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Connecting Campus and Community

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UM international festival serves up world culture, cuisine in 80 flavors

Anyone who's ever wanted to taste real Black Forest cake, see live belly dancing, learn how to put on a kimono or just escape to a faraway place at almost no cost will get the chance Sunday, March 28, when the International Food and Culture Festival takes over the University Center at The University of Montana.

Sponsored by the International Student Association, the festival, "Around the World in 80 Flavors," will be a melange of attractions for all members of the community. It's scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m., starting with a parade in the University Center led by Japanese students with taiko drums. UM President George Dennison will give a welcoming address at 2:30 p.m. The event is free, although a \$1 donation will be appreciated.

Members of the Missoula community will be part of the event as well, providing Scottish bagpipes and Norwegian folk dance performances, among other things.

As always, the food will be a big attraction, with more than 45 countries represented. From spicy Thai chicken or vegetarian Indian dishes to Black Forest cake from Germany, it will be there for the tasting at not-for-profit prices.



Foods of other countries are a festival favorite.

"Students really put their hearts into this," festival coordinator Mona Mondava said. "They call home for the favorite family recipe from grandma and have special ingredients imported to make sure it is totally authentic."

But the food is just the frosting on the cake, she said. The festival will provide an afternoon of fun, with Latin American guitar music, Japanese and Chinese songs offered by students wearing traditional dress, and Malaysian and Indian instrumental music played on instruments from those countries. There will be dancing from all over the world, and international dress will go on parade in the World Costumes Show.

Back this year will be the ever-popular Children's World Festival, offering sumo-wrestling, henna hand painting, Hawaiian face painting, origami lessons and mask making of animals from around the world. A traditional Japanese fairy tale, "The Peach Boy," will be staged as a puppet show.

The festival will kick off International Week at UM.

Public events are scheduled throughout the week, including a soccer tournament, films and lectures.

The Japan Festival will take place in conjunction with the International Food and Culture Festival at the University Center the same day.

—Terry Brenner

UM law teams sweep regional competition

Two law teams from UM came away regional winners from a mock product liability case at the Student Trial Regional Competition.

In the competition, held in Las Vegas Feb. 25-28, student teams argued a case involving an injury allegedly caused by a defective seat belt. Montana, Georgetown and Pepperdine were the only universities to get both of their teams into the elimination rounds.

The UM teams will compete at the national championship in New Orleans this month.

UM's varsity team is comprised of third-year students Katie DeSoto, Tim Peck and C.J. Johnson, and first-year student Mary Ann Ries. DeSoto and Peck portrayed lawyers, while Johnson was the lay witness and Ries the expert. After taking on opponents in preliminary rounds, varsity conquered perennial contender Golden Gate in the semifinal round.

Members of UM's junior varsity team are second-year students Tasha Prinzing, Sean Goicoechea and Jorge Quintana, and first-year student Bruce Butler. Lawyers for the team were Prinzing and Goicoechea. Quintana and Butler were witnesses. The team went up against Willamette, Georgetown and Pepperdine in the preliminary rounds, and beat Georgetown in the semifinals. In the finals, the varsity team was victorious over Georgetown, while the JV team vanquished Seattle University.

The teams are coached by law Professor Cynthia Ford and Karen Townsend, Missoula deputy county attorney. Funding is from the Montana Trial Lawyers Association, Montana Defense Trial Lawyers Association and the law firm of Knight, Dahood, McLean & Everett.



Sumo-wrestling was popular at last year's festival. (UM photo by Jasmin Shah)

Dennison outlines importance of service learning

Service learning is a vital component of preparing students to take a productive role in society, according to UM President George Dennison.

Dennison spoke about his views on service learning in an interview conducted by Joy Montalban, a freshman majoring in elementary education at UM. She was chosen to interview Dennison by Andrea Vernon, director of UM's Volunteer Action Services, on behalf of Campus Compact.

Campus Compact, a national coalition of college and university presidents, is dedicated to furthering campus-based community service. The organization was formed in 1985 to combat the popular image of materialistic, self-absorbed young people.

Montalban, of Billings, is part of a Campus Compact project that seeks to connect 200 presidents and student leaders for an interview about community service. She was selected by Vernon because of her history of community service — for organizations like America Reads and the Poverello Center — and her demonstrated interest in service learning. She earned the title of "Templeton Fellow" for conducting the interview.

In Montalban's interview with Dennison — who is on the board of Campus Compact — he explained how students who perform community service are learning valuable skills that they will carry with them into their future careers.

"These experiences are going to shape the lives of these students," Dennison said. "There is more to life than the salary you get."

He also stressed that service learning is a win-win situation for students, schools and communities.

"It's a benefit for the University because it keeps us connected with what's going on in the community," he said. "It advances the education, helps the community and helps the student."

Dennison cited a survey that showed that students who are involved in community service do better in school. He also



President George Dennison takes questions from UM student Joy Montalban.

pointed out that getting students involved in civic projects will likely increase their political involvement. Dennison said students who opt for a strictly technological education, rather than a traditional liberal arts curriculum — of which service learning is a part — miss out on crucial character-building.

"If we don't remain a part of the community, then we're not going to have a healthy community for the students," he said. "Let's educate people for life and not for the job that they're going to do tomorrow."

Montalban said she came away from the meeting energized and excited.

"I thought it was really interesting," she said. "I think if anything, it really strengthened my belief in service learning, my commitment to it."

Montalban transcribed the interview and forwarded a copy to Campus Compact, which is based at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

—Patia Stephens

Mansfield Library banquet honors MSU president

Author and Montana State University President Michael Malone will receive the H.G. Merriam Award for Distinguished Contributions to Montana Literature Wednesday, April 14, during the Friends of the Mansfield Library Annual Spring Banquet at Missoula's Holiday Inn Parkside.

Banquet tickets cost \$18 per person, and reservations may be made by calling the Mansfield Library at (406) 243-6800. The evening begins with a no-host reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations should be made by Friday, April 9.

The Friends of the Library, based at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at UM, has honored authors for contributions to Montana literature at each spring banquet since 1952.

Malone has co-authored eight books since 1976, including "Montana: A Contemporary Profile," "Montana — A History of Two Centuries" and "The Battle for Butte: Mining and Politics on the Northern Frontier," which earned him the Emil and Kathleen Sick Award for Western History.

Malone has authored more than 20 articles and book chapters, presented papers to numerous learned societies and written book reviews in a dozen academic journals and several popular journals.

UM history Professor Harry Fritz will be master of ceremonies during the banquet. Missoula musician Jodi Marshall will provide musical entertainment.

Funds restricted to construction

The President's Office recently compiled a list of the most frequently asked questions and answers about the University, including the following. Future issues of Main Hall to Main Street will carry others.

Question: The University campuses often point out the shrinking revenues the state provides as a problem related to the daily operation of the campuses. Why can't the University use some of its construction money to alleviate its budgeting woes?

Answer: Funding for capital improvements comes from three primary sources: the state long-range building program, private donations and the issuance of revenue bonds. The long-range building program earmarks funds, excluding operational costs, for the construction/renovation of specific projects approved by the Legislature.

To date, major private donations to the University are restricted by the donor for the purpose of constructing facilities. Therefore, the University has no discretion to use these funds for operational purposes.

Bond proceeds can only be used for the acquisition, renovation or construction of properties/facilities (projects) as defined in the bond document, which specifically precludes use for operational expenses. Any bond fund remaining at the completion of the project must be used to make future debt service payments.



Bear Briefs

Scholar AND Athlete—Margo Tufts, a senior midfielder on the Montana women's soccer team, was one of 33 athletes named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Scholar-Athlete All-America team. She maintains a 3.96 grade-point average in liberal studies and was named to the second team for her efforts both in the classroom and on the field. Tufts helped lead Montana to a 15-5-1 record and a second-place Big Sky Conference finish last season.

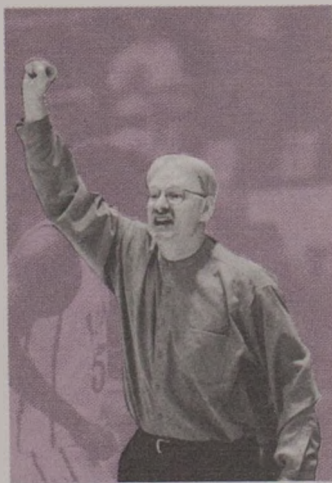
High Honor—UM President George Dennison was honored last month by U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley for work on President Clinton's America Reads-America Counts Steering Committee of College and University Presidents. One of 21 on the committee, Dennison received the Secretary's Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to the educational success of America's students through the America Reads-America Counts program. President Bill Clinton issued the America Reads Challenge in 1997: that every schoolchild in America learn to read well and independently by third grade. America Counts, an initiative designed to help students master mathematics by the end of eighth grade, was added to the challenge this year.

