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Connecting Campus and Community

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UM offers students new financial aid

The first new state financial aid program in more than 20 years will start paying big dividends for students at the University of Montana campuses this year.

Mick Hanson, UM financial aid director, said that \$100,000 in excess interest earnings will be distributed to students attending UM and its sister campuses for the 1998-99 school year. Eligible students who are Montana residents will receive grant awards of up to \$500 through the Montana Tuition Assistance Program (MTAP). Unlike student loans, these awards do not have to be paid back.

The earnings will be distributed as follows: \$68,390 to the Missoula campus, \$16,360 to Montana Tech in Butte, \$8,950 to Western Montana College in Dillon and \$6,300 to the Helena College of Technology.

"This means we should have 200 additional MTAP grant awards for all campuses," Hanson said. "Students need not apply or request this money. Instead the financial aid office will survey students who have applied for aid and grant additional MTAP awards to those who have remaining needs."

No new tax dollars will be required to fund MTAP. The program will be financed by excess interest earnings generated by the UM campuses. In the past these earnings were put back into UM's general fund. Hanson said UM financial leaders deserve credit for adeptly managing finances to generate extra interest earnings for MTAP.

"When it comes down to it," Hanson said, "money for MTAP was earned by student dollars, and this money will be returned to the students who need it most."

UM rises to America Reads Challenge

In response to President Clinton's America Reads Challenge, the University has strengthened its commitment to help Missoula school children become better readers.

With the start of the 1998 school year, UM will place more than 15 work-study students in local elementary schools as tutors. UM President George Dennison increased the number from 12 after the program received high marks from teachers and principals whose schools used tutors last year.

"I'm very eager for this program to succeed," Dennison said. "It benefits all children and the people of Montana."

Dennison is one of 21 U.S. college and university presidents who serve on Clinton's America Reads College Presidents' Steering Committee. Clinton launched the challenge in early 1997, calling on colleges and universities to commit some of their work-study students to serve as reading tutors.

Clinton also encouraged reading specialists and tutor coordinators to help mobilize an army of reading tutors.

UM was quick to respond. Dennison sent a dozen work-study students to work 10 hours each per week in one of three area elementary schools — Dickinson, Hawthorne and Lolo. In addition, UM Volunteer Action Services sent out 26 students to tutor in other local elementary schools.

In June, the U.S. Department of Education announced that Montana and Alaska — tied at 66 percent — top the list of states with colleges committed to America Reads.

Mick Hanson, UM financial aid director, said UM is the only college or university in Montana to provide work-study students for off-campus work.

The federal government pays 100 percent of the wages of Federal Work-Study students who tutor children in the community.



Ph.D.s could boost UM's academic rating

The number of doctoral degrees awarded this year brought UM one step closer to re-claiming its Carnegie Foundation academic rating as a Doctoral University I.

UM Provost Robert L. Kindrick said 41 doctoral degrees already have been awarded in 1998, while another six doctoral students are likely to complete their degrees by the end of the year.

To regain the status, UM must confer at least 40 doctoral degrees each year until academic year 2000-01, when the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching conducts its next survey.

UM held Doctoral University I

status, the third-highest ranking of the Carnegie Foundation's 10 classifications, until 1994. The status wasn't achieved in that year's survey because UM's doctoral graduation numbers had fallen into the 20s.

The foundation also requires that an institution bring in at least \$10 million a year in research funding. UM brought in about \$25 million last year.

Kindrick said re-claiming the ranking would put UM in a better position to bring in more research dollars, recruit faculty and help students who leave here find better jobs.

Only about 6.5 percent of the nation's colleges and universities rank in Carnegie's top four categories.

President calls for commitment to Montana's Promise

by President George M. Dennison

An extraordinary event — the Governors' Summit on Youth: Montana's Promise — occurred in Billings June 14-16, when some 1,500 Montanans assembled to affirm their commitment to the future of the state's youth.

Those in attendance left after two magical days of collaborative effort to assure that an additional 30,000 Montana kids will have access to the five resources we know will make a difference in their lives: a healthy start in life, a relationship with a caring adult, a safe place, marketable skills acquired through a responsive education and an opportunity to give back through voluntary service to the communities that have assisted them.

