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UM's 'Discovery Continues' theme earns top regional award

The University of Montana's promotional efforts gained regional and national recognition this spring for the use of UM's new institutional theme, "The Discovery Continues."

UM's University Relations' promotional team came home from a conference in Victoria, B.C., with a stunning crystal eagle statue — the highest honor in the Pacific Northwest and western Canada bestowed by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's District VIII. UM won the Virginia Carter Smith Grand Crystal award at the CASE conference for introducing and implementing "The Discovery Continues" theme.

The University won a Grand Gold award for the public relations project in the promotions category of CASE's regular

juried awards competition. Then UM went head-to-head with Grand Gold winners from other universities — the University of Victoria, University of Alberta, Seattle Pacific University and two entries from the University of Washington — in five other overall categories.

UM's entry included materials printed by Printing and Graphic Services, and produced by University Relations, Admissions and New Student Services, the UM Alumni Association, the President's Office, the UM Foundation and the Broadcast Media Cen-

ter. The theme originally was suggested by William Marcus, director of the Broadcast Media Center, and was championed by UM Executive Vice President Bob Frazier.

This year marks the first time in the eight years since the award was established that

a university outside of Canada or the Oregon State University System has won the Grand Crystal. The crystal eagle statue — representing one of the highest awards UM has won — is on permanent display in the Prescott House on campus.

UM also earned a Merit Award from HMR Publications Group for the 53-foot trailer owned by Jim Palmer Trucking that bears a giant Montana Grizzlies logo. HMR publishes the monthly Admissions and Marketing Report.

In the same competition, University Relations won a Bronze Award for

the 1999 President's Report, which introduced "The Discovery Continues" theme. Designed by University Relations graphic artist Mike Egeler, the report's cover — and the main visual image for the institutional theme — features Charlie Russell's "Lewis and Clark Expedition" merged with an image of the world and NASA's recently launched Terra satellite. The report was written and edited by the UM news team of Terry Brenner, Todd Goodrich, Rita Munzenrider, Cary Shimek and Patia Stephens.



The Virginia Carter Smith Grand Crystal award



Marc Racicot

UM presents former governor with doctorate

Former Montana Gov. Marc Racicot, chair of America's Promise and a close adviser of President George W. Bush, received an honorary doctorate from UM during its recent 104th Commencement ceremony.

The UM School of Law alumnus had to work a bit for his award when he took the stage to accept an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) on Saturday, May 19. Racicot agreed to send some 2,000 graduates into the world with words of wisdom, inspiration and advice as this year's Commencement speaker.

Racicot has been in the national spotlight since last fall's presidential election because of his close friendship and professional relationship with President Bush. He served on Bush's legal team during the Florida election challenges and earlier this year was considered for appointment as U.S. attorney general, which he

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New director selected for University foundation

Sharen Peters has been promoted to president and chief executive officer of the UM Foundation. She had been the organization's vice president for major gift development.

Peters assumed her new post in April, succeeding Fred Lee, who announced his resignation in early spring.

Peters joined the UM Foundation in 1983 as an accountant. Over the years she has held management positions in both fund raising and business operations.

Penny Peabody, chair of the UM Foundation Board of Trustees, said, "The board and I are delighted Sharen has agreed to become our new CEO. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the UM Foundation to the position. Her elevation to the foundation's top post will allow us to con-

tinue to build on our successes over the past decade in providing private support for The University of Montana."

Peters began the foundation's planned giving program in 1991. She was appointed by former Gov. Marc Racicot to sit on the Governor's Task Force on Endowed Philanthropy, which is charged with promoting endowed giving in Montana, particularly through the Montana Endowment Tax Credit. She also is a member of the West-



Peters

ern Montana Estate Planners and National Council on Planned Giving.

During the years of the UM Capital Campaign—*Ensuring a Tradition of Excellence*, Peters worked extensively on securing planned gifts and was the staff liaison for the solicitation of Minnesota alumni and friends.

Peters has been vice president of the foundation since 1998. During that time, gift revenues and donor numbers have increased while fund-raising costs of 9 percent remain well below the national average of 16 percent.

"In my 18 years at the UM Foundation, I've had the opportunity to see our foundation grow and develop into a respected fund-raising organization that serves as an example to other foundations in this region," Peters said.

Lodge renamed to honor popular 40-year University employee

The campus building known for years as the Lodge was renamed in honor of a Missoula woman whose life has been dedicated to education and to the University.

