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Connecting Campus and Community

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Davidson Honors College debuts

The Davidson Honors College, the first academic building of The University of Montana's second century, opened for business this month with state-of-the-art teaching and learning technology.

Built at the south end of the Oval where UM's first building, the old Venture Center, once stood, the honors college is a 10,000 square foot, one-story brick building that blends with neighboring structures.

"This puts us right into the heart of the campus community and makes our services and facilities easily accessible to everybody on campus," said Davidson Honors College Dean John Madden. "The new Davidson Honors College building gives UM the most sophisticated honors facilities in the country, and the most beautiful."

The honors college was named for its chief benefactors, Ian and Nancy Davidson of Great Falls, who donated \$1.1 million to the UM Foundation



Ian and Nancy Davidson

for the \$2 million project, which was constructed entirely with private funds.

"The Davidsons have made possible the fulfillment of a dream on this campus," said UM President George

Dennison. "This wonderful new facility exemplifies the pursuit of excellence in undergraduate education."

The honors college occupies the new building's main floor with offices, classrooms and a student lounge.

The Information Technology Center, a cutting-edge production facility for electronic and multimedia teaching resources, eventually will be housed in the lower level, thanks to a \$750,000, five-year grant from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation.

The \$750,000 gift to UM's capital campaign, "Ensuring a Tradition of Excellence," has boosted the campaign over the \$39 million mark.

The honors college project, including space for the ITRC, is a priority of the \$40 million capital campaign.

UM, Toyota team up to train Montana teachers

The University will take technology training for teachers on the road throughout Montana during the next two years with a computer lab and van donated by the Toyota USA Foundation.

With faculty from UM's math department behind the keyboards and wheel, the portable laboratory initially will be used for training mathematics and science teachers at school districts along a 200-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 93 from Hamilton to Whitefish before branching out into other Montana school districts.

UM President George Dennison and Toyota USA Foundation representatives unveiled the project, "Taking Technology to Teachers," with a student demonstration this month at Target Range School, where sixth-graders used maps from Internet databases to study Montana geology.

Beginning this summer, more than

300 K-12 teachers in the Missoula area and the Flathead, Mission and Bitterroot valleys will be trained in technology-based math and science with the van's state-of-the-art lab that includes multimedia and World Wide Web capabilities. Teachers will integrate what they learn into their classroom instruction to better prepare students for college.

The Toyota USA Foundation provided \$100,000 through the UM Foundation's ongoing capital campaign to start the teacher training program and support travel and expenses during the designated training period. A \$25,000 grant from Microsoft Corp. paid for multimedia equipment, supplies and software.

Lynn Churchill, research associate professor of math, and Mike Lundin, adjunct assistant professor of math and



UM's World Wide Web on wheels

professional development co-chair for the Systemic Initiative for Montana Mathematics and Science project, proposed the training center to the Toyota USA Foundation. The two, along with UM colleagues from SIMMS and the Six Through Eight Mathematics and Reach For The Sky projects, will provide teacher training.

Four receive honorary doctorates from UM

A Crow tribal historian, a Montana geologist, a former law school dean and an inner-city attorney received honorary doctorates during UM's commencement weekend.

UM President George Dennison presented honorary Doctor of Laws degrees to Robert E. Sullivan of Missoula, retired UM law school dean, and Margaret Holmes McDowell of New York City, an attorney for the Legal Aid Society of New York, at the law school's hooding ceremony May 17.

Joe Medicine Crow of Lodge Grass, an anthropologist and member of the Crow Tribe, was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, and Edward T. Ruppel of Butte, a retired geologist, accepted an honorary Doctor of Science degree May 18.

Sullivan served as law school dean from 1955 to 1979 before retiring to join Montana Power Co., where he

worked as vice president and general counsel until 1983. Under Sullivan's guidance, the law school extended its outreach through the Montana Defender Project, the Montana Criminal Information Center and other clinical programs. He taught consumer credit, professional responsibility, corporations and property law over the years.

McDowell, the lone woman graduate in UM's 1938 law school class, juggled raising four children with providing legal representation to people who needed it most, from immigrants to asylum seekers and children to senior citizens. A senior attorney with the society's immigration law unit, she received a UM Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994.