The delegates from Montana communities worked together to develop action plans of their own for implementation back home. The summit and follow-up effort, known as Montana's Promise, rely upon people planning and acting locally for success. Nothing in this wonderful event or the strategic plan for Montana's Promise even hints at imposition, but rather looks toward collaboration and cooperation to assure Montana's future.

The idea for the Governors' Summit grew from the example of Colin Powell's Presidential Summit last year and America's Promise, which will help accomplish the national summit agenda of assisting two million additional kids by the year 2000.

The Governors' Summit occurred in large measure because of the dedication and commitment of a diverse group of



Dennison

people who banded together for the common purpose of helping Montana kids. Critical financial support came from sponsors who contributed to underwrite the summit's expenses and to provide funds for the follow-up efforts of Montana's Promise.

The Governor's Council on Community Service has the responsibility to coordinate Montana's Promise and assure that it succeeds. The council will accomplish its mandate by doing all that it can to assist communities in implementing their own plans of action. In that effort, the council will facilitate access to in-kind and other support pledged by the sponsors, help communities access the support pledged by national sponsors in America's Promise Book and help communities raise the resources necessary for the implementation of their plans.

Lt. Gov. Judy Martz will remain a leader in the effort and report annually to the people of Montana on the progress made toward achieving the goal of helping more kids.

I have dedicated a considerable portion of my time over the years to community service because I believe that cultivating habits of the heart makes a difference in the quality of life in all our communities. However, I can say without reservation that the extraordinary event in Billings has the potential to transform our communities if we all come together to implement the action plans that the local delegations have developed.

If we succeed in this critical endeavor, we will help restore, to a great extent, the vitality and excitement that have distinguished life in our communities for most of our state's history. I can think of nothing more deserving of our collective support.

President Dennison served as vice chair of the Steering Committee for the Governors' Summit on Youth: Montana's Promise. He also chairs the Governor's Council on Community Service.

Gallagher Building put to good use

The Gallagher Building, home to the UM School of Business Administration, has become one of the thriving hearts of the campus community.

Reno Wittman, receptionist for business Dean Larry Gianchetta, says she spends most of her time scheduling classes and group meetings for the \$15.5 million building, which was completed in July 1996.

William and Rosemary Gallagher, for whom the building is named, contributed the first \$1 million to the project. The Montana Legislature provided \$13 million for construction, while other private donors equipped and furnished the building.

"Scheduling can be crazy," Wittman said. "But this is one of the nicer buildings on campus, and we have so much technology that people like to use the facility."

The 110,000-square-foot building contains more than 100 computer workstations in its four levels. Also, many of the building's classrooms and computer labs are wired with state-of-the-art technology, courtesy of Hewlett-Packard Co. and Microsoft Corp.

Business classes are given priority for use, but about a quarter of the classes taught in the building represent other campus departments. In addition, the building is used by a variety of off-campus groups — from local businesses such as Roscoe Steel & Culvert Co. to organizations such as the Boy Scouts, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Audubon Society.

The posh Executive Boardroom on the top floor is a favorite for meetings, Wittman said, but the busiest room is 108 on the main level, a lecture hall equipped with leading-edge technology and a big screen.

"That room is scheduled from 8:10 a.m. until 9 p.m., five days a week," she said.

UM Calendar

Monday, July 27

Miller Barber's Montana Pro-Am—featuring PGA Tour commissioner Timothy W. Finchem and golf TV analyst Gary McCord, Missoula Country Club. Golf clinic, 9:30 a.m.; tournament, 11 a.m. Gallery tickets \$15 in advance at Ole's and Albertson's stores and from all Sentinel Kiwanis members. Call (406) 243-5105 for information.

Tuesday, July 28

Shakespeare in the Park—"A Midsummer Night's Dream," 6:30 p.m., UM Oval (University Theatre in case of rain). Free.

Wednesday, July 29

Shakespeare in the Park—"The Winter's Tale," 6:30 p.m., UM Oval (University Theatre in case of rain). Free.

Sunday, August 23

Great Griz Encounter—meet the 1998 Grizzly football team, 3-5 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Public welcome. Free.