The Emma B. Lommasson Center officially assumed its new name during a Commencement weekend ceremony.

The name change, approved in March by the Montana University System Board of Regents, recognizes Emma Bravo Lommasson's seven-decade commitment to UM. Lommasson worked on the staff and faculty at UM in several capacities for 40 years, retiring as registrar in 1977. She continued to serve University students in a volunteer capacity for many years.

UM President George Dennison was a student during Lommasson's years as registrar. "She took a great interest in students and helped many of us in so many different ways," Dennison remembered. "She helped us to realize our potential and to try to achieve it."

Emma Bravo was born Dec. 10, 1911, near Great Falls. In 1929 she became the first woman from Sand Coulee to attend UM. While earning bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics, she began her first campus job as a teaching assistant and administrative secretary in the math department. She married forestry graduate Thomas Lommasson after her graduation in 1939.

Wartime saw Mrs. Lommasson teach-

ing navigation, civil air regulations and mathematics to young men who were in training to become Air Force pilots. In 1945 Lommasson began to assist returning soldiers, holding the position of veterans adviser until 1970. Those duties were combined with her job as assistant registrar, which she began in 1946. She was appointed registrar in 1973.



Lommasson

UM Registrar Phil Bain called Lommasson "a very gracious lady who touched the lives of many, many students and faculty through personal attention and excellent advising."

She was active in many campus organizations, including Air Force ROTC, Mortar Board and the American Association of University Women, and continues to be an avid Grizzly football and basketball fan. She has not missed a Griz/Cat football game since 1935.

Her efforts on behalf of the University and its students have been recognized with a Faculty Senate Award, a Distinguished Alumni Award, a Pantzer Award and an Outstanding Volunteer Award. She was Grand Marshal of UM's Homecoming parade in 1998.

The building that now bears Lommasson's name houses student services and administrative offices such as Griz Central and Human Resource Services, as well as several dining facilities. A recent addition on the eastern end brings more student services under one roof.

Funding garnered for tech incubator

A small-business technology "incubator," which will be affiliated with UM, will sprout soon on the shores of the Clark Fork River in Missoula.

U.S. Sen. Max Baucus helped secure a \$1.5 million grant from the Economic Development Administration to purchase land for the incubator. Once built, the Montana Technology Enterprise Center will be a joint project of UM, the UM Foundation and the Missoula Area Economic Development Corp.

The center will be designed to foster fledgling businesses — especially those companies spawned by UM research — and give technology companies an opportunity to prosper in Montana's growing high-tech sector. The incubator will include offices, conference rooms, storage rooms and labs. If planned expansions are implemented, the incubator could eventually house up to 40 businesses.

The recent EDA grant will help UM complete a project called NorCor — the Northern Rockies Research Park and Technology Corridor. Once complete, NorCor will stretch from Whitefish to Hamilton through the Flathead, Mission and Bitterroot valleys. Economic development officials already are planning satellite incubators in several NorCor communities.

Baucus also helped secure \$1 million from Congress for the project last year. The total cost of NorCor is estimated to be more than \$4 million.

The EDA grant is offered through the agency's Public Works and Development Facilities Grant Program, which is designed to assist distressed communities in attracting new industry, encouraging business expansion, diversifying the local economy and generating long-term, private-sector jobs.



Bear Briefs

Education Interim—Roberta Evans, a professor in UM's Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling, will take the helm at the School of Education on July 1, when she becomes interim dean. Evans holds a doctorate in education from the University of Nevada, Reno, and has more than 20 years of teaching and administrative experience in K-12 and higher education. She chaired the educational leadership and counseling department at UM from 1991 to 1998.

UM In Arabia—John Kuglin, executive director of UM's Earth Observing System Education Project and associate dean of Continuing Education, traveled to the United Arab Emirates in mid-May to give the keynote talk at a high-powered education and technology conference in Dubai. Top education officials from across the Middle East were there to hear his message about how cutting-edge technology can enhance education. It's the message Kuglin has excited audiences with in more than 100 keynote addresses he's given across North America in the three years since he joined UM.

KUFM Conquers—Montana Public Radio station KUFM brought in a record \$365,152 in pledges during its annual pledge drive in April. The total was about \$15,000 over the goal.

