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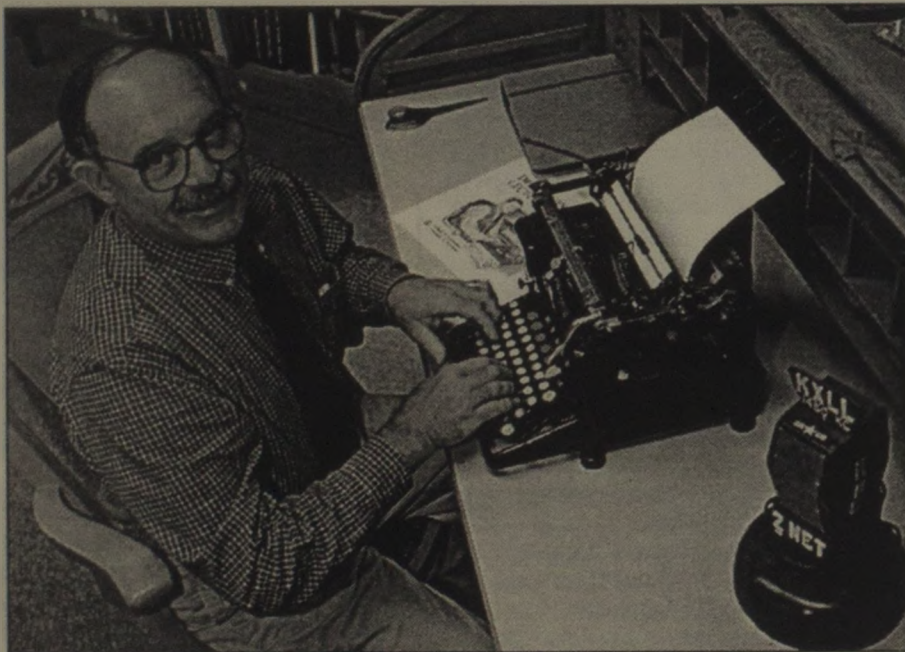


Photo by James V. Shipley

New journalism Dean Jerry Brown tries out a Dean Stone-era typewriter.

Crazy in Montana

Dean Jerry Brown takes the reins, asks alums for continued support

words from the dean

When word leaked out in May that I was leaving Auburn, Alabama, to become the dean of the University of Montana School of Journalism, responses from friends and colleagues fell neatly into two groups: "You crazy fool" and "You lucky dog."

The first saw my move to what they considered frozen tundra as the confirmation of long-held suspicions regarding my sanity. The second consisted of scenery-struck people who actually had visited or lived in Montana, and they considered me fortunate to be escaping the steamheat. My answer to both was, "You are right."

Neither group was particularly interested in hearing a dissertation on why I decided to come here after 20 years on the faculty and seven as journalism

department head.

Here's a brief version: When nationally respected educators called me to tell me this school was worth a look—though it was more than 2,000 miles from my Southern stomping ground—I heeded their advice.

What I found was a program much like Auburn's. It is grounded in a professional approach to journalism education. The professors are real working pros, not communicologists. It has a first-rate student newspaper; its graduates perform remarkably well. And not the least of the School's strong points is the support from alumni. (It is worth mentioning here that after I accepted the position, one of the first letters of congratulations came from Don Oliver, veteran NBC newsmen, from the class of 1958.)

What I learned as Auburn's journalist—*see "Brown" back page*

distinguished alum

Kinney honored

By SHERI VENEMA
Visiting Assistant Professor

In 15 years as a runner, Don Kinney has finished more than 40 marathons and jogged from border to border in both Montana and Colorado.

In more than three decades in broadcast journalism, the 1964 UM grad has worked with Walter Cronkite, survived a pink slip when his bosses decided he wasn't "star quality," and created an award-winning TV news show that celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

Clearly, Don Kinney can go the distance.

For service to his profession and to the University, Kinney was one of nine UM grads recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award during Homecoming '99 in October. He became the 40th School of Journalism graduate so honored since 1960.

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Don Kinney

in this issue

■ Catch up with "Class Notes" and "Obituaries."