Ethically Superior—A team of UM students tied for third place overall recently at the National Ethics Bowl in Washington, D.C. The event pitted 24 college teams in a competition requiring them to interpret 10 ethical questions, including "Should the United States adopt the concept of a constitutional right to income? Should private employers be required to allow free expression among their employees?" This is the third year UM has participated in the national competition. In 1997 the team finished first. Last year's team took fourth. This year the team finished behind first-place Texas Wesleyan University and second-place Palo Alto College of Texas.

People Placement—The international cast of *Up With People* needs host families for 140 students from more than 20 countries during its four-day visit to Missoula Sunday, March 28, through Wednesday, March 31. The group will perform at the University Theatre at 7:30 p.m. March 29-30. Call 327-6212 for the local *Up With People* advance team.

Broken Record—Once again UM has its highest student headcount ever for spring semester. Student enrollment is 11,723 or 32 more than for spring semester 1998. However, full-time equivalents (FTEs) decreased from 10,482 a year ago to 10,433 this spring. Of UM's total number of students, 750 are enrolled at the College of Technology, 8,317 are Montana residents and 3,406 are nonresidents.

Head Coach Holst—Don Holst is acting no more. The interim coach of the Montana Grizzlies basketball team officially claimed the title of head coach this month. In naming Holst to the position, Grizzly Athletics Director Wayne Hogan carried on a long-standing UM tradition of promoting a hoopster head coach from within the ranks. Popular with Grizzly fans, Holst, 47, is the 22nd head coach in 92 years of Grizzly basketball. He was an assistant coach for 11 years before being named to the top position on an interim basis this season, after Blaine Taylor left to join his mentor, Mike Montgomery, as assistant coach for the Stanford University Cardinal.



Head Coach Don Holst

Authors Lauded—More than 20 UM faculty authors who published works during 1998 will be recognized Friday, March 26, during the Mansfield Birthday Celebration Honoring UM Faculty Authors. The party will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Davidson Honors College lounge, and the public is welcome to attend. The free event also honors the March birthdays of both Maureen and Mike Mansfield, for whom the library is named. A prominent Montana politician, Mansfield served in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, and was U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

Top Cop—Sgt. Charles Gatewood of UM's Office of Campus Security was among five veteran Missoula-area law enforcement officers honored recently by the Missoula Exchange Club. Gatewood headed up UM's security efforts at last summer's Pearl Jam concert, attended by more than 21,000 people. He also has been responsible for many law enforcement training programs offered across the state.

Good Cause—The second annual UM Women's Law Caucus Silent Auction will be held Wednesday, March 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Missoula Art Museum, located at 335 N. Pattee. The auction benefits the YWCA Pathways Battered Women's Shelter. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a wide range of items will be auctioned — from art to kayak lessons.

Fish Mysteries—More than 200 researchers from across the United States, Canada, Germany and New Zealand were in Missoula Feb. 18-20 for the fifth annual Whirling Disease Symposium. Hosted by UM and the Whirling Disease Foundation, the event brought together scientists who are studying the malady that has devastated some of the country's best wild trout fisheries. UM biology Professor Bill Granath says the symposium allowed researchers to share their research about the disease, evaluate what has been accomplished during the past year and set priorities for the coming year.

Expanding Exchanges—UM students may now study in Chile as part of a new exchange program. UM recently signed an exchange agreement with the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile in that country's capital city, Santiago. PUC has about 17,400 students and is one of South America's oldest and most prestigious universities, according to Mark Lusk, assistant vice president for research and international programs at UM. For more information about this exchange program and the many others offered by UM, call UM's International Programs office at (406) 243-2288.

It's A Date—Mark your calendars for a fun weekend of football and renewing acquaintances during UM's Homecoming festivities Oct. 8-9. Call the UM Alumni Association at (406) 243-5211 for details.

UM Calendar

Thursday, March 25

Art exhibit—Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis exhibit, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon.-Sat., through March 31, Gallery of Visual Arts, Social Science Building. Free.

UC Spring Art Fair—10 a.m.-6 p.m. through Saturday, March 27, University Center Atrium. Free.

Friday, March 26

Evening of Comedy—comedian Paula Poundstone, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$26/reserved; call 1-888-MONTANA or 243-4051.

Tuesday, March 30

Faculty recital—baritone Stephen Kalm, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$5/general, \$3/students and senior citizens.

Dance production—Spring Dance Showcase, 7:30 p.m. nightly through April 2, Open Space, Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center. Tickets \$4; call 243-4581.

Wednesday, March 31

High Adventure Presentations & Seminars—"Flyfishing Western Montana," by Paul Koller of the Missoulian Angler, 7 p.m., Social Science Building Room 356. Free.

Friday, April 2

Concert—Symphonic Wind Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Free.

Friday, April 9

Concert—The Jubes and the Virtual Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Free.

Sunday, April 11

Musical—Beehive, Broadway's 60s musical sensation, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$20/advance, \$22/day of show; call 243-4051 or 1-888-MONTANA.

Tuesday, April 13

Musical theater—Three Penny Opera, 7:30 p.m. April 13-17 and 20-24 (2 p.m. matinees April 17 and 24), Montana Theatre. Tickets \$11/general, \$10/students & senior citizens.

Friday, April 16

Performing Arts Series—The Second City, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$14/general, \$13/faculty, staff and senior citizens, \$12/students and youth. Call 243-4999 or 1-888-TIC-IT-E-Z.

UM center shares NASA data with Montana schools, resource managers

UM forestry Professor Steve Running and his staff have designed software for NASA's Earth Observing System (EOS) satellite, a \$7 billion instrument that will monitor ecosystems from space. But their work won't end after this summer's launch.

The EOS Natural Resource Training Center was started at UM Feb. 1 to meet the challenges of teaching natural resource managers and educators about NASA's newest remote sensing applications.

Several UM agencies will work with the training center to disseminate information gathered by the EOS satellite after the launch. Within UM's School of Forestry, for example, the Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group, along with the Bolle Center for People and Forests, will work to acquire, process and present EOS data in a relevant and meaningful manner to natural resource managers. George Bailey and his staff at the Northern Rockies Sky School, located in the School of Education, will plan professional teacher training and teacher in-service training to begin demonstrating the concepts of remote sensing, along with bringing basic Global Information System applications into classrooms.

To address the needs of a large and diverse user group, the EOS International Training Center will use the skills

and resources of faculty and staff in UM's schools of forestry and education, as well as those of peers at universities in Alaska, Idaho and Missouri. This coordinated effort will allow the schools to meet the diverse needs of national resource managers and the K-12 educational community.

Objectives of the project include training natural resource land managers to find, acquire, analyze and interpret EOS data to enhance the utility of EOS in land management; identifying, developing and disseminating EOS-related curricula for K-12 education; and providing professional development for high school and elementary teachers.

U.S. Sen. Conrad Burns was instrumental in garnering funding for the training center — \$10.5 million over the next three years. Senators in Alaska, Idaho, Missouri and Colorado also helped get money for the project, since universities and schools in those states will partner with the UM training center. Other partners are Region One of the U.S. Forest Service and the Intermountain Fire Sciences Lab at the Rocky Mountain Research Station.

More information about the project will be available at <http://www.umt.edu/eostrainingcenter> when that Web site goes online.

—Cary Shimek

Students use spring break to help others

Forty-eight UM students abandoned traditional spring break plans this month for a chance to help others through experiential learning projects.

Teams of 12 UM students each traveled at their own cost to four Utah and California locations to perform community service as part of the 1999 Alternative Spring Break, offered by UM's Volunteer Action Services March 13-21.

Students learned about issues such as hunger, food systems and the environment by participating in short-term service projects at sites ranging from desert plateaus to coastal dunes. By traveling to a community outside Montana, organizers say, a student's awareness of social

problems can be heightened.

One UM group worked to restore the natural beauty and habitats in the Moab, Utah, area, by participating in efforts to control noxious weed populations and establish trail systems.

Another group helped to restore coastal dunes in Arcata, Calif. Other UM students worked in a community garden with elementary school students in the Edible School Yard in Berkeley, Calif.

In San Francisco a UM team helped to organize national displays of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Later in the week students spent two days at Project Open Hand, where they prepared and served meals to people living with HIV and AIDS.



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