Grad Grabs Pulitzer—Julie Sullivan, a 1987 graduate of UM's journalism school, was part of a four-person reporting team that recently won a Pulitzer Prize for public service. The reporting team—staff members at the Oregonian, Portland's daily newspaper—won the prize by exposing flaws in the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Sullivan is the seventh UM journalism graduate to get a

Pulitzer. She previously won an American Society of Newspaper Editors national award for profile writing, and her short profiles were published in Best Newspaper Writing of 1991.

New Griz Grass—The Grizzly football team and opponents will be playing their Missoula games on SprinTurf starting next fall. It's the best and most cost-effective artificial turf on the market, UM officials believe, to replace the grass in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. SprinTurf differs from the other three products tested by not using sand as a filler. Surfaces that use sand as filler could harden under Montana's volatile temperatures, UM officials said. A \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor will cover the cost for the new artificial surface and other stadium improvements.

Top Scholars—Amanda Deisher of Terry and Zachary Wilson of Missoula are two of 302 students in the nation to receive \$7,500 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships for the 2001-2002 academic year. Deisher and Wilson, both juniors at UM, competed on the basis of academic merit in a field of 1,164 math, science and engineering students nominated by faculties of colleges and universities nationwide. Deisher is a math and physics major, and Wilson has a double major in microbiology and medical technology.

Taylor's New Team—Former Montana basketball player and head coach Blaine Taylor has left his assistant coaching job at Stanford University to take over as head coach at Old Dominion University in Virginia. Taylor coached for seven years at Montana before joining Stanford in April 1998. His record at Montana was 142-65, and his teams won 20 or more games in five of his seven seasons at UM. Former UM

President James Koch is ODU's current president but plans to retire in June.

Native Law Leaders—Ryan Rusche and Mato Standing High, a two-person team of UM law students, recently took third place at a national moot court competition sponsored by the Native American Law Student Association. The UM team competed against 49 other teams in the contest, held in March at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., where nearly 100 American Indian law students presented appellate arguments during three days of competition. The UM students also took second place for their brief, and Rusche was named third-best oralist, which made UM the first school to place in all three categories in the nine-year history of the competition.

Into The Sunset—Jack Elway, an assistant coach at UM during 1967-71, died in April in Palm Springs, Calif. Elway had a distinguished coaching career that included jobs with college and professional teams. He retired last year as the Denver Broncos' director of pro scouting. Retired Broncos quarterback John Elway is his son.

Hot Summer Catalog—UM's summer 2001 catalog is hot off the press, and it's the biggest ever, packed with course offerings in a wide range of fields. Of special interest are courses in anthropology, expository writing, geography, geology, liberal studies and Native American studies that have Lewis and Clark as the theme. To suit personal time frames, there are one- to 10-week courses. Several courses fulfill competency requirements, and others cover the general education perspectives. To get more information, e-mail Summer Programs at umsummer@selway.umt.edu, telephone (406) 243-6014 or visit the Summer Programs Web site at montanasummer.com.

Racicot — continued

declined, citing family obligations. Racicot most recently was considered for appointment as FBI director, which he said he would not accept for the same reason.

The Montana native this year became a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of the Texas-based law firm Bracewell and Patterson and was appointed chair of

America's Promise: The Alliance For Youth, which was founded and previously chaired by Colin Powell. America's Promise aims to mobilize people from all sectors to build character and competence among the nation's youth by providing interaction with caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, marketable skills and opportunities to serve.

UM President George Dennison said it is an honor to the University that Racicot accepted the honorary degree and an invi-

tation to speak to graduates.

"Over the years, I have found Gov. Racicot to be a good and true friend, a solid supporter of higher education, a wise and committed counselor, and a role model for young people," Dennison said. "He is a great man whose attributes have not yet been fully appreciated."

Dennison also noted Racicot's commitment to community service and civic engagement.

Football family leads HeartWalk

Montana Grizzlies head football coach Joe Glenn and his wife, Michele, have suited up to chair next September's Missoula HeartWalk, a major fund-raiser for the American Heart Association's local division.

This year's walk has been moved to UM's campus and tied in with the Montana Grizzlies' first home game Sept. 15 against their long-standing rivals, the University of Idaho Vandals. Heart disease and stroke awareness and education will be the focus during the game and at halftime.

The goal for this year's HeartWalk is to raise \$80,000 to help sponsor research and community education programs funded by the American Heart Association.

"Perhaps the most important of these programs is sponsored medical research into the causes and cures for heart disease and stroke," said Jabet Wheeler, regional director for the northwest Montana AHA office. "Over the years, scientists at UM have been generously supported by American Heart Association research grants from both the local Northwest affiliate and the national AHA grant programs."