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■ Support the University and receive a tax break.

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■ UM awarded \$200,000 for creation of endowed fund.

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CLASS NOTES

This edition of "Class Notes" was compiled from information submitted by alums in the past year and a half, so some of the information may be dated. If you have updates or career changes you'd like us to note, please send them to "Class Notes," in care of Dean Jerry Brown, School of Journalism, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 59812. Or you can e-mail us at salisbur@selway.umt.edu.

90s

Sonja Ammond, M.A. '99, is a copy editor/page designer for The Bend (Ore.) Bulletin. Her classmate **Beth Britton**, M.A. '99, is the paper's business reporter.

Former KGBA news director **Anna Johns**, '99, is producing the 11 o'clock news for WSAV-TV in Savannah, Ga.

Kevin Rhoades, M.A. '98, works as a writer and editor for the Outdoor Writers Association of America, which recently moved its headquarters to Missoula.

Former Kaimin editor **Thomas Mullen**, '98, is writing for The Associated Press in Helena and is on his way to the Oklahoma City bureau in December.

Sidney Cain, '97, is covering Butte as a bureau reporter for KTVM Channel 6.

Cory Cachola, '97, is an advertising artist for The Montana Standard in Butte.

Terry Stella, M.A. '97, was lured away from the copy desk at The Bremerton (Wash.) Sun to work as an editor for Microsoft's Encarta encyclopedia.

Karen Chavez, M.A. '97, has left The Post Register in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to become a reporter for The Lake Powell Chronicle in Page, Ariz.

UM grads **Kortney Rolston**, '97; **Justin Grigg**, '97; and **Corey Taule**, '94, make up the "Grizzly mafia" at The Post Register in Idaho Falls. Kortney and Corey work as reporters and Justin is a copy editor/page designer.

Reunion anyone?

How about a J-School Reunion in the fall of 2000? That's a question some alumni and former Dean Nathaniel Blumberg have been asking.

A committee is being put together to determine interest and The "Communiqué" seemed like a great way to reach more than 1,700 past students, grads, deans and profs.

We could have a special J-School Reunion in September on a football weekend and not get caught up in the Homecoming festivities. We are looking at putting together a fun Friday evening program and dinner, a special tailgating party before Saturday's game and post-game class gatherings Saturday evening.

Are you interested? Drop a short note to the "J-School Reunion," in care of the UM J-School.

Let us know if you like the idea for a September weekend or if you prefer the Homecoming weekend. We will then develop a mailing list and inform you of specific details in the spring.

Sonja Lee, '97, has joined the staff of The Longmont (Colo.) Call after a short stint at The Casper Star-Tribune.

Nikki Judovsky, '96, has joined the sports staff of The Missoulian after working as a sports reporter and copy editor with The Gazette-Times in Corvallis, Ore.

Karuna Eberl, '96, is an entertainment reporter for The Colorado Daily (Boulder) newspaper and a regular writer for a couple of Internet sites. She's also working on a novel.

Kate Friedlander, '96, is a reporter for The Bend (Ore.) Bulletin.

Former Kaimin editor **Kyle Wood**, '96, is studying law at the University of Washington School of Law.

Gary Thain, '96, is chief photographer for The Herald-News in Klamath, Ore.

Dan McComb, '96, is freelancing and

working on a master's degree in visual communications in Seattle. **Steve Lympus**, '96, is in his first year of seminary in Vancouver, B.C.

Ray Stout, M.A., '96, is a reporter for the twice-weekly Western News in Libby. He covers education and natural resource issues.

Jennifer Jasek, '95, is in her fifth year of radio sales and promotions working for San Diego radio stations, KXYX 96.5 & 103.7 The Planet.

Patricia Snyder, '95, covers education and state government for The Daily Courier of Grants Pass, Ore. She recently won regional awards for reporting on education and gambling.