Medicine Crow has dedicated his life to teaching students, scholars and the public about Crow history and culture. He earned a master's degree in anthro-

pology in 1939 from the University of Southern California, becoming the first of his tribe to attain such a high academic degree.

The anthropologist put his expertise to work for his people when he was named tribal historian and anthropologist in 1948. That year, he also began a career that spanned four decades with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs in Billings and Crow Agency.

Ruppel, a UM alumnus, spent much of his career in geologic and mineral resource research for the U.S. Geological Survey. He served as director and chief geologist for the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology at Montana Tech in Butte from 1986 until his retirement in 1994. An expert in Montana geology, Ruppel has concentrated his geological research efforts in southwestern Montana, the Idaho Rocky Mountain region and Wyoming.

UM drama productions show signs of changing times

By Nick Baker
UM Rural Institute on Disabilities

Kirk Hash's fingers fly and his hands flutter about as he tells his friends—in American Sign Language—how much he enjoyed the UM production of "The Grapes of Wrath."

"The emotion tore at my heart," he signed after a recent performance in the Montana Theatre. "And the acting was wonderful. I couldn't believe it when the actor dove into the 'river' on stage and splashed water all over."

Playgoing is a new experience for Kirk, a UM freshman who is profoundly deaf, and for many of the other 25 members of Montana's deaf community who were in the audience that night. They were able to enjoy the play because a team of professional sign language interpreters from UM's Disability Services for Students translated dialogue, sound effects and even music into American Sign Language, the language understood and preferred by the majority of deaf Montanans

UM provided American Sign Language interpreters for one performance of each play presented by the Department of Drama/Dance in its 1995-96 series. The opportunity to see and "hear" live theater drew Montanans who are deaf to Missoula from Great Falls, Helena and Kalispell.

Interpreters Denise May and Debbie

Howard were welcomed by the cast as fellow thespians. Throughout the performances, May and Howard stood before the audience under a spotlight at stage right. They were on stage longer than any of the play's speaking cast.

The two interpreters studied the script, memorized cues, attended rehearsals, created "name signs" for the play's characters, blocked out ways to effectively communicate lines spoken by

five or six on-stage actors, and, of course, dressed for the performance—in basic black to provide a background against which their hands could be easily read.

"It's some of the hardest interpreting I've done," said May, a nationally certified interpreter who has 15 years of

American Sign Language experience.

During "The Grapes of Wrath" performance, May and Howard had to cope with a campfire that wouldn't go out on cue and rain that should have sprinkled but didn't.

Many theater companies throughout the nation provide sign interpreters for their performances, and the number is increasing steadily, said Mary Morrison, UM's deaf/hard-of-hearing specialist. "That's largely because the Americans with Disabilities Act guarantees access for people with disabilities to public performances," she said.

When the ADA was passed in 1988, the deaf community began requesting interpreters for live performances, and in some cases the "extra" person on stage made directors uncomfortable.

That has changed, and UM is leading Montana in providing cultural variety for students and others in the community with disabilities. "The drama/dance department has been wonderful," Morrison said, and "(UM President) George Dennison and UM's administration have been very supportive of our efforts to make all our cultural events accessible."

After the play, the audience—hearing and deaf—expressed their delight at having seen the play on stage and in American Sign Language. "I loved being able to look over and see how ideas look in sign," one hearing woman said. "It added tremendously to my enjoyment of the play."



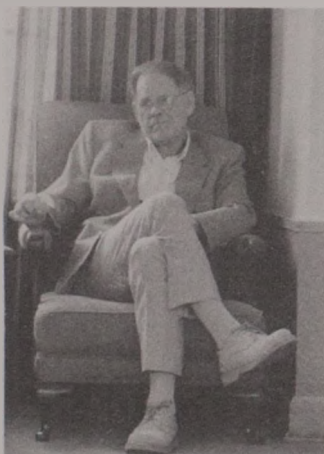
Interpreter Denise May



Bear Briefs

Say 'So Long,'—

The man who earned a hero's welcome when he brought his national champion Grizzlies home to Missoula will be treated to the same kind of retirement send-off. Well-wishers are invited to a public reception for Don Read and his wife, Lois, Monday, June 3, at the Village Red Lion Inn, 100 Madison St. The Village Red Lion will provide complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and a no-host bar will be offered from 5:30 to 8 p.m. A program



Read cases into retirement

honoring Read will begin at 6:15 p.m. The man who raised school spirit to an unprecedented high caused unparalleled disappointment among Grizzly fans when he announced his retirement April 15. The beloved coach never had a losing season in his 10 years at the Grizzly helm.

