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Connecting Campus and Community

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## Student body president focuses on helping others

Jessica Kobos is no stranger to the art of compromise.

In carrying out her job this year as president of the Associated Students of The University of Montana, Kobos only need look to the example set by her parents. One a Rush Limbaugh-listening conservative, the other a bleeding-heart liberal, the two have nonetheless forged a successful 23-year marriage.

"My father is a staunch Republican," Kobos said. "My mother is a very liberal Democrat.

"It got really ugly when she voted for Perot," Kobos added with a laugh.

Her parents' shared values, however, impressed upon Kobos and her two siblings compassion and concern for others. The family united to participate in food drives and deliver food baskets to the needy in her hometown of Billings on Easter and Thanksgiving.

"From the beginning, I was taught that it's important to help people," she said. "I think it just became part of me."

Kobos' involvement in student politics is an extension of that ethic. After holding positions of ASUM senator and director of Student Political Action, she was elected as student body president last May. She and her running mate, Vice President Jerry Lamb — the first American Indian ASUM execu-

tive — won on a platform of diversity and experience. A junior majoring in political science and history, Kobos sees the political process as a way to help people on a grander scale than delivering food baskets.

"It's wonderful to help people out one at a time, but it's more effective to change policy," she said. "Government is a way to do that."



ASUM President Jessica Kobos

Kobos isn't affiliated with a political party, although she describes herself as a fiscal conservative and a liberal on social issues. She said the two aren't mutually exclusive.

"Let's teach people, get them some training," she said. "You have to spend a little to save a lot. You have to look long-term. I think too many politicians just look short-term."

While Kobos may not be able to tackle major societal issues from the helm of UM's student government, she already has had some significant successes on campus. Her first challenge, last spring, was to meet with UM President George Dennison and the Board of Regents to discuss a proposed technology fee.

"I'm kind of a blue jeans and overalls kind of girl, so it was intimidating to go into meetings with all those administrators in suits," she said. "I didn't want them to hate me, but at the same time I didn't want to give up. I'm really stubborn."

Her negotiations on behalf of UM students helped lower the fee from \$51 to \$28.

"I felt like I stuck my ground and fought for what I felt was right," she said. "And I still felt respected by President Dennison and the Board of Regents."

President Dennison described Kobos as well-prepared for the ASUM presidency.

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## UM Foundation's annual business drive surpasses goal

Nearly 100 Excellence Fund volunteers celebrated reaching the Missoula Business Drive's \$325,000 goal Nov. 2.

Drive chairman Bob Burke said the drive surpassed its goal for the 22nd consecutive year. Established in 1978, the annual peer solicitation of Missoula's business and professional community has provided nearly \$4 million for UM's academic programs.

An economic impact study conducted by UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research showed that UM brought more than \$200 million into Missoula last year. Citing the drive's theme "Count Me In,"

Burke said, "The business community is very cognizant of that impact and is — and has been — more than willing to help keep UM a thriving institution."

Burke said, "With the officers, faculty and staff of the University providing approximately one-third of the total funds for the drive, this is an outstanding example of a community-university partnership."

Annual Fund Director Kathy Schaub of the UM Foundation presented certificates of gratitude to the 10 Missoula businesses with more than two employees working on the 1999 drive. They are Community Medical Center; Elmore and Associates;

First Interstate Bank; First Security Bank; Garlington, Lohn and Robinson; Gillespie Realty; Lambros Real Estate; U.S. Bank and U.S. Bank Trust; Western Montana Clinic; and Worden, Thane and Haines.

"Because the drive is a peer-to-peer solicitation of businesses, our volunteers must make calls during working hours," Schaub said.

"We thank all our volunteers' employers for giving them time to ask their colleagues and associates to support UM, but especially these organizations that may have as many as five Business Drive volunteers on staff," she said.



# UM program jump-starts YMCA literacy effort

The Missoula YMCA kicked off its Y Kids Read program earlier this month, with a boost from the UM-based Montana Campus Compact.

Y Kids Read is an ongoing weekly family literacy program designed to get children to read and get families involved.

The program runs at 11 a.m. Mondays in the YMCA's drop-in day-care center. Kathleen Humphries, compact director, and Emily Harrington, a VISTA volunteer with the America Reads program, have organized Y Kids Read.

UM students specializing in literacy development work in the program, offering training about the ways through which children learn to read, developmental stages of reading and how to recognize them, and ways to encourage children to read at those stages.



A UM America Reads tutor works with children in a local elementary school.

