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Connecting Campus and Community

September 1999



Homecoming Highlights

Saturday, Oct. 2

Community kick-off—noon, Southgate Mall. UM musical ensembles start Homecoming off on the right note.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Photo exhibit opening—5 p.m., "Hallways to History: A Photographic Walk Through Missoula's Past," Southgate Mall.

Thursday, Oct. 7

UC Homecoming Art Fair—10 a.m.-6 p.m., through Saturday, University Center atrium. Free.

Friday, Oct. 8

Homecoming registration—10 a.m.-4 p.m., University Theatre lobby.

Book sale—Friends of the Mansfield Library's annual sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Library Mall.

Homecoming picnic—11:45 a.m., tent on the Oval. Cost is \$6; everyone is welcome.

Department open houses—2-4 p.m., various departments, campuswide.

Building dedication—2 p.m., Skaggs Building. Reception follows.

Carillon concert—6:30 p.m., outside Main Hall, by Nancy Cooper.

Singing on the Steps—7 p.m., in front of Main Hall. Pep rally with Grizzly football head coach Mick Dennehy, crowning of Homecoming royalty, presentation of 1999 Distinguished Alumni Awards, lighting of the M.

Alumni social/dance—9 p.m., Holiday Inn Parkside atrium. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Homecoming parade—10 a.m.

Football—Grizzlies vs. Cal State-Northridge, 1:05 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Books abound after community drive



Professor Rhea Ashmore (left) and Kristel Muirhead, a UM America Reads tutor, display some of the books raised through the drive.

Local schoolchildren will have their own copies of classic childhood books, thanks to Missoula bookstores and residents.

This month's America Reads book drive raised more than 2,000 new and used books for children who are tutored through UM's America Reads program in Missoula schools.

The University of Montana organized the drive to help elementary school students become better readers and help create lifelong passion for reading.

Timeless tales with titles such as "The Cat in the Hat," "Spot Bakes a Cake" and "Ann of Green Gables" were donated by the case by Bird's Nest Books, The Book Exchange, The Book Rack, Fact and Fiction, Garth's Book Shop, Hastings Books, Music and Video, Sidney's Used Books, and the Bookstore at UM.

Individuals brought hundreds more to the Sept. 11 home Grizzly football game or dropped them off at the Missoulian and KECI-TV, which co-sponsored the drive with UM.

Law school wins prestigious award

Excellence in teaching trial advocacy has earned the UM School of Law a prestigious award from the American College of Trial Lawyers.

The 1999 Emil Gumpert Award and an accompanying \$50,000 check were presented to law Dean E. Edwin Eck during the Montana Bar Association annual meeting in Bozeman Sept. 17.

Established in 1975, the Gumpert Award is given annually to a law school that is deemed by ACTL to have outstanding programs in trial advocacy. Past recipients include Harvard, Yale, Northwestern and

New York universities and UCLA.

The schools' programs are reviewed, and site visits by ACTL evaluation teams are made to inspect facilities, meet faculty members and observe class sessions and actual trial practice work. The ACTL assessment team visited the UM law school last spring.

The American College of Trial Lawyers is a national honorary organization whose membership is by invitation and is limited to outstanding trial lawyers in the United States and Canada with more than 15 years of trial experience.

Mall features historic photos from UM archives

History and photography buffs will have more than shopping to occupy their visits to Southgate Mall beginning next month.

Southgate Mall has collaborated with the Friends of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library to bring the public an exclusive photography exhibit that explores the history of Missoula.

"Hallways to History — A Photographic Walk Through Missoula's Past" opens with a 5 p.m. reception Wednesday, Oct. 6. The public is invited to attend the reception, which takes place at JC Penney Court.

The free exhibit consists of 90 historical photographs taken of Missoula and western Montana that will be featured in Southgate Mall's three major hallways. The exhibit will be displayed for three years, after which the framed photos will be offered at public auction to benefit the Friends of the Library.

The photos, which date back to 1883, came from the UM Mansfield Library's K. Ross Toole archives. Each photo bears a caption describing its historical significance.

The exhibit includes historical pictures from local Missoula photographers R.H.

MacKay, whose work chronicles Missoula from 1908 through the late 1940s, including photographs of American Indians, Glacier National Park and early UM campus sites, as well as local people and events. Photographer K.D. Swan's photographs of Montana scenes also are featured.

Southgate Mall is an advocate for historical photography preservation, and the photo gallery is funded by the shopping center's owners. "We value the goal of the Friends of the Library and are honored to provide a place where Montanans can view a slice of their own history," said Kimberly Roth, Southgate Mall marketing director. "Our common objective bridges the gap between generations as well as raises an awareness of the need of photographic heritage preservation."

The "Hallways to History" exhibit is dedicated to Bonnie and Leonard Hamilton, two of Southgate Mall's owners, in recog-



Southgate Mall's Kimberly Roth stands beside a photo of early downtown Missoula.

nition of their community service and philanthropic endeavors.