Have Speakers, Will Travel—

Looking for a speaker for a workshop, conference or club meeting? The UM Speakers Bureau is a good place to turn. Staff, faculty and administrators are available to discuss a wide range of topics, from the U.S. Constitution to health care reform. UM pays for transportation costs (in-state travel only) and per diem expenses for the speaker. Whoever requests the speaker may, but is not required to, contribute to an honorarium.

To request a free Speakers Bureau brochure, call Annie Pontrelli, community relations and outreach coordinator, 243-2488, or write University Communications, 317 Brantly Hall, Missoula, 59812.

Sweet Success—KUFM/KGPR's annual fund-raiser was a howling success, even on the final night when it went to the dogs—in the "pet wars" portion, that is. For the second year running, callers pledged more in the name of dogs than cats. At one point during the pet wars voting frenzy, the felines were so far ahead they threw

some votes to the dogs. They should have been more cautious: the dogs rallied for a 501-469 victory over the cats. At last count the drive raised more than \$278,000, with pledges still coming in.

Moving Up—UM law school alumnus Sidney R. Thomas earned a lifetime appointment in March to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, the nation's second highest court. Thomas, a 1978 UM law school graduate, became the third Montanan appointed to the circuit court since it was estab-

lished 105 years ago. He joins fellow UM law school alum Judge James R. Browning, a 35-year member of the San Francisco-based court. The 9th Circuit Court has jurisdiction over Montana, California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Summer Learning—"Awaken the Poet in You" or learn how to design your own Web page by enrolling in a workshop or course at the College of Technology. The continuing education summer schedule is available; classes start June 3. Call Nicole at 243-7875 for more information.

Still Glowing—Dave Dickenson, UM's record-setting quarterback and the 1996 Walter Payton Award winner, achieved another milestone in his athletic career May 10 when he carried the Olympic torch for a kilometer near the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City. Dickenson was one of 11 Olympic torchbearers from Montana chosen for the once-in-a-lifetime honor.

NCAA Rep—UM President George Dennison has been elected to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's governing council. NCAA restructuring will place Dennison on a 15-member board of directors that will set policies and enact legislation for Division I-AA. His service to the board

means that UM will be more actively involved in developing NCAA policy. Dennison is in good company on the board, serving with presidents from the University of Missouri, Syracuse University, Washington State University, the University of Georgia, the University of Utah and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. The 15-member board meets for the first time in June.

Top Photographers—UM student photographers clinched five awards in the 51st Annual College Photographer of the Year Competition recently. Steven W. Adams claimed first place for a sports action photo, while Derek Pruitt took third in the same category. Seanna O'Sullivan won third place in the spot news category, and Gregory Rec picked up two Awards of Excellence in the feature photo and personal vision categories.

Spreading the News—Two articles from the winter issue of UM's magazine, the Montanan, have drawn attention far and wide. Articles about American Indians combining modern medicine with traditional healing practices and efforts to preserve American Indian languages have been reprinted in International Native News, Gary Nightowl's Electronic Newsletter, the Indian Health Service Newsletter and the Glacier Reporter in Browning. The articles will be included in a British Columbia author's upcoming book and used as part of a class on American Indian religious practices at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Welcome Guests—Experience another culture while sharing your own for a few days this summer with Japanese students from Kumamoto Gakuen and Toyo universities. The Center for Continuing Education's International Conferences and Institutes seeks Missoula families willing to open their homes to the students, who will be at UM for a month of intense English training. Toyo students will need places to stay July 27-29 and Aug. 19-22. Kumamoto students will need homes July 19-21. If you are interested in opening your home, providing a few meals and sharing your family life with a visitor, call Marsha Stokes, 243-2164.

Candidates debate at UM this month

Candidates vying for Montana's lone U.S. Congressional seat will square off in back-to-back debates on the UM campus Wednesday and Thursday, May 29-30.

The first night will feature Democratic candidates Leo Hudetz, Larry Jent, Mignon Waterman and Bill Yellowtail at 7:30 p.m. May 29 at the Montana Theatre in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The following evening Republican candidates Alan Mikkelsen, Dwight MacKay and Rick Hill will debate at the same time and in the same location.

Sponsored by UM, the Missoulian and the League of Women Voters, the debates are free and open to the public.

Missoulian Editor David Rutter will moderate. Questions will be posed by a panel of journalists and a representative of the League of Women voters.

Time will be allowed each night for audience members to question candidates.

UM's trial team takes third in nation

Months of arguing paid off when members of the UM law school's "Maroon" Trial Team met opposing counsel in a West Palm Beach, Fla., courtroom this spring.

The maroon team brought home a national third place title. The winning started at the regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition in Salt Lake City in late February. The team won all five rounds to become one of two teams to advance to the national tournament in March, where the best of 175 teams from 100 U.S. law schools met in court.

Montana's maroon team continued its winning streak by beating Drake University of Iowa, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University in New York City and Franklin Pierce College of New Hampshire. The team suffered its only season loss by a single point to Florida's Stetson University in the quarterfinals. Stetson went on to beat Creighton University of Omaha to claim the national championship for the fourth year in a row.

Lawyers for the winning team were second-year students John Jensen of Missoula and Michael Siravo of Warwick, R.I. Their expert witness was Gina Stumberg, a second-year student from Bozeman. Bill Clarke, a first-year student from Auburn, Wash., was the lay witness. Coaches are Professor Greg Munro and Associate Professor Cynthia Ford.

UM's trial team won the national championship in 1992, placed second in 1989 and fifth in 1993.



Front row: Michael Siravo, Gina Stumberg, coach Greg Munro. Back row: coach Cynthia Ford, James Raymond (team manager), John Jensen and Bill Clarke.

Student photographers follow hunch, hit the big time

by Betsy Cohen

Being in the right place—outside a federal building men's room—at the right time landed four UM journalism students a \$26,000 contract and the cover of Newsweek.

Graduate students Steve Adams and Derek Pruitt, senior Gregory Rec and junior Bruce Ely got the shots the whole world wanted: photos of the alleged Unabomber Ted Kaczynski on the day of his arrest.

On the afternoon of April 4, the students started down Highway 200 for the 83-mile trip from Missoula to Lincoln after they heard the Unabomber suspect was being detained in Lincoln. En route they spotted a white Bronco speeding away from Lincoln toward Helena. A straggly-looking man among the passengers caught their eye. Acting on a hunch, the students decided to follow that Bronco.

They weren't without doubts. "I honestly believed that we'd get to Helena and four FBI guys would get out and go to dinner and laugh at us for following them the whole way," Rec said.

But as luck and perseverance would have it, their hunch was



Derek Pruitt, Greg Rec, Steve Adams and Bruce Ely.

right and the four students were the only media on hand to photograph the FBI escorting Kaczynski into Helena's federal building. Once in the building, another hunch—they figured "if we all had to go after our drive from Lincoln, the Unabomber did, too"—led them to the men's room, Rec said. They heard voices inside the locked bathroom and waited until the agents brought Kaczynski out, yielding a photo that graces the cover of the April 15 Newsweek.

Another of the students' shots, taken as the agents and Kaczynski headed into the building, is the lead photo in the magazine's coverage.

When national media learned about the photos, the students were inundated with calls. "They were just feeding on us like sharks," Rec said. To avoid competing against each other, the four friends decided to sell their film as a package. They hired media distributor Gamma Liaison as their agent and signed a \$26,000 contract with Newsweek.

So what do the foursome plan on doing with their cash? "Pay off student loans," Rec said.



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