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Kemmis brings vision of the West to UM center

Missoula Mayor Daniel Kemmis will bring his research and knowledge of public policy and the West to academia in September when he takes the helm of a regional study center at The University of Montana—Missoula.

Kemmis will leave the office he has held since January 1990 to become interim director of the Center for the Rocky Mountain West Sept. 3. He will conduct research and write a book about the West while leading the center.

"We're thrilled to have Dan join us to help us continue the momentum in the development of the center as a place to analyze and study the Rocky Mountain West," said UM President George Dennison. "He's been associated with the center since its inception and can assist us as we continue to strengthen the center's foundation."

Missoula voters have twice elected Kemmis, a Democrat, to oversee their city. During his six and a half years as mayor, Kemmis has emerged as a nationally recognized authority on the West's special challenges involving growth and development. Kemmis said his new job at the Center for the Rocky Mountain West will enable him to devote more time to helping the West establish an identity in the face of change.

Kemmis began his political career in 1975 when he was elected to the Montana House of Representatives.

He went on to serve as house minority leader from 1981 to 1982 and as speaker of the house from 1983 to 1984. He served on the Missoula City Council from 1988 to 1989.

A Montana native, Kemmis graduated with honors and a political science degree from Harvard University in 1968. He earned his law degree with honors from the University of Montana Law School in 1978.

He taught courses in ethics and public policy in the West as an adjunct faculty member at UM's Mansfield Center from 1988 to 1989 and will teach a course in the fall with Deni Elliott, UM's Mansfield Professor of Ethics and Public Affairs.

He has written two books, "Community and the Politics of Place" and "The Good City and The Good Life," both of which are widely recognized by political leaders nationwide.

Kemmis said he has enthusiastically supported the center's concept ever since it was first shared with him by Dennison shortly after he became president.

"Missoula cannot manage its challenges alone, any more than Santa Fe can, or Prescott, Moab or Durango, Boulder or

Jackson, Boise or Bozeman," Kemmis said. "We are in this together, and if the West is going, in Wallace Stegner's words, 'to create a society to match its scenery,' then we are going to have to move beyond our partisan and ideological struggles and standoffs to a new maturity in which the West teaches itself to think and act like a region, like the great good place it is meant to be."

Growing toward the future

"If this is the last best place, the task really is to keep it that way," said Bill Farr, "and it's not going to happen without real effort, scrutiny and understanding."

Farr, UM historian and founding director of the Center for the Rocky Mountain West, spoke those words in June 1992, after the state Board of Regents approved establishing the interdisciplinary center on UM's Missoula campus.

In the four years since, Farr and other scholars at UM and beyond have worked to explore and articulate the distinctive history and cultures of the region. The center's interdisciplinary approach includes an emphasis on Native American perspectives and experience.

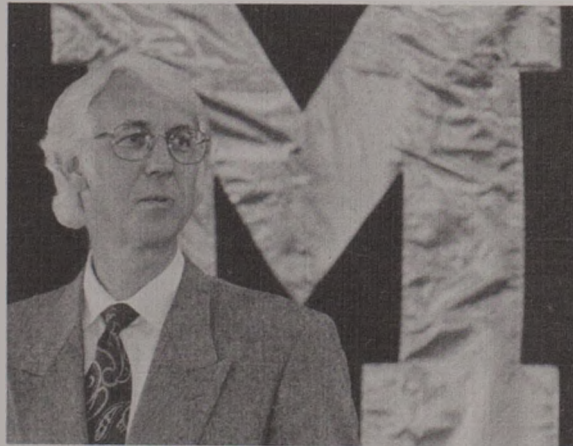
Initially focused on the humanities, the center has broadened its scope to include regional economics

and public policy, said Farr, who now serves as the center's director of humanities studies. The center's original emphases remain, he said, but are enriched and complemented by the new directions.

Through a wide range of lectures, conferences, seminars and other events, the center has fostered public understanding and dialogue about varied aspects of the region's past, present and future. Topics have ranged from Native American religion to the art of Charlie Russell, from hunger in Montana to Thomas Jefferson's vision of the West.

The 350,000 square mile Rocky Mountain West region spans all of Montana as well as parts of seven other states and three Canadian provinces.

The privately funded center got its start through a \$600,000 bequest from alumnus William O'Neill, and later received a \$1 million gift from alumni Carroll and Nancy O'Connor. That gift provided the lion's share of the matching funds for a five-year, \$520,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities that the center received in 1993.