Bill Heisel Jr., '94, and his wife, Jennifer Heiger, recently landed jobs with The Orange County Register. Bill joined the paper's Pulitzer-prize-winning medical reporting team, and Jennifer covers real estate. Before joining the Register, the two worked for The Montana Standard and The Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic. Their investigation of the Yakima area's dairy industry won the Edward J. Meeman Award for environmental reporting. The series also received the Gerald Loeb Award for distinguished financial reporting.

Jim R. Kittle, '94, is teaching journalism and English at Hillcrest High School in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

William Barber, '94, is a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps and learning to fly FA/18 Hornets.

Mark Heinz, '93, is a copy editor/designer for The Times-News in Twin Falls, Idaho. He and his wife, Marie, have two young sons.

Francine Lange, '93, is living in New York City, where she writes for the Pfizer Inc.'s employee magazine. She's also working on a master's degree in Pace University's publishing program.

Brian Walker, '93, is a writer, editor and designer for Capitol Press, an agriculture and forestry publication based in Salem, Ore.

John Stucke, '93, covers the economy for *The Missoulian*. John returned to Missoula after working for *The Montana Standard* and newspapers in Sheridan and Gillette, Wyo.

Joe Kolman, '92, is married and covering southwest Montana for *The Billings Gazette*. Before joining the *Gazette*, Joe was a reporter and editor at *The Bozeman Daily Chronicle*.

Sharon Moses, '92, is pursuing a master's degree in cultural anthropology. She presented two papers at the 51st Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference in April of 1998, in Missoula. Following the presentation Sharon did fieldwork in Belize.

David Sirak, '91, is on the move again. He's the new news operations manager at WFTV-TV in Orlando, Fla.

Judy Matovich Blunt, '91, is an assistant to the head of UM's English Department. She completed a master's degree in 1994 and has won prestigious awards for her essays and poetry. Judy also has a memoir under contract.

Donna Bodner, '91, is a lead technical writer for Computers Unlimited, a software development company in Billings.

Seth Kantner, '91, is living and working as a writer, educator and commercial fisherman in Kotzebue, Alaska. His freelance articles and photos have appeared in *Outside* magazine, *Alaska Magazine*, *Alaska Geographic* and the Japanese magazine *Switch*.

Sherry Loberg, '91, teaches high school journalism in Hot Springs and publishes the town newspaper, *The Little Baldy Press*.

Nettie Powers Traxler, '91, works part time for Century 21 Heritage Realty in Helena. Her husband, Mark, works as a wildlife biologist with the Montana Department of Transportation. They have two sons.

Shanna Lutey Shrader, '91, and her husband, Dale, are stationed in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, where Dale flies Blackhawk helicopters for the U.S. Army. They have two young children, a boy and a girl.

Karl Rohr, '90, is working on his doctorate at Ole Miss. Before returning to school, Karl worked for *The Enterprise*



Photo by Todd Goodrich/University Communications

Television and film star Carroll O'Connor, right, tells professor Carol Van Valkenburg, Dean Jerry Brown and several journalism students about his days as a Kaimin editor. O'Connor and his wife were invited to campus this fall in celebration of their contributions to the University of Montana.

Mountaineer in Waynesville, N.C., where he won North Carolina Press Association awards for serious columns and feature writing and a National Newspaper Association award for agricultural coverage.

Bethany McLaughlin, '90, is chief of the human relations office for the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in Helena. Her husband, **Kevin McRae**, '88, is a labor relations specialist for the state Department of Administration.

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Janelle Ruffcorn-Wilson, '89, conducts radio industry market research for The Research Group in Seattle.

Michele Troxel, '88, is unit manager for the nightly news magazine "Evening Magazine" at the NBC affiliate in Seattle, KING 5 Television. The program won 13 Emmys this year, and is the nation's highest rated locally produced news magazine program.

Michelle Willits, '88, moved from features editor at *The Daily Sentinel* in Grand Junction, Colo., to become the entertainment section editor for *The Review-Journal* in Las Vegas, Nev.

Kathy Dunne Dunnehoff, '87, is teaching writing and literature at Flathead Valley Community College.

Suedee Galle Grissom, '87, and her husband work for Campus Crusade

for Christ at the University of Idaho. They have a young daughter.