One such scientist, UM Professor and Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Chair Vernon Grund, said "We need to do a much better job of fund raising for AHA in

the Missoula area because the organization is committing far more money to support research grants at UM than we are actually raising in this community."

For example, AHA will invest \$104,000 over the next two years to sponsor research projects by Taren Grass, a doctoral student from Box Elder, and Pakamas Tongcharoensirikul, who is receiving postdoctoral training at UM.

The Glens and their longtime friends and HeartWalk vice chairs Jone and Mike Hayes, along with dozens of volunteers in the Missoula and campus communities, already are busy contacting local business leaders to encourage employee participation in the HeartWalk. Michele Glenn is a substitute teacher for Missoula Public Schools. Jone Hayes is a staff member with UM's Human Resource Services, while Mike works for Zip Beverage.

Coach Glenn said he is willing to visit with the staffs of local businesses and government to talk about the reason for his involvement and the need for heart disease and stroke prevention, education and awareness. Both of Glenn's grandfathers and more recently a close friend died of heart disease.

For more information about the walk or to schedule Glenn to speak to groups about the event, call Jabet Wheeler at (406) 754-3015 or Rita Munzenrider of University Relations at 243-4824.



Glenn

Campus salutes outstanding employees

UM celebrated the accomplishments of campus colleagues last month during the annual Faculty/Staff Awards Reception.

Seventeen awards were presented to some of UM's highest achievers of the 2000-2001 academic year.

Staff winners and their awards are Terri Phillips, Human Resource Services payroll manager, Outstanding Service to the Campus Community; Korla McAlpine, University Relations News Bureau administrative assistant, Outstanding Service to the Off-Campus Community; Janice Midyett, School of Education program specialist, Outstanding Service to Students; Rick Curtis, Curry Health Center financial administrator; and Kristie Anderson, Printing and Graphic Services business manager, Outstanding Staff, psychology administrative staff, Outstanding Teamwork; and curriculum and instruction department, Departmental Assessment.

Faculty recipients and their awards are psychology Chair Nabil Haddad, Academic Administrator; history Professor Linda Frey, Distinguished Scholar; management Professor Maureen Fleming, Distinguished Teacher; curriculum and instruction Assistant Professor Lisa Blank, Inspirational Teacher; foreign languages Associate Professor Linda Gillison, Outstanding Academic Advising; management Professor MaryEllen Campbell, John Ruffatto Memorial Award; and economics Associate Professor Michael Kupilik, the Tom Boone Town and Gown Award.

Administrative winners and their awards are Rita Munzenrider, assistant director of University Relations, Administrative Service; Eftychia Koehn, director of Foreign and Student and Scholar Services, Distinguished Service to International Education; and Graduate School Dean David Strobel, Annual Diversity.

UM Calendar

Tuesday, May 29

Summer session begins—first 5-week session, through June 29. For more information, call 406-243-6014. The 10-week session runs May 29-Aug. 3.

Monday, June 11

Grizzly Soccer Camp—girls' day camp for K-12 led by UM assistant coaches Erik Oman and Erik Snyder, through June 15. For a brochure, call (406) 243-4378.

Tuesday, June 12

Lady Griz Cage Camp—team basketball camp for grades 6-12, through June 14, led by Lady Griz coach Robin Selvig, his staff and players. For a brochure, call (406) 243-5334 or e-mail rocheleau@mso.umt.edu or schweyensm@mso.umt.edu.

Wednesday, June 13

Summer Orientation—through June 15. Call (406) 243-2332 for more information.

Saturday, June 16

Grizzly Cage Camp—Second annual father/son basketball camp for boys entering grades 3-8, led by Grizzly coach Don Holst and his staff, through June 17. For a brochure, call (406) 243-5334.

Monday, June 18

Training event—"Partnership for Diversity: Assistive Technology Applications for Students with Severe Disabilities and Collaboration and Support Strategies for Inclusive Schools," through June 22 and again June 25-29, sponsored by UM and MSU-Billings. For more information, contact Gail McGregor, (406) 243-2348, gmcgregor@selway.umt.edu.

Tuesday, June 19

Grizzly Cage Camp—Position development basketball camp for boys entering grades 5-12, led by Grizzly coach Don Holst and his staff, through June 21. For a brochure, call (406) 243-5334.



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