Mary Staninger, local art broker and head of the Friends of the Library photo committee, acquired the McKay collection for the University archives and has been retained by the mall to coordinate and select photos for the exhibit. Dale L. Johnson, retired UM archivist, also assisted in preparing photos and historical explanations for the exhibit.



President George Dennison accepts a \$50,000 donation from Charles P. Grenier, Plum Creek executive vice president.

Plum Creek gives UM \$50,000 gift

Plum Creek Timber Co. Inc. has presented a \$50,000 check to UM Foundation's Excellence Fund in honor of UM President George M. Dennison's five years of service on the company's board of directors.

Dennison, who was appointed to the Plum Creek board in 1994, resigned from it last month. Plum Creek Executive Vice President Charlie Grenier of Columbia Falls presented a check to Dennison and Fred Lee, UM Foundation president and CEO, during a ceremony last month.

Grenier said the company appreci-

ates Dennison's contribution to its success during his term on the board and wished to acknowledge that with a gift to the University.

Plum Creek has a history of involvement with the University. The company's major contribution has been the establishment of the Plum Creek Distinguished Lecture Series, which attracts highly regarded lecturers to UM to speak on topics relevant to commercial forestry. The fund also supports the Plum Creek Fellow, a doctoral student whose work includes coordinating the lecture series.

Renowned historian delivers next president's lecture

A national expert on American presidents and the history of women will deliver the second installment of the 1999-2000 President's Lecture Series in October.

Joan Hoff, history professor and director of the Contemporary History Institute at Ohio University, will discuss "History as

Story-telling" in a free public lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, in the University Theatre. The lecture is being presented in conjunction with the Montana Education Association.

Hoff is former chief executive officer and president of the Center for the



Hoff

Study of the Presidency in New York City and former executive secretary of the Organization of American Historians.

A prolific author, Hoff's book credits include "Law, Gender and Injustice: A Legal History of U.S. Women" and "Nixon Reconsidered."

Hoff has taught courses in women's studies and 20th century foreign policy and politics.

All in the UM Family

O'Connors donate \$1 million to UM center

Ten days after graduating from UM in 1951, Nancy Fields of Chinook — armed with degrees in drama and English — boarded a train in Missoula bound for New York City. From there she sailed for Ireland, where her husband-to-be awaited her. They married a few weeks later.

Her groom happened to be a guy named Carroll O'Connor, who later found fame for his television roles in "All in the Family" and "In the Heat of the Night." Carroll had completed part of his undergraduate studies at UM before returning to Missoula to earn a master's degree in speech in 1956.

"I didn't feel like I would become attached to (Missoula)," he said. "I just came here chasing a girl from Chinook."

But both O'Connors did become attached, so much in fact that they recently donated \$1 million to UM's Center for the Rocky Mountain West, a regional studies and public policy institute. Nancy said the Sept. 8 ceremony renaming the center in their honor had special significance because it was held at the Old Milwaukee Station — a former train depot — where she had started her journey to rendezvous with Carroll so many years before.

The O'Connors made their generous gift during the University's Capital Campaign, which ended in 1997, to help match a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will support the center's work in the Rocky Mountain West's seven states and two Canadian provinces.

"I hope the study of the culture here will produce things of value to the whole world," Carroll said. "I see this center as a hub that other disciplines will see and join — to do things that UM will be known for."

Besides attending the ceremony naming the O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, Carroll found time to speak with UM fine arts and journalism students during his Montana visit. The 75-year-old actor, director and screenwriter — and winner of five Emmys — regaled art and drama students with a lecture about the nature of art.

"To have art, you have to have the intellectual intent," he said. "Art is a well-considered thing with a purpose. If you know your art, and you do it well, you can never be bad."

He said "All in the Family" was art



Carroll O'Connor (right) visits with fine arts students.

because it was written with the intellectual intent of creating a satire — one that poked fun at society's morals, mores and ideas of white superiority.

He told students it wasn't easy trying to break into show business in the early 1960s.

"I couldn't get arrested on Broadway," Carroll said. "I couldn't even play an Irishman — they would hire a Lithuanian or something. Nancy supported us in those days."

Carroll's art finally started paying for itself when he landed a few movie roles. He had the students' rapt attention when describing some of the famous folks he worked with over the years.

"I met a guy named O.J. Simpson working on a picture," Carroll said. "He was a nice young fella' ... he did it, though!"

He lectured journalism students about the need for ethics and restraint in their chosen profession and to respect privacy. He warned that a tabloid style of journalism was starting to permeate the entire business, and he believes journalists should avoid reporting details of private sex lives, such as President Clinton's.

At UM O'Connor was an associate editor for the *Kaimin*.

The O'Connors plan to continue their strong ties with UM. Carroll said he is interested in what UM teaches and doesn't teach, especially in the realm of communications. He said he wouldn't be adverse to teaching an occasional theater class — perhaps getting some of his star friends in Hollywood to videoconference with UM classrooms.

—Cary Shimek

UM Calendar

Friday, Oct. 1

Concert—Otis Taylor, blues, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$10/students, youth, faculty, staff and seniors, \$12/general. Call (888) 666-8262 or (406) 243-4051.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Dance production—Site Specific Dance, 1 p.m., various locations, meet on the Oval. Also Sunday, Oct. 3. Free.