Mayor Kemmis resigns to join UM center.

Professor Williams

Montana's congressman comes home to teach at UM

The University's political science department will gain a hands-on practitioner next January when retiring U.S. Rep. Pat Williams joins the teaching faculty.

UM President George Dennison said that Williams will begin teaching a graduate level course on legislative politics at the University spring semester. Williams' employment at his alma mater will begin as soon as his ninth term in the U.S. House of Representatives ends in January.

"This is coming home for me, not just to Montana," he said, "but I'm coming home to the campus where I began my higher education."

Williams will continue to serve Montanans by teaching and involving himself in service and outreach programs, Dennison said. "We're excited about the opportunities this presents to enhance the quality of education we provide to our students and the variety of services we provide to the state of Montana."

Williams, an elementary school teacher before he entered politics, said he looks forward to returning to the classroom, as much to learn as to teach. One of his goals at UM, he said, is to work with the School of Education and elementary school teachers throughout the state to improve the reading skills of young Montanans.

Dennison said Williams initially will be based in UM's political science department, but will lecture and teach

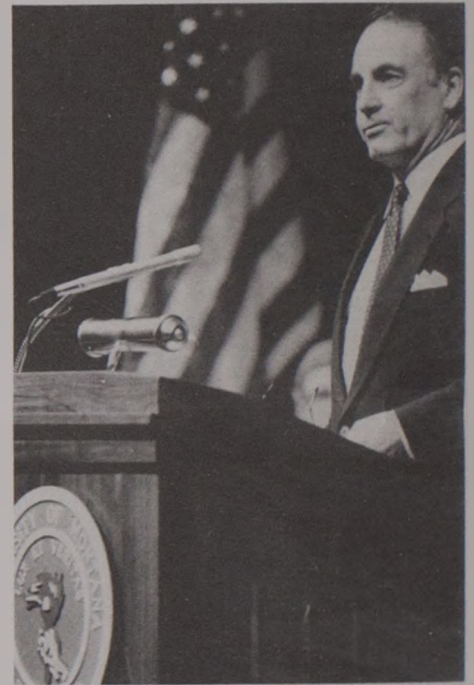
classes in other disciplines including journalism, forestry and the arts.

Shortly after Williams announced last winter that he would not seek another term in Congress, Dennison surveyed UM deans to determine their interest in having Williams teach courses within their various departments. "The response was very strong campuswide," Dennison said. "There were more proposals than you could imagine."

Williams has maintained a strong commitment to education during his eighteen years in the U.S. House of Representatives. He has served on the House Committee on Economic and Education Opportunities since his first term and has chaired that panel's Subcommittee on Select Education, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education and Subcommittee on Labor-Management Relations.

A Democrat, Williams was first elected to Congress in 1978 and won re-election as Montana's Western District Congressman six consecutive times. In 1992, after Montana lost one of its two U.S. House seats in reapportionment, Williams defeated Ron Marlenee to become the state's lone U.S. congressman.

In the early 1980s Williams served for six years on the House Committee on Budget; he has served since his first term on the House Committee on Resources. He has long been known for advocating careful stewardship of the nation's public lands and for defending



Rep. Pat Williams will teach at UM beginning in January 1997.

America's national parks, forests and wilderness areas.

During his tenure in Congress, Williams has authored legislation that established tuition assistance for middle-income students, provided assistance for disabled infants and toddlers, continued support for the arts and barred the cutting and exporting of raw logs from national forest lands.

Backroads of Montana series winds up a winner again

A public radio news program and a television feature program produced by the UM Broadcast Media Center took top honors in the 1996 Montana Broadcasting Awards.

"Backroads of Montana," a television show that took viewers from Havre to Hamilton, was named Television Noncommercial Program of the Year at the Montana Broadcasters Association banquet in West Yellowstone June 30. The association's Radio Noncommercial Program of the Year award went to Sally Mauk, news director for KUFM, Montana Public Radio, which is based at UM.

UM's Bill Knowles, a radio-television professor, shared Radio Program of the Year honors for "The Grizzly Sports Network" with Missoula's KYLT Radio personalities Alan K, Mick Holien and Brad Salonen.

Mauk's award-winning news report examined the debate over making U.S. Highway 93 a four-lane highway through the Flathead Reservation north of Missoula.



The "Backroads" series highlights interesting and unique people, places and events from around Montana. This year's award is the third in six years for the series.