Janie Sullivan, '87, is director of the Faculty Development Department in Academic Affairs for the University of Phoenix in Phoenix, Ariz. Since her graduation from UM, Janie has earned an MBA and a master's degree in education administration.

Former Kaimin editor **Kevin Twidwell**, '87, is an attorney in Seattle for the firm of Davis, Wright and Tremaine, a law firm with a national media law practice.

Shane Bishop, '86, was the producer of a recent hour-long "Dateline" program that chronicled the case of an Atlanta police officer who was charged with robbing and murdering a female motorist in 1993. At that time Shane had been with NBC for three years, producing shorter segments and writing copy for "Dateline" hosts Jane Pauley and Stone Phillips. Shane's wife, **Erika**, '86, is a freelance producer for PBS, the TV Food Network and others. Shane and Erika have a daughter.

Doug Decker, '85, directs the Tillamook State Forest Interpretive Program in Forest Grove, Ore. Doug and his wife, Marie Mahon-Decker, have two children and live in Portland.

Marlee Miller, '85, is communications director for the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce in Sacramento, Calif.

Kelly S. Buechler, '84, is director of development at Mercy Medical Foundation in Williston, N.D. Kelly and his wife, Roxana, have two young boys.

Ann Hennessey, '84, is living in San Jacinto, Calif., and teaching special education at an alternative high school for at-risk students. Before that, she worked as a reporter for The Press-Enterprise in Riverside, Calif., and did some freelancing and political consulting.

Perry Backus, '83, was selected from among hundreds of journalists nationwide to receive the Conservation Communications Award in 1997. Backus was nominated for reporting "above and beyond the call of duty to get the background on the issues." Backus has covered southwest Montana for The Montana Standard since 1989. He and his wife, Audrey, live in Dillon.

Sverre Kjetil Rod, '83, is the head of community relations for his home county (pop. 240,000) in Norway. He and his wife have three children.

Bill Lundgren, '83, is working for the West Glacier Mercantile in West Glacier.

Romney Dunbar, '82, is a news anchor and reporter for KION-TV in the Monterey, Calif., market. He and his wife, Priscilla, live in Santa Cruz.

Robin M. Taylor, '81, is the afternoon drive host for KMBR radio in Butte. She's recently been named assistant program director for the station and also serves as public service director.

Steve Stuebner, '81, has published a new coffee table book, "Idaho Impressions," and a third edition of "Mountain Biking in Boise." Steve is the Idaho stringer for The New York Times, and he writes for other newspapers and magazines. He and his wife, **Amy Stahl**, '82, have three children.

Stephanie Hanson Sisk, '81, is now the managing editor of The Suburban, a suburban newspaper in the Chicago area.

Patrick J. Sullivan, '81, is news editor at The Leader newspaper in Port Townsend, Wash. Patrick also conducts a mentorship program for high school photojournalists and works with college interns. He moonlights for Alaska Power & Telephone Co. as a photographer and writer. Patrick and his wife, Marilou, have three daughters.

Jeanette Prodggers, '80, lives in

Butte. In 1997 she edited "The Champion Buffalo: The Frontier Memoirs of Yellowstone Vic Smith." The autobiography of the former scout and big-game hunter was published by Two Dot Publishing in Helena.

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Debra L. McKinney, '79, one of the school's Pulitzer-prize winning alums, recently spent a year teaching English in Japan. She's back now, covering her home state of Alaska for The Anchorage Daily News.

Larry Elkin, '78, left The Associated Press to become a CPA and financial planner in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. He is the author of the book "Financial Self-Defense for Unmarried Couples," published in 1995 by Doubleday. He publishes a financial newsletter called Sentinel ("after the mountain," he writes). He and his wife, Linda, also write a column on interesting charities.

Bill Cook, '78, publishes a newsletter titled It's Not Easy Being Green, a journal of Christian environmental action, based in Portland, Ore.

Craig Reese, '78, is editor of KIRO Radio News Fax, a daily package of news briefs compiled from The Associated Press and delivered via fax machines. On the weekends, he publishes The Mainstreeter, a quarterly magazine of the Northern Pacific Railway Association.