Concert—Missoula Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., also 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, Wilma Theatre. Call 721-3194 for tickets.

Monday, Oct. 4

Art exhibit—3-D relief paintings by Robert Grimes, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri., through Oct. 15, University Center Gallery. Free.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Women's Studies brown bag lunch—"Womanhouse: The Roots of the Women's Art Movement," by artist Miriam Shapiro, noon, Liberal Arts Building Room 138. Free.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Performing Arts Series concert—Ying Quartet, classical string, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. For tickets, call (888) 842-4830 or 243-4999.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Drama production—"K-2," a play about two men trapped on an ice wall (one has a broken leg and the other never loses), 7:30 p.m. through Oct. 16, Montana Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center. Tickets \$12/general, \$10/students and senior citizens, \$5/children 12 and under. Call 243-4581.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

Outdoor Program slide shows—"Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation in the Rockies," by Milo Burcham, 7 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall. Free.

Saturday, Oct. 16

1999 Mansfield Conference—"Giving Life to The Ten Thousand Things: Water in Asia and the West," through Oct. 19. Conference opens with an original performance by the Missoula Children's Theater in coordination with the Missoula Public Schools and UM's School of Fine Arts, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Free. Call (406) 243-2988 for more information.



Bear Briefs

Freedom Weavers—The colorful, traditional rugs of the Navajo will be displayed this fall at UM's Henry Meloy and Paxson Corridor galleries. "Weaving for Freedom:

Contemporary Textiles from the Diné Navajo Nation" and "Tribal Vision: Photographs by Lisa Law" opens Friday, Oct. 8, with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. at the galleries in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The exhibit runs through Dec. 1. Weaving for Freedom is an organization of Diné weavers who are resisting relocation.



A weaver at the Keams Canyon demonstration, Arizona. (Photo by Lisa Law)

A celebration of the traditional weavers will be held at the galleries from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22. The event, titled "Walk In Beauty" will feature conversation, food, dance and live music with special guests Roberta Blackgoat, Diné elder and weaver, and photographer Lisa Law and her video "Flashing on the 60s." Entertainment will be provided by Unity Dance and Drum and others. For more information, call the Museum of Fine Arts at (406) 243-2019.

Attracting Experts—The William Randolph Hearst Foundation has awarded UM's journalism school \$200,000 to create an endowment providing the wherewithal to bring in expert journalists to share their knowledge with the school's students and faculty. Dean Jerry Brown envisions top reporters, broadcasters and designers visiting campus for several days to several weeks at a time. The grant recognizes the school as having one of the top journalism programs in the nation.

Buy The Bear—Every time you buy UM bottled water with labels bearing the Grizzly, you're helping a student pay for school. Proceeds from the sale of UM bottled water will contribute \$10,000 toward establishing a \$20,000 endowed scholarship for UM Dining Services' student employees. The other \$10,000 will come from the sale of Pepsi products in Dining Services' restaurants. The scholarship program will begin next fall. The water, bottled by Montana Silver Springs in Philipsburg, continues to be a strong seller, competitively priced from 89 cents for a half-liter to \$1.39 for a liter.

Jobs Online—UM students now can job hunt online through the new student employment Web site at <http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs>. The site lists a full array of student

work possibilities, updated daily — on- and off-campus jobs and work-study positions, internships and volunteer positions. The site also links with the Missoulian, Missoula Independent and Kaimin classified ads. Local businesses and organizations are encouraged to post their opportunities on the Web site. For information on how to do that, go to the Web site or call Career Services at 243-2022.

Training Leaders—Five undergraduate students from Bosnia are enrolled for a year of study at UM under a program funded by the United States Information Agency. The program is designed to develop future leaders for the war-torn country and foster greater understanding between Bosnians and Americans. The students participated in a special session of the English Language Institute's summer program before launching into an ambitious course of study that includes economics, political science, criminology and linguistics. UM is one of only four U.S. universities chosen to host students from Bosnia this year.

Music For Missoula—One advantage to living in a university town is access to cultural events at affordable prices or no cost at all. UM's Department of Music offers a continuous schedule of faculty members, students and guest artist recitals and concerts throughout the academic year. October's concert schedule includes:

- a faculty recital by cellist Fern Glass Boyd, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 5. Cost is \$5/general and \$3/students and senior citizens.
- a faculty recital by the Edmonds (piano) and McDonald (oboe) duo, Music Recital Hall, Friday, Oct. 15. Cost is \$5/general and \$3/students and senior citizens.
- University Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 19. Free.

For a complete schedule of music department concerts call (406) 243-6880.

Alumni Addition—Julie Schwartz of Missoula is the new assistant director of UM's Alumni Association. A 1996 UM graduate with a master's degree in public administration, Schwartz is president of the Missoula Youth Homes Inc. board and for the past three years has been executive director of the Missoula Downtown Association. Her new job duties include marketing and membership building for the Alumni Association.



Schwartz

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