Native American Dance Showcase" is scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in UM's Montana Theatre. Tickets, \$8 for general admission and \$6 for students and senior citizens, are available through the AIBL office, 243-4879, or at the door.

The art show is scheduled Thursday and Friday at the Monte Dolack Gallery, Sutton West Gallery, Art Fusion Gallery and the Vick Gallery. A reception for participating artists will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Sutton West.

Teacher Fair—UM's Career Services will present an Educator's Career Fair May 6-7 at the Harry Adams Field House. Last year 138 school districts from 14 states and the Territory of Guam interviewed 1,074

educator candidates with degrees earned in 36 states. Registration is \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. Call 243-2022 for more information.

Patient Counselor—Susan Anderson, a UM pharmacy student from Big Timber, took third place in the National Patient Counseling Competition held recently at the American Pharmaceutical Association meeting in Nashville, Tenn. Anderson is the first UM student to place among the top ten in the competition's 12-year history. Students from 74 of the nation's 75 pharmacy schools competed in the two-round event, counseling actor-patients in the proper use of their prescription drugs.

Legal Leader—UM Professor Bari Burke has been appointed deputy director of the American Association of Law Schools. Burke will take a two-year unpaid professional leave of absence from the UM School of Law to work at the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the association that serves as a membership and service organization for the nation's 176 law schools.



Burke

Burke was appointed to the two-year rotating position by the association's executive director.

The association plans and presents professional development workshops and conferences for law school faculty and offers special

committees to help law schools with a variety of needs. AALS also sponsors an annual meeting that is attended by more than 3,000 law educators.

A 1979 graduate of the University of California at Davis Law School, Burke taught at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles for two years before joining the UM School of Law faculty in 1981. She directs UM's legal writing program and teaches classes in legal writing, gender and the law and children and the law. Burke said she intends to return to teaching at UM when her AALS appointment expires.

UM Calendar

Monday, April 15

Montana Science Fair—exhibit viewing, 6:30-9 p.m. Monday and 8-11 a.m. Tuesday, Harry Adams Field House. Free.

Tuesday, April 16

Wilderness Issues Lecture Series—“Re-Placing Ourselves in Montana,” by Margaret Kingsland, UM visiting associate professor of English and former executive director of the Montana Committee for the Humanities, 7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall. Free.

Theater production—“More Fun Than Bowling,” 8 p.m., April 16-20, 23-27, Masquer Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center. Tickets \$8/general, \$7/students and senior citizens.

Tuesday, April 23

Wilderness Issues Lecture Series—“The National Historic Preservation Act: Keeping a Piece of the Past,” by Nicole Price of the Medicine Wheel Alliance, 7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall. Free.

Wednesday, April 24

Performing Arts Series—Anonymous 4, female vocal quartet from New York, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$11/general, \$9/faculty and staff, \$8/students and \$3/youth.

Monday, April 29

Ethics brown bag series—“The Good Politician,” by Mayor Daniel Kemmis, noon, Mansfield Center Conference Room. Free.

Tuesday, April 30

Wilderness Issues Lecture Series—“Restoration, Reintroduction and Recovery: Justifiable Responses?” by panelists Vic Anderson, bureau chief of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Bureau, Vito Ciliberti, hydrologist with the Bureau of Land Management, Keith Hammer, chairman of the Swan View Coalition, and Mike Jimenez, wolf biologist, 7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall. Free.

Faculty Chamber Music recital—8 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Free.

Wednesday, May 1

Women's Studies brown bag lunch—“Quilts as Politics,” by Nancy Enckson, Missoula fabric artist, noon, law school's Pope Room. Free.

Volunteer ‘grandma’ captures students’ hearts, regional award

Loaine Peterson has spent the past 20 years honing the art of friendship.

Her friends are of all ages and ethnic backgrounds and live all over the world.

At 78, Peterson is the oldest and longest-serving volunteer in the Missoula International Friendship Program, a community-based organization that provides hospitality to UM students and scholars from foreign countries.

Peterson's involvement with international students began in 1974 when she befriended a young woman from Hong Kong she'd met on a train ride back to Missoula from the Spokane World's Fair. While showing the visitor around town and the University, Peterson met then foreign student adviser Midge McGuire, and the two launched a host family program for foreign students.

Since then, Peterson has devoted much of her time to fetching students

and their luggage from the airport, planning outings for students to area ranches and orchards, arranging potluck dinners and keeping homesick students busy over the holidays.

“This has made my life so much richer,” Peterson said of her volunteer project.

Today many of UM's 400 international students know of Peterson before they ever set foot in Missoula. Students return to their homelands and spread the word about their “American grandma.”

Her reputation and tireless years of service to UM international students won her recognition closer to home last November. Peterson was named the Region II International Volunteer of the Year in an award competition sponsored by NAFSA, Association of International Educators. Region II represents Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska.

“She's a giving, caring and compassionate individual who has greatly benefited a generation of international students and scholars in our community,” said Effie Koehn, director of UM's Office of Foreign Student and Scholar Services.



Peterson

UM's oldest alum celebrates 100 years

Elizabeth “Beth” Hershey Fry, UM's oldest living graduate, turned 100 years old Friday, April 5.

Fry, who lives in a Missoula assisted care center, attended UM from 1913 to 1917, when she graduated with a bachelor's degree. As far as Fry knows and the UM Alumni Association's records show, she has outlived all her classmates.

“From the house where I was born on Woodford Street you could look straight across to the university with

nothing in the way, no houses, no anything,” Fry remembered in an interview conducted before UM's Centennial celebration in 1993. “I knew from the beginning that I was going to the University.”

Fry majored in English and mathematics and went on to teach algebra and geometry before marrying. At UM, Fry was a member of the Girls' Glee Club and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Today Fry spends much of her time playing bridge with longtime card partners. She is a member of the American Association of University Women and a life member of the UM Alumni Association.

An anonymous \$100 donation made to the alumni association in honor of Fry's birthday was used to buy a book in her name for the Mansfield Library.



Fry