Gordon Dillow, '77, is writing a three-times-a-week column on local issues for The Orange County Register. Before that he spent five years as a columnist for the now defunct Herald Examiner, and two years as a reporter for The Los Angeles Times.

Glenn Oakley, '77, has been doing a mix of magazine and advertising photography. Glenn shot the cover story in the November 1998 issue of Smithsonian Magazine, which has since offered Glenn another assignment. In the summer of 1997, Glenn covered the controversy surrounding a proposed gold mine near Lincoln, Mont.

Dave Trimmer, '76, has been sportswriter for The Spokesman-Review since 1988. He tells us he's won a few awards "but I write for readers, not pretentious judges."

JoAn Mengel Bjarko, '75, publishes and edits a monthly Colorado news-

paper, The North Forty News, which covers several small communities in northern Larimer County. She and her husband, Mike, bought the 10,400-circulation paper in 1995.

Kay Black Balmer, '74, is a senior editor responsible for zone and suburban coverage at The Oregonian. Before that, Kay oversaw newsroom hiring for the 350,000-circulation paper. Other UM alums at the Oregonian include former Professor **Patty Reksten**, M.A. '89, now the paper's director of photography, and editorial writer **Jill Thompson**, '80.

Rich Laws, '74, works as a master control operator for KPAX-TV in Missoula. He is married and has two stepsons and three grandchildren.

Margaret E. MacDonald, '74, is executive director of the Montana Association of Churches. During her tenure, she has established a program to help communities confront extremism, bigotry and religious intolerance. She and her husband, John D. Smillie, have two children.

Gary MacFadden, '74, is executive director of Adventure Cycling in Missoula, which promotes cycling and publishes Adventure Cyclist magazine. In addition, Gary's organization develops and maps road and mountain bike routes and organizes bike tours throughout the nation.

Ronnene Anderson, '73, is a part-time copy editor for The Edmonton Journal in Edmonton, Alberta. Her husband, Mark Pepler, is a professor of microbiology at the University of Alberta. They have two sons.

Dennis Carollo, '73, owns the Iron Mountain Iron Mine, a top Michigan tourist attraction. He also helps the local paper by covering the occasional San Francisco 49ers game. (The 49ers' coach is an Iron Mountain boy and Dennis' former paperboy.)

Marjorie Bennetts, '73, owns a small public relations firm in Marina Del Rey, Calif. The business represents clients in the travel, hospitality and sports industries.

Khelly Webb, '72, is a chiropractor in Los Alamitos, Calif., where she treats local athletes and works with corporate clients as a high performance coach.

Connie Revell, '71, is director of the Oregon Option, a federal-state-local partnership working on ways to reinvent government. She and her husband have two sons in college.

Robin Tawney, '71, lives in Missoula and is working on her next book for Falcon Press. Her most recent guidebook was titled "Family Fun in Yellowstone National Park."

Larry E. Bruce, '70, is office manager for the rural electric cooperative in Circle, Mont. "My memories of my college years and the J-school are among my most treasured possessions," he writes.

Louise Fenner, '70, is a senior writer-editor for the U.S. Information Agency, European Branch.

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George H. Peck, '68, has been named director of public affairs and marketing for The Medical Center of Aurora in Aurora, Colo.

Carl Gidlund, '67, retired in January 1998, as public affairs director for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests in Coeur d'Alene. He also retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Air Force Reserve. He and his wife, Sally, live in Hayden Lake, Idaho. When he isn't working with the National Smokejumper Association, Carl is skiing or working as a trail marshal on the new Hiawatha Bike Trail on the Montana-Idaho border.

Jane Susan Stahl MacCarter, '67, coordinates the Share With Wildlife program for New Mexico Department of Game and Fish in Santa Fe. The position involves writing and seeking funding on behalf of endangered species and other non-game wildlife. Jane, and her husband, Don MacCarter, and their children, Mindy and Kent, are all UM graduates. Jane and Don live in Santa Fe, N.M.

