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# Main Hall <sup>to</sup> Main St.

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Connecting Campus and Community

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## New den ready for Grizzlies to inhabit

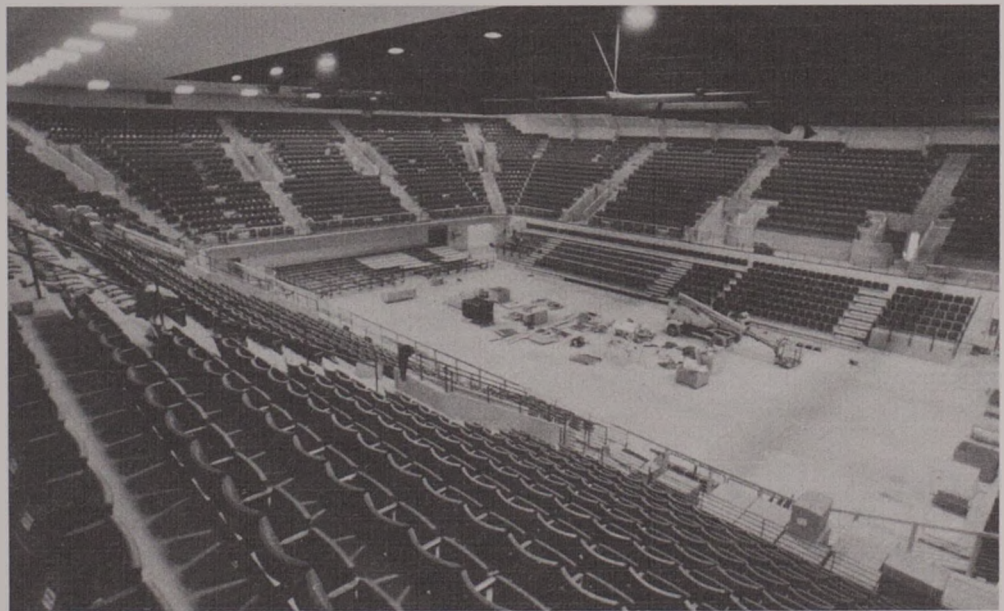
The finish line is in sight. After four years of planning, 16 months of construction, one long season of displaced basketball teams and \$14.7 million, the Adams Center is ready for sports fans.

"The first day I was here, in October 1995, the first thing President Dennison said to me was, 'We need to do something about that field house,'" Athletic Director Wayne Hogan remembers. "Getting this built wasn't easy, but now I think people will understand that the wait was worth it."

Hogan said an official grand opening and ribbon cutting for the center will be held Nov. 21, when the Grizzly basketball team opens regular season play.

The centerpiece of the remodeling was a facelift for the main basketball arena, which now includes 5,500 cushion seats upholstered in UM maroon. With another 2,000 bleacher seats, the place has an overall seating capacity of 7,500. The arena has four scoreboards in the corners, and nice touches such as retractable risers around the gym floor and a metal grid on the ceiling suited for stage lighting.

A new addition is the Grizzly Sky Club, a members-only area overhanging



The new Adams Center is decked with 5,500 cushioned seats in UM maroon.

one side of the arena. Ninety couples, who each pay a \$5,000 annual fee, will have prime views of the floor, as well as access to food catering and wet bar services. Eight \$2,500 individual memberships will be sold as well. Members will have access to most Adams Center

and Washington-Grizzly Stadium Events.

The remodeling also wrapped concessions around the main arena, adding more concessions and rest rooms. Hogan hopes enhanced food and

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## UM unveils new special plate for Griz sports fans

There's a new bear in town, and he's ready to ride the rigs of UM fans around the state.

The bear is part of a new "sport" license plate unveiled during this month's Grizzly Homecoming football game.

The new plate, which bears maroon lettering over the hulking UM Grizzly bear logo, should be available by next spring, state Attorney General Joe Mazurek said before presenting an enlarged copy of the plate to UM President George Dennison.

University Executive Vice President Bob Frazier, who oversees Grizzly logo products, said the new plate will be sold in



addition to the existing Main Hall plate.

"We had so many requests for a choice between a Griz plate and a Main Hall plate," he said.

UM supporters and Grizzly fans can take their pick when they renew their vehicle registration.

The new plates will be available for the public to purchase at Montana Department of Motor Vehicles offices statewide. The special UM license plates cost motorists an extra \$22.50, with UM receiving \$20 of that amount for its student scholarship fund.