William Marcus, the program's host and director of UM's Broadcast Media Center, shares the honor with co-producers Gus Chambers and Ray Ekness, with whom he has collaborated on previous "Backroads" features.

The program, "Havre to Hamilton," is the seventh in the "Backroads of Montana" series. The eighth program, which features stops in Terry, Glendive, Wibaux and Ekalaka, premiered this month on Montana Television Network stations statewide.

Copies of the first seven programs in the series are available statewide at more than 140 city, county and college libraries. The eighth program will be available at libraries this fall.

"Backroads of Montana" is funded by grants from the Greater Montana Foundation, Travel Montana and UM.

The awards program is sponsored by the Montana Broadcasters Association and the Greater Montana Foundation.



Bear Briefs

Building Tours—Construction has been constant the past few years as new buildings go up on all corners of campus. While buildings like Pantzer Hall and the William and Rosemary Gallagher Building for the School of Business Administration are easily visible to passersby on Arthur Avenue, not everyone has occasion to seek an inside peek. President George Dennison and UM deans invite the Missoula community to campus for an inside view of new and remodeled buildings on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Guided tours of the new business building, the Davidson Honors College, Miller Hall, Pantzer Hall, The K. Ross Toole Family Housing Complex and the Bookstore will be provided for the public from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Before you head home, stop by the Oval for a free ice cream cone and live Dixieland jazz. For more information, call Annie Pontrelli, UM community relations and outreach coordinator, at 243-2488.

Sweet Georgia—Two UM athletic department staff members have joined the work team at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta this month. Gary Hughes, assistant athletic director for internal affairs, and Matt Smith, intercollegiate athletic student intern, will staff the Centennial Olympic Games from mid-July through Aug. 4. Hughes will be a sector coordinator in the Georgia World Congress Center. The nation's largest building, the center houses the International Broadcast Center and eight venues: table tennis, weight lifting, fencing, wrestling, team handball, judo and two disciplines of the modern pentathlon. Smith will be sector coordinator at the Wolf Creek Track & Skeet Range.



Hughes

VIPs on Campus—Three of the people featured in Time Magazine's recent "America's 25 Most Influential People" list spoke at UM in the past

year. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor delivered the commencement address to the UM law school in May 1995. Harvard psychologist Carol Gilligan and Harvard biologist E.O. Wilson were featured speakers in December and May as part of the President's Lecture Series.

Griz Online—Track your favorite Grizzly sport from tennis to track and field on the information superhighway by tapping into UM athletic department's homepage on the World Wide Web. Call up game schedules, find out about the Grizzly Athletic Association, connect with the NCAA Online or play sports trivia for a chance to win a free Grizzly T-shirt and dinner for two at The Depot. The address is: <http://www.umt.edu/sports>.

Serving With Heart—Vernon Grund, professor and chair of UM's pharmaceutical sciences, has been elected president of the Idaho/Montana Affiliate of the American Heart Association. Del Kilgore, UM researcher and professor of biological sciences, is a member of the association's affiliate board. Kilgore is president and Grund is vice president of the Missoula Division of the American Heart Association, which won the 1995-96 affiliate award for the "Most Outstanding Division." Both were instrumental in establishing the Missoula division.



Forestry Associate Professor Kevin O'Hara

Telephone Connections—The Montana World Trade Center's efforts to increase the state's participation in the global marketplace has received a major boost from U S WEST. The UM-based center, which set up shop in Missoula's Milwaukee Station in April, will use a \$10,000 endowment to help cover operating costs as it expands its membership among Montana busi-

nesses. The endowment makes U S WEST the center's first corporate patron.

Penny Copps, community affairs manager for U S WEST, said the company contributed to the center because its "use of telecommunications to link Montana potential exporters with their markets around the world" meets U S WEST goals.

"We have been looking for an organization that would lead the way in developing international trade for Montana," and the World Trade Center fits the bill, Copps said.

Biweekly Pay—Monthly paychecks are a thing of the past for about 1,200 UM employees who will begin receiving biweekly paychecks July 24. All classified staff will be paid every other Wednesday instead of on the eighth of each month.

Faculty, administrators, contract professionals and student employees will continue to be paid once a month, but their payday will be moved to the first of each month beginning Aug. 1.

Forester Honored—UM Associate Professor of silviculture Kevin O'Hara has received a Regional Forester's Honor Award for Public Service for his role in developing the "Continuing Education in Ecosystem Management" course for natural resource managers. USDA Forest Service Region One Forester Hal Salwasser

presented the award to O'Hara, who developed the course with forest service personnel and Penny Morgan of the University of Idaho.