## World politics to be probed in next president's lecture

An expert on the dynamics of change in world politics and the overlap of domestic and foreign affairs will be the fourth speaker in this year's President's Lecture Series.

James N. Rosenau, University Professor of International Affairs at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, in the University Theatre. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Titled "The Challenges and Tensions of a Globalized World," Rosenau's lecture will draw on his advanced scholarship in international politics. He is a fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science, a five-time co-principal investigator of the National Science Foundation's Foreign Policy Leadership Project, and, since 1994, editor of the Series on Global Politics from State University of New York Press.

He earned a doctorate at Princeton University in 1957 and completed postdoctoral study at Columbia and New York universities during 1958-59 through a Ford Foundation International Relations Training Fellowship.

## News To Use

# UM professor talks turkey

This time of year when people start talking turkey, stuffing, gravy and other holiday delights, words like *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Campylobacter jejuni* and *Clostridium perfringens* seldom enter the conversation. But those unsavory little critters are present en masse in these and other foods, and if folks don't treat them right — that is, put them out of commission — they can make their presence known later in unpleasant ways. Diarrhea, nausea and cramps, usually.

Stopping these organisms in their tracks, though, is pretty simple, according to Ralph Judd, a bacterial pathogenicist and biological sciences professor at UM. An experienced home cook himself and the one in his family who prepares the Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys, Judd says all food bacteria problems are solved by proper hygiene, cooking and storage after cooking. He has a few simple rules:

- "Keep raw food away from cooked food, use hard — not wooden — cutting boards, and wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands. There's no better way to protect yourself from disease."

Just for the record, Judd routinely

gives his kitchen counters a chlorine bleach bath once a month.

"I just pour the stuff on the counter straight and wipe it around with a paper towel," he says. "My wife hates it because she can't stand the smell, but nothing survives chlorine bleach." Detergents are effective, too, he says, and it's important to wash cutting boards and cutting utensils in hot, sudsy water.

- "Don't serve raw turkey."

Cook the bird in a 325-350 degree oven until a thermometer in the thigh registers 180 degrees. At that temperature, all the harmful bacteria are dead. Judd warns against the time-honored practice of cooking the bird in a really slow oven for a long period of time: The longer it takes

for the oven to heat the meat to 180 degrees, the more time the bacteria have to multiply.

"Salmonella is the big player in turkey," he says. "Campylobacter also is found in turkeys and chickens, but salmonella is better at multiplying and causing problems." Judd says 20,000 to 30,000 cases of salmonella-caused illness occur in the United States each year. The severity and duration of the illness depend upon the number of organisms ingested, he says.

- Once dinner is over, put food back into

the refrigerator as soon as possible. Be especially vigilant with the gravy.

"Gravy is a big problem because it has clostridium spores," Judd says. He explains how the *Clostridium perfringens* bacteria can change into spores when temperatures get too hot for the bacteria. That transformation spells trouble.

"Cooking may not kill these spores," he says. "So when the gravy cools down to below 150 degrees, the spores can turn back into bacteria, and they grow like crazy. If you let gravy sit for three hours between 40 degrees and 150 degrees, these bacteria are going. 'This is heaven.'"

To folks concerned about cooking the dressing inside the bird rather than on the side, Judd says not to worry.

"If the bird is cooked until the thermometer in the thigh registers 180 degrees, the stuffing should be fine provided it registers a minimum of 165 degrees," he says. "Remove the stuffing from the turkey right away and keep it hot in the oven until dinner is ready."

In short, Judd says, "don't sweat" the food scares rampant in typical turkey talk.

"These bacteria have been out there forever," he says. "Fowl are commonly infected with bacteria. Proper cooking and handling will kill everything."

—Terry Brenner





# Bear Briefs

**Homecoming 2000**—Mark your calendars. Next year's UM Homecoming festivities have been rescheduled to Oct. 6-7. They originally were scheduled for Oct. 20-21. Let friends and family know that they may need to change those hotel reservations.

**Discovery Online**—Most everything you've ever wanted to know about Lewis and Clark is just a mouse click away. Former music Professor Joe Mussulman has taken on a new persona — history buff and Web site chronicler of the famous 1804-1806 transcontinental expedition of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Mussulman leads a team designing the "Discovering Lewis and Clark" Web site, considered by historians to be one of the best Internet sources of information about the historic duo. A work in progress, the site is located at <http://www.lewis-clark.org/>. The Lewis and Clark expedition also will get some attention from NASA's Earth Observing System Education Project at UM. The project has just joined a national effort to produce a DVD-ROM computer disk titled "The Rediscovery of the Lewis and Clark Trail," which should be ready for students and educators in time for the bicentennial of the historic trek.

**Making Headlines**—KUFM news director Sally Mauk recently brought back four Joe Durso Awards for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism from meetings of the Montana Associated Press Broadcasters Association. She won first place in the radio enterprise category for a piece titled "Assisted Suicide," first place in the radio audio category for "Indian Parade" and first place in the radio news-writing category for "Farm Policy." She also captured an honorable mention in the best radio newscast category, along with KUFM colleagues Edward O'Brien, James Smiley and Brandi Lynne Laubach.

**Award-winning Awareness**—UM's Multicultural Alliance, an organization that promotes diversity and increased cultural awareness, has received an Innovative Program Award from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The award recognizes the alliance for its efforts to foster the personal growth of students and enhance campus life through such things as lectures, films, town hall meetings and its acclaimed Prejudice Reduction Workshops.

**Gallery Premieres**—An exhibit of drawings and painted constructions by art Associate Professor Mary Ann Bonjorni opened the new Paxson Corridor Gallery in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center this month. Bonjorni's work, which taps into the abstract and representational genres, shows through Dec. 31. The exhibit, like all other UM gallery shows, is free and open to the public.

**Stellar Scholar**—It's no secret that punter Dallas Neil is a dangerous weapon on the football field. Now it's no secret that the Grizzly football standout from Great Falls is an outstanding student as well. Burger



**Scholar-athlete Dallas Neil serves the Missoula community in his spare time.**

King Corp. recently heralded Neil's accomplishments as a Division I-AA College Football Scholar Athlete by donating \$10,000 to UM's general scholarship fund in his name. The award recognizes Neil's athletic and academic achievements and his commitment to mentoring the community's youth. Neil is a first-year graduate student in business administration who carries a 3.86 grade-point average and starts as punter/tight end for the Grizzlies. Off the field and outside the classroom, Neil is a big brother through Missoula Big Brothers Big Sisters, a member of the Grizzlies' "Random Acts of Kindness" community service program and a volunteer at the Poverello Center, where he cooks and serves meals to the homeless. He is the son of Dr. David and Shelley Neil.

**Holiday Break**—UM students will head home for the holidays as soon as they finish finals the week of Dec. 13-17. Intersession 2000 classes run Jan. 3-21, while spring semester classes start Monday, Jan. 24.

**Jazzin'**—Jazz legend Buddy DeFranco will lend his prestigious name and considerable talent to UM's jazz festival next spring. A world-class clarinetist and part-time Whitefish resident, DeFranco will play during the April 21-22 performances. The festival will become an annual event.

**Hallelujah For Habitat**—Start the holiday season off with the fourth annual performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah." Visiting Assistant Professor Nancy Cooper brings the event to Missoula Sunday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the University Theatre. Singers collect pledges in order to participate in the chorus. All proceeds benefit the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

**More Research**—Sen. Max Baucus has announced that UM may get \$1 million in federal money to create a Center for Environmental Health Sciences to be housed in the pharmacy school's new addition. The U.S. Senate has approved a bill that includes the funding. The House and President Clinton likely will approve it before the end of the year. If approved at federal, state and campus levels, the center would bring specialists to UM to study how environment affects asthma, cancer, pulmonary diseases, autoimmune disorders and neurological disorders. Discussions about creating the center have been ongoing for the past year.

**Gardens Revisited**—The much-acclaimed documentary on Butte's historic Columbia Gardens will be broadcast again on KUFM-TV at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. The program premiered in October, recreating the history and myth of the beloved amusement park built by Copper King and former U.S. Sen. William Clark. The park operated from 1899 to 1973. The one-hour program was produced by Ray Ekness of UM's Broadcast Media Center and KUFM-TV, the campus-based Montana PBS station. Ekness teaches in the radio-TV department. Jay Kohn of KTVQ-2 in Billings narrates "Remembering the Columbia Gardens."

**In Touch**—Stay current on campus news by visiting the University's Web page at <http://www.umt.edu>. The page lists a schedule of events and features a fresh article and photo each day. You can also subscribe to TGIF, UM's online newsletter, from the home page.

# UM study shows Montanans walk, shop for fun

According to the latest report from UM's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research, Montanans would rather shop than go for a day hike or watch wildlife.

Overall, shopping ranked second in their choice of recreational activities, after first-place walking but ahead of other natural-resource-dependent activities such as biking, picnicking and nature photography.

For the study — conducted between July 1, 1998, and June 30, 1999 — the institute contacted more than 2,600 Montana households. The aim was to learn what the state's residents, across a range of income levels, do for recreation in a given month, season or year.

The full report is available online at <http://www.forestry.umt.edu/itr>.

## Helping —continued

"She understands the issues, processes and procedures, and she works hard to make certain that we all communicate well," Dennison said. "While effective communication will not resolve the issues, it will facilitate their identification so that we can focus on them and make progress toward responsive solutions."

Another of Kobos' successes was the credit cap, which would have limited to 144 the number of credits resident students could earn before having to pay nonresident tuition. Kobos and the Student Political Action office were able to up the limit to 170 credits.

Kobos makes it clear that students are her top priority, and that she has an open-door policy.

"I want all students to feel comfortable talking to me," she said. "I want students to know that I'm their president, and to know where their ASUM fee dollars are going."

The ASUM president is paid for 21 hours a week on the job, but at \$5.15 an hour, Kobos is definitely not in it for the money. She easily puts in 40 to 60 hours a week, sometimes more, and that's on top of a 13-credit class load.

"You do it because you love it," she said.

The educational experiences Kobos is getting during her tenure as ASUM president will undoubtedly come in handy after she graduates in 2001.

"I would love to stay in politics," she said. "On what level, I don't know — whether as an organizer or an actual candidate."

"A house seat looks good," she added with a mischievous grin. "I hear the governor's mansion is nice."

—Patia Stephens

# UM Calendar

## Wednesday, Dec. 1

**Faculty recital**—violinist Margaret Baldrige, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$5/general, \$3/students and senior citizens.

## Thursday, Dec. 2

**UC Holiday Art Fair**—10 a.m.-6 p.m., through Dec. 4, University Center atrium. Free.

**President's Lecture Series**—"The Challenges and Tensions of a Globalized World," by James N. Rosenau, University Professor of International Affairs, George Washington University, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Free.

## Friday, Dec. 3

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

## Saturday, Dec. 4

**Children's story hour**—11 a.m.-noon, upstairs in the Bookstore, University Center (every Saturday during the academic year). Cookies provided. Free.

**Concert**—Missoula Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.; also 3 p.m. Sunday, Wilma Theatre. Call 721-3194 for ticket information.

## Sunday, Dec. 5

**Basketball**—Lady Griz vs. Carroll College, 3:05 p.m., Adams Center.

## Monday, Dec. 6

**University Seminar Series**—"Ethics and Insurance," by John Wozniak, 12:10-1 p.m., Health Sciences Building Room 411. Free. Public welcome.

## Tuesday, Dec. 7

**Drama production**—"The Frogs," 7:30 p.m. nightly through Dec. 11 (2 p.m. matinee, Dec. 11), Montana Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center. Tickets \$12/general, \$10/students and senior citizens, \$5/children 12 and under. Call 243-4581.

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

## Wednesday, Dec. 8

**High Adventure Presentations**—"Avalanche Awareness Seminar," also on Dec. 9, 7 p.m., Liberal Arts Building Room 011. Field trip is Sunday, Dec. 12. Call 243-5172 for more information.

## Friday, Dec. 10

**Basketball**—Coca Cola Classic, Grizzlies host Idaho, SE Missouri State and Robert Morris College. Games at 6:35 and 8:35 p.m.; also Dec. 11, Adams Center.

## Saturday, Dec. 11

**Concert**—String Orchestra of the Rockies; "Holiday Chorale," 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$12/general, \$10/students and senior citizens. Call 728-8203 for more information.

## Sunday, Dec. 12

**Choral concert**—7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Free.

## Friday, Dec. 17

**Basketball**—Grizzlies vs. Youngstown State, 7:05 p.m., Adams Center.

## Saturday, Dec. 18

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

## Friday, Dec. 24

**Holiday**—Christmas observed; UM offices closed.

## Tuesday, Dec. 28

**Basketball**—third annual Lady Griz Holiday Classic with UM, Central Connecticut State, University of Maryland-Baltimore County and University of the Pacific. Games at 6:35 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; also same times Dec. 29, Adams Center.

## Thursday, Dec. 30

**Basketball**—Grizzlies vs. St. Mary's (Calif.), 7:05 p.m., Adams Center.

## Friday, Dec. 31

**Holiday**—New Year's Day observed; UM offices closed.



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