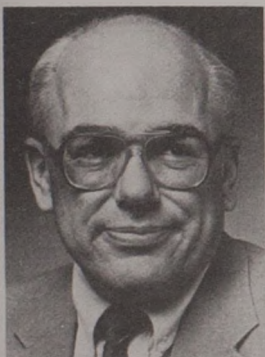
Friday, August 28

State of the University Address—coffee at 9:30 a.m.; President George Dennison gives the annual address at 10 a.m., Montana Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Public welcome.



Bear Briefs

Bond, James Bond—Historian turned financier James E. Todd is, sadly, history at UM. Affectionately known around the UM community as "James Bond" for his work in securing revenue bonds for campus building projects, Todd has retired. As vice president for administration and finance, Todd led bonding projects totaling \$150 million over the past seven years. Todd



Todd

started his career in academia as a history professor at Kearney State College in Nebraska in the 1960s. For more than 35 years, he served in finance and administration at institutions of higher education. President Dennison will ask the state Board of Regents to name the new continuing education and printing building in Todd's honor. Todd and his wife, Jo, will divide their time between Michigan and New Mexico. Associate Vice President Rosi Keller will serve as interim vice president while the search for Todd's replacement continues.

Lights Out—UM's Harry Adams Field House will officially close in mid-July for a \$14.8 million renovation project. Contractors are halfway through the project's first phase — the addition of a \$1.6 million auxiliary gym. Remodeling of the arena will begin in late July, while bids will be sought after Jan. 1 for completion of the field house lobby and offices.

Wined And Dined—UM's award-winning chefs, Martin Albrecht and Tom Siegel, teamed up with a Missoula wine merchant June 4 to bring the community an evening of dining elegance. The menu included beef in a bordelaise sauce surrounded by a medley of turned vegetables. The evening included information about wines and which ones go best with certain foods. This was the first in a series of Chef Meets Winemaker dinners to be held throughout the year at UM. The next dinner will be held during fall semester.

Student Documentary—"Into the Earth: Hard Rocks, Hard Choices," a TV documentary produced by 22 UM broadcast journalism students, premiered on Montana Public Television June 22. The one-hour program examines the ongoing dichotomy of the mining industry in Montana — jobs vs. environmental concerns. It's the 13th production of the Student Documentary Unit since its inception in 1986. If you missed this program, watch KUSM-TV and KUFM-TV channel listings for a rerun in August or September.

Seeking Solutions—Some of the nation's foremost experts on preventing school violence were in Missoula June 17-19 for a summit sponsored by U.S. Sen. Max Baucus and UM. The Northern Rockies Summit on Safe Schools: Preventing Violence, Promoting Responsible Behavior brought together about 200 school board members, superintendents, school resource officers, law enforcement personnel, mental health professionals and parents concerned about making schools safer. The summit, which came in the wake of fatal shootings at schools in Oregon, Arkansas and Kentucky, examined ways to prevent and reduce school violence, manage behavior, prevent drug and alcohol abuse, and deal with gangs and weapons.

Running Tallies—UM forestry Professor Steve Running, an international expert in biospheric climate change, organized a FLUXNET conference in June that drew 70 of the world's leading scientists to Polson to discuss ways of coordinating the international flow of terrestrial climate-change data. The group, which Running co-chairs, created a blueprint for a better biospheric monitoring system. The system will connect 70 carbon dioxide monitoring towers around the globe to allow a worldwide exchange of information about greenhouse gases and global warming. "We have all this raw data," Running said, "but now we will have a global network that will (eventually) give a global map of carbon balance."

Top Shooter—Bruce Ely, a UM journalism graduate, recently shot his way to the top of college photography, garnering first place in the National Photojournalism Championship in the

William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Awards Program. Ely claimed \$5,000 for his first-place finish and says he will use the money to pay off student loans. He was flown to San Francisco May 14 for the shoot-out, after being chosen a national finalist. Ely first gained fame in the journalism world as a UM junior, when his photos capturing the arrest of Unabomber Ted Kaczynski were featured with the cover story of Newsweek's April 15, 1996, issue.

Jam Crammed—The largest event ever at UM, the Pearl Jam concert June 20 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, brought 22,000 fans to Missoula, some from as far away as Amsterdam and Africa. The concert is likely the largest ever to be held in Montana. The Seattle grunge-rock band is considered one of the biggest rock groups of the decade. The concert was Jam's third appearance at UM and the kickoff for the group's 1998 North American tour. Bass guitarist Jeff Ament, a onetime UM student, said \$40,000 of the concert proceeds will go to recreational, environmental and social causes in Missoula. UM Productions hired about 150 students to help stage the performance.