Since its inception in 1989, the UM license plate scholarship fund has grown to more than \$700,000, helping hundreds of UM students.

"Our hope with these plates is to increase the number of people buying a UM plate, thereby increasing the amount of money available for scholarships for University students," Frazier said.

# Markers provide a glimpse of campus history

Campus visitors now have signs to help guide them through the University's rich past, thanks to the UM Alumni Association.

Four 3-foot-high aluminum plaques commemorating the history of campus were unveiled during UM's October Homecoming festivities and will be placed at various locations on campus to recognize famous University people and places.

The first marker — placed in front of Main Hall — commemorates A.J. Gibson, the architect who designed the building and four others on campus, three of which still stand.

The other markers recognize:

- Memorial Row, a stand of pine trees honoring Montanans killed in action or while serving stateside during World War I.
- Mike Mansfield, Montana statesman and the nation's longest-serving U.S. Senate majority leader. UM's



A historical marker outside Main Hall commemorates the building's architect, A.J. Gibson.

Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library carries his and his wife's name.

- Harold Urey, the Nobel laureate for whom Urey Lecture Hall was named. Urey, who won the 1934 Nobel Prize in chemistry, taught at UM during 1919-21.

The markers were the brainchild of University Center director Gary Ratcliff.

He got the idea from Penn State University, where he previously worked. Retired UM archivist Dale Johnson was brought in as a historical consultant.

The Alumni Association, which funded the project, plans to add a couple of markers on campus each year.

# Community volunteers seek donations for Excellence Fund Business Drive

It's not too late to step up and say "Count Me In" for this year's Excellence Fund Business Drive.

Coordinated by the UM Foundation and a corps of business and community volunteers, the drive officially ends Tuesday, Nov. 2, with a victory celebration.

This year's goal is \$325,000 to help UM students and faculty members. As of mid-October, business drive volunteers had raised \$227,500. Of that amount, more than \$97,000 came from UM employees.

President George Dennison has outlined priorities for the 1999 Excellence Fund that include student scholarships, with six earmarked for Missoula high school graduates; faculty development, such as travel funds for professional conferences; and outreach activities, since UM has much to share with the greater local community and region.

Another priority is the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, which will bring about 1,800 of the

nation's most talented college students and their faculty mentors to Missoula in April 2000 to showcase their research, scholarship and creative activity.

"Bringing this many students and their teachers to the community is quite a coup for Missoula and the University," said Bob Burke, this year's campaign chair. "We're very pleased to be able to provide support to the Excellence Fund to make this important project possible."



Alyssa Hamma, a senior in education from Missoula, benefited from an Excellence Fund scholarship.

Meanwhile, UM's economic impact on Missoula hit an all-time high last year, giving an estimated \$200 million boost to local businesses and service providers. New figures from UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research

show that the University and its employees, students and visitors spent \$5 million more in 1998 than in the previous year. The new total does not include several ongoing construction projects at UM last year.

For years the Excellence Fund has used the theme "Count Me In" to encourage community and campus support for UM.

# Cowboy Ball lassos \$75,000

Folks attending the annual Cowboy Ball to benefit the UM Rodeo team Oct. 16 had an absolute ... well, ball.

The event is the primary source of income for UM's rodeo club team. Dennis Lind, chair of the rodeo team board, said this year's event raised about \$75,000 for the Grizzly Rodeo Team Scholarship Program. Last year's event netted about \$62,000.

The ball is a unique event in an unusual setting. Cowboys and cowgirls attending the ball — even cityfied ones — received valet parking when they arrived at Bill and Sandy Mytty's indoor rodeo arena west of Lolo. Once inside they were greeted by tables decked out for fine dining, a horse-head ice sculpture, and fine art and items for live and silent auctions — all resting on a dirt floor. The perimeter of this western paradise was lined with fresh-cut pines.

During the auctions, people bid on a variety of donated items.

"This was our most successful cowboy ball ever," Lind said.

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# Bear Briefs

**Helping On Halloween**—A group of UM students will trick or treat so those less fortunate in Missoula can eat. Ghosts, goblins and other assorted volunteers are invited to join UM's Volunteer Action Services in a Halloween evening food drive to benefit the Missoula Food Bank. The drive begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Davidson Honors College. If volunteers come calling at your home, please give. For more information or to volunteer, call VAS at 243-4442.

**Montanagrizzlies.com**—Griz Gear and Griz Grub, UM's own official clothing and food lines, are now available at the click of your mouse through the Bookstore's new Web site. The Bookstore at UM sent out a new catalog this month featuring its full line of Grizzly logowear—from coats and caps to shirts and sweatshirts—as well as books about Montana and other UM memorabilia. Items can be ordered through the mail, or online to save time. Just go to [www.montanagrizzlies.com](http://www.montanagrizzlies.com) or call (888) 333-1995, ext. 686.

**Learning By Example**—UM's Center for Leadership Development will host its second women's leadership panel, "Personal Journeys of Women Leaders: Learning by Example," from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the University Center Commons. The event is free and open to the public. Audience members will have a chance to visit with the panelists over refreshments following the panel discussion. Panelists include Earlene Cusker, a mortgage loan consultant; Tish Herries, president of the Montana Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization; Jodi Martz, senior consultant with Health Care Services; and Delight Scheck, a UM student.

**Healthy Horses**—Equine nutritionist Stephen Duren will present a clinic Saturday, Nov. 6, at UM for people who work with horses or use them for recreation. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Urey Lecture Hall and is the third in the equine education series organized by UM's Continuing Education. Registration costs \$25 before Friday, Oct. 29, and \$30 after that date. To register, call (406) 243-2094 or visit <http://www.umt.edu/equine>.

**Parade Of Photos**—Ninety photos of Missoula and western Montana dating back to 1883 have received rave reviews from Southgate Mall visitors. The mall's exclusive exhibit, "Hallways to History: A Photographic Walk Through Missoula's Past," which opened Homecoming week, is on



**Retired UM archivist Dale Johnson stands over a photo from Southgate Mall's display.**

display for the next three years. Dale Johnson, retired UM archivist, wrote the captions that accompany each photo on display. After the exhibit closes, the photos will be auctioned to raise money for the K. Ross Toole Archives at UM's Mansfield Library. All photos came from UM's archives and were enlarged, framed and matted by the mall in collaboration with Friends of the Mansfield Library. The free exhibit is open during mall hours.

**Heart Healthy**—UM executive chef Tom Siegel and registered dietitian Laura Del Guerra cooked up a heart-healthy feast Oct. 20 for the top teams participating in this year's American HeartWalk. About 30 winners from Western Security Bank and staff and faculty members from UM's School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences dined on seared venison and pheasant in Scotch, potato-wrapped toasted barley and lentil timbale, smoked trout and salmon terrine, and other gourmet offerings. The two teams and about 70 others helped raise more than \$23,000 for the American Heart Association during the Sept. 18 walk at Southgate Mall. UM was a major sponsor of the event.

**Historic Gift**—A Canadian couple recently presented UM's history department with a \$100,000 gift to establish a fellowship for the most-promising graduate student in European history. The gift, one of the largest ever given to the department, came from Ezio Cappadocia, a retired professor of European history at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and his wife, Helen Ingersoll Cappadocia. They made the gift out of friendship for UM Professor Richard Drake, who shares an interest in modern Italian history. The Cappadocia fund memorializes Helen Cappadocia's parents, Rufus and Janet Ingersoll, who studied at UM in the 1920s.

**Sparking Research**—The wildfire that charred eight acres on the face of Mount Sentinel Sept. 12 may fuel research into how native and invasive plants recover from fires. Marilyn Marler, botanist and UM's noxious weed coordinator, is working with Cindy Buckalew, a student who had been studying the plants on the mountain before the fire. Buckalew's monitoring plots will provide pre-fire data that she and Marler can use for studies looking into which plants return first and how quickly. Mount Sentinel's native vegetation has been largely supplanted by spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, dalmatian toadflax, cheat grass and other noxious weeds.

**Thanksgiving Break**—UM students have a free travel day Wednesday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving weekend. The University is closed for the holiday on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26. Classes resume Monday, Nov. 29.

**Griz-Cat Food Drive**—In the week leading up to the annual football match between Montana's two universities Nov. 20, fans around the state will have a chance to sharpen their claws and prove whether Grizzlies or Bobcats are the mightiest—and most generous—hunters. The second annual Bobcat/Griz Food Drive challenges fans to see which team can collect the most food to donate to their local food banks. UM collection points will be in the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library and in the University Center.

# Helsinki Connection

*UM formalizes exchange with Finnish university*

**U**M recently finalized an exchange agreement with the University of Helsinki, Finland's oldest and largest university. The agreement allows for the exchange of students and members of the faculty and staff.

Located in Finland's cultural and intellectual center, the University of Helsinki comprises nine faculties on five campuses and has more than 33,000 students — 1,400 of whom are international students from around the world. Its faculties are theology, law, medicine, arts, science, agriculture and forestry, education, social sciences and veterinary medicine.

"The University of Helsinki is arguably the best university in northern Europe," said Mark Lusk, director of international programs at UM.

The institution is officially bilingual — with courses in Finnish and Swedish — but an increasing portion of the curriculum is offered in English. A guide to courses offered in English is available in UM's Office of International Programs, Room 022 in Main Hall.

UM now has partnerships with 12 foreign universities. To learn more about exchanges, visit international program's Web site at <http://www.umt.edu/oip>.

## Grizzly den —continued

beverage selections, including commercial offerings such as Pizza Hut, will increase UM's concession profits.

A major addition was the West Auxiliary Gym, a new practice facility. UM's new volleyball venue, the gym has seating for 1,200 fans.

Other improvements include a larger weight room and locker rooms, as well as a computer-equipped study room for UM's 270 student athletes.

With the renovation nearly complete, the Adams Center must start paying for itself. Hogan said no tax dollars were used for the project, so the sports complex must generate about \$1 million in revenue each year to cover the bond payment. He hopes a \$1 per ticket price hike and increased concessions revenue will cover the cost. He expects a quarter-million people to attend events at the center each year, creating economic benefits for the Missoula area.

—Cary Shimek

# UM Calendar

## Monday, Nov. 1

**Art exhibits**—"Weaving for Freedom," contemporary Navajo textiles, and "Tribal Visions," photographs by Lisa Law, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., through Dec. 1, The Henry Meloy Gallery and The Paxson Corridor; also wood carvings by Roger Wing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri., through Nov. 10, University Center Gallery. Free.

## Wednesday, Nov. 3

**Dance production**—MoTrans concert, 7:30 p.m. nightly through Nov. 5, Montana Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center. Tickets \$9/general, \$7/students and senior citizens, \$5/children 12 and under. Call 243-4581.

## Thursday, Nov. 4



**Lecture**—"High School Reunions: Why Montanans Come Home," by Christiane von Reichert, geography assistant professor and faculty research fellow, 7:30 p.m., O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West, Milwaukee Station. Free.

## Saturday, Nov. 6

**Performing Arts Series**—Jane Comfort, dance, 7:30 p.m., Wilma Theatre. Call 1-888-842-4830 or 243-4999 for ticket information.

## Monday, Nov. 8

**Basketball**—Grizzlies vs. Delta Jammers (exhibition game), 7:05 p.m., Adams Center.

## Tuesday, Nov. 9

**Basketball**—Lady Griz vs. foreign team (exhibition), 7:05 p.m., Adams Center.

**Opera Theatre**—7:30 p.m., also Nov. 10, Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$3/general, \$1/students.

**Drama production**—"Getting Out," 7:30 p.m. nightly through Nov. 13, Masquer Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center. Tickets \$9/general, \$7/students and senior citizens, \$5/children 12 and under. Call 243-4581.

## Thursday, Nov. 11

**Holiday**—Veterans Day; UM offices closed.

## Friday, Nov. 12

**Faculty Chamber Music Recital**—7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Free.

## Saturday, Nov. 13

**Football**—Grizzlies vs. Idaho, 12:05 p.m., Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

## Sunday, Nov. 14

**Basketball**—Grizzlies exhibition game, 7:05 p.m., Adams Center.

## Tuesday, Nov. 16

**Student Chamber Recital**—7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Free.

**Dance production**—Fall Dance Showcase, 7:30 p.m. nightly through Nov. 20 (2 p.m. matinee Nov. 20), Open Space, Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center. Tickets \$4. Call 243-4581.

## Wednesday, Nov. 17

**Indian Affairs Lecture Series**—"Writing as an Act of Recovery: Native American Literature in the 21st Century," by Kate Shanley, chair, UM's Native American studies department, 7 p.m., University Center Commons. Free.

## Friday, Nov. 19



**Basketball**—Lady Griz vs. Idaho, 7:05 p.m., Adams Center.

**Concert**—UM Jazz Bands, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$4/general, \$2/students and senior citizens.

## Saturday, Nov. 20

**Griz-Cat football**—99th meeting, Bozeman, 12:05 p.m. Televised on KPAX-TV and Fox Sports.

**President's Lecture Series**—"J.S. Bach's: Clavierübung Masterpieces for the Harpsichord," lecture and recital by Ed Parmentier, Department of Music at the University of Michigan, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Free.



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