Salwasser said the course is unprecedented as a continuing education effort because it combines the resources of varied organizations and academic disciplines to bring together virtually all natural resource managers for training in ecosystem management.

Campaign nears \$40 million mark

The University of Montana Capital Campaign is \$500,000 away from reaching its \$40 million goal 18 months ahead of schedule.

Contributions made to the UM Foundation's Excellence Fund during the spring phonathon pushed the campaign, "Ensuring a Tradition of Excellence," to the \$39.5 million mark. The campaign's target date for completion of the \$40 million effort is December 1997.

Telephone calls to alumni and friends between Feb. 26 and April 4 brought in \$264,335 — a record high for an Excellence Fund phonathon — to meet the University's current needs. The amount is counted as part of the \$4 million "current challenges" priority of the Capital Campaign.

Excellence Fund drives throughout the campaign — semiannual phonathons, Missoula business drives, senior challenges, reunion class gifts and direct-mail campaigns — have counted toward the current challenges goal. But 1995-96 was designated as the year when the greatest effort would be made to include annual fund contributors in the historic campaign.

"Our annual fund donors really stepped forward to make sure that

current needs remained a critical area for private support at the University as well as a campaign priority," said Phyllis Washington, national chairwoman of UM's Capital Campaign.

With tremendous effort directed toward including as many alumni and friends as possible, phonathon commitments came from 4,962 people, of whom 536 were first-time donors to the University. An additional 2,217 said they would review Excellence Fund materials and consider making a gift, which resulted in checks totaling \$24,209.

Shawn Gunnin, director of annual giving programs, attributes much of the phonathon's success to an exceptional group of student callers. "They responded well to the training and were strongly motivated to make the Excellence Fund itself and the capital campaign a big success," she said. "Students see effects of private support at this University daily, and they can speak with passion about UM's needs."

Student callers were motivated by competition among themselves. Dean Keith, a junior psychology major from Great Falls, and Heather Constable, a freshman in pre-medicine from Kalispell, single-handedly generated about \$15,000 each.

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**Ensuring a
Tradition of
Excellence**

Mansfield Center hosts trade retreat

Trade and investment in Chinese agriculture were the focus of the first Mansfield Pacific Retreat hosted by UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and Sen. Max Baucus last month at the Flathead Lake Lodge.

Chinese Ambassador Li Daoyu and U.S. Ambassador James R. Sasser were among the government and corporate leaders from both countries who met for informal discussions during the retreat. "Working With China: Trade, Investment and Agriculture," June 27-29. Participants examined trade interests of China and the United States, wheat and grain trade, partnerships and negotiating strategies, new trends in world trade and social and political changes in both countries.



Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, left, greets China's Vice Minister of Agriculture Wu Yixia, front, and Chinese Ambassador to the United States Li Daoyu as Mansfield Center Director Phil West makes the introductions.

Humanities committee seeks nominations

The Montana Committee for the Humanities, based at UM, is accepting nominations for this year's Governor's Humanities Awards.

The selection process will focus on scholarship in and service to the humanities, the enhancement of public understanding of the humanities and other humanities-related endeavors. The humanities include literature, history, philosophy, languages and related disciplines.

The deadline for nominations is Aug. 15. Up to three individuals or organizations will be selected for the awards, which will be presented by Gov. Marc Racicot in November.

Each nomination should be no more than two pages long and should focus on the nominee's humanities contributions. Nominations should be mailed to MCH at P.O. Box 8036 Hellgate Station, Missoula, MT 59807.

Free ethics lectures offered for public

The practice and teaching of ethics will be the focus of a free public lecture series at UM Monday through Thursday, July 22-25.

Seven lectures are planned in conjunction with the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics Summer Workshop hosted by UM and its Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center.

The lectures, all held in Room 304 of the Journalism Building, include: "Appropriate Outcomes for Ethics Consultants" by David Ozar, director of Loyola University's Center for Ethics Across the University, at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday and "Conflicts of Interest" by Michael Pritchard, director of the Western Michigan University Ethics Center, at 11 a.m. Thursday. The workshop and lectures were coordinated by Deni Elliott, Mansfield Professor of Ethics in Public Affairs at UM.

The lectures continue throughout the week. For more information and a schedule of other lectures, call the Mansfield Center at 243-2988.



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