Distinguished Jurists—The Castles Center in the basement of UM's Law Building was the site for hearings by justices of the nation's second highest court May 21. A three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals heard four cases — two criminal and two civil — at UM, then stayed for the School of Law's annual



Thomas

Hooping Ceremony May 23. Judges Harry Pregerson and A. Wallace Tashima of Los Angeles joined Judge Sidney R. Thomas of Billings on the panel. Thomas is a UM law school graduate who practiced law with the Moulton, Bellingham, Longo and Mather firm in Billings before his appointment to the court in 1996.

Life's Work *UM acquires Henry Meloy's art collection*

The University of Montana's art holdings tripled this spring with the permanent loan of the Henry Meloy Collection to UM's Museum of Fine Arts.

The collection includes almost the entire life's work of artist Henry Meloy, a Townsend native who was educated at the Art Institute of Chicago and served on the art faculty of Columbia University.

The permanent loan to UM was made through the Henry Meloy Educational Trust.

Meloy's brother, Peter, is credited with showing his brother's selected works in national exhibits. Many of Meloy's works appear in major museum collections, including the one at the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

The UM Museum of Fine Arts is organized to care for, exhibit and develop programs for the permanent collection of the University.

"The collection has been the most extensive of any art institution in the state for some time," said James Kriley, former dean of the School of Fine Arts, which oversees the University's permanent collection. "We are honored to include such a remarkable array of the life work of a major Montana artist in our holdings. These sorts of transactions are very rare. We thank the Meloy family for this wonderful opportunity."

An inaugural exhibit of the Henry Meloy Collection will be held in October to coincide with UM's Homecoming. At that time, the Paxson Gallery in UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center will be renamed the Henry Meloy Gallery at the Museum of Fine Arts.

The exhibit will include a lecture on Meloy's life and work. Information about the artist also will be available

next fall through the museum's Web site.

After Meloy's death, his family gathered the contents of his studio and brought them home to Montana. The family has since curated and sold the work through the Henry Meloy Educational Trust. Profits

from these sales have been used to provide scholarships for Montana students majoring in visual arts at UM, Montana State University and Carroll College.

Through the current arrangement, UM will curate, exhibit, travel and sell portions of the Henry Meloy Collection to benefit the Henry Meloy Educational Trust and the Museum of Fine Arts.



Meloy



"Self Portrait"

About the artist

In high school, Meloy was known for his drawing abilities.

In 1923, he entered the Art Institute of Chicago, where he spent two years before moving to New York City. There he made a living selling Western story illustrations and enrolled at the National Academy of Art in the fall of 1926 to study with Robert Henri. When the cost of tuition at the academy became too great for Meloy in 1927, he transferred to the Art Students League.

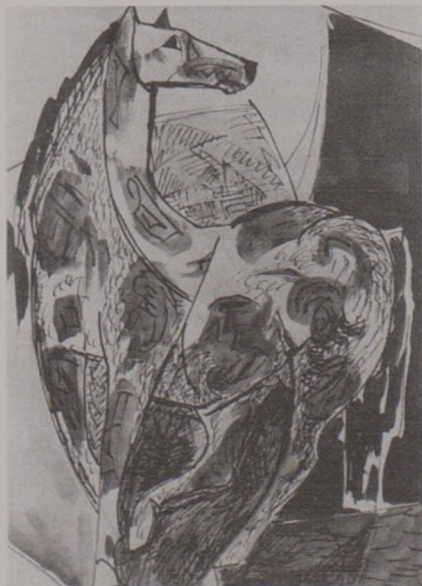
Meloy struggled between 1929 and 1940, receiving a few Works Progress Administration commissions, including one in the Hamilton post office. Like many artists, he at times received welfare funds to subsist.

In the fall of 1940, Columbia University hired Meloy to teach painting and drawing. He taught there until he died of a heart attack in 1951 at age 49. His parents inherited his life's work — several thousand paintings and drawings — and created the nonprofit Henry Meloy Educational Trust.

Meloy died before receiving the recognition he now holds in the art world.



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