JoAnn Hacker Speelman, '67, is a reporter for The Daily Interlake in Kalispell. She covers police, courts and emergencies. She also writes for the Interlake's Flathead Business Journal.

Paula Latham Wilmot, '67, who says she's worked about every desk at The Great Falls Tribune except sports, has recently returned to city desk reporting.

Montana Tax Incentives Encourage Endowment Gifts

To encourage gifts to endowments in Montana, the 1997 Legislature enacted a law to provide a state income tax credit for certain contributions by individuals, corporations, and estates to permanent endowment funds held by Montana charitable organizations, such as The University of Montana Foundation.

The time is at hand for promoting endowment growth, as the tax credit is in effect only through December 2001.

The law offers an incentive of 50 percent of a qualifying contribution, to a maximum of \$10,000 per year per individual, for irrevocable planned gifts. Gift types that qualify include: current and deferred charitable gift annuities; charitable remainder and lead trusts; life estate agreements (gifts of a home or farm); paid-up life insurance policies; or gifts to the Foundation's pooled income fund.

The credit also applies to both outright and planned gifts from Montana corporations, small business corporations, partnerships or estates made to permanent endowments.

Now, Montana taxpayers of all income levels can save on their tax bill and pro-

vide for a continuing income source for themselves while supporting an organization they value, such as the School of Journalism.

The School of Journalism's fund raising priorities are focused on support for the Joe Durso Memorial Endowment to fund student professional projects and the School of Journalism Opportunity Endowment which allows the school to meet unanticipated needs and take advantage of opportunities that arise for both faculty and students.

Separate endowments, which can be named for the donor or someone they wish to honor or memorialize, can be established with gifts of \$10,000 or more. Scholarship endowments begin at \$20,000 or more. Endowments may be funded by an outright gift or pledged over a period of five years.

If you would like more information about the tax credit or the School of Journalism's fund-raising priorities, please contact Linda Lefavour Lussy at The University of Montana Foundation (800-443-2593 or 406-243-5194) or Dean Jerry Brown (406-243-4001).

Mary M. Homer, '66, who worked as a reporter-photographer for The Daily Interlake at Kalispell before joining the Peace Corps, is now living in Jackson, Wyo.

Gary N. Kimble, '66, is in his fifth year as commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. He was appointed to the post by President Bill Clinton in 1993 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate a year later.

Patricia Moran Kennedy, '66, is a communications consultant and president of her own business, Dancer's Communications Co., in Olympia, Wash.

Eric Hansen, '67, is a consultant with Unisys Corp., helping the state of Alaska implement welfare reform.

Dean Baker, '65, left his job as associate editor at Oregon Business Magazine to become a reporter for The Columbian, in Vancouver, Wash.

Daniel J. Foley, '65, is an associate professor of journalism at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In 1998, he spent a week in the Ukraine and Belarus, talking to journalists, students and others about freedom of the press.

Janet Trask Cox, '63, lives and works in Port Townsend, Wash. In 1996, Janet earned an MFA from the University of Washington's creative writing program.

Suzanne Lintz Ines, '63, is enjoying her retirement in the high desert of Grand Junction, Colo. She sold her Washington, D.C., company to an international public relations firm in 1989, but worked for the new owners until 1992.

John A. Counihan, '62, is promotion manager for Newsweek magazine, where he produces videos, sales promotion brochures, ads and speeches.

Gaylord T. Guenin, '62, writes a biweekly column for The Aspen Times and is working on his second book, "The March of the Innocents." He's also worked as co-moderator of The Woody Creek Caucus, a local political action group.

John J. Schultz, '62, has been elected chairman of the Department of Mass Communications, Advertising and Public Relations at Boston University.

John F. Kavanagh, '61, sold his newspapers in Shelby, Cut Bank and Browning to his son Brian. He moved to Whitefish and is working on a book.

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Anne Thomas David, '59, lives with her husband in Thousand Oaks, Calif., where she works as a fabric artist and as a docent for the Ventura County Museum of History and Art. She spends summers at her cabin in Whitefish.

Richard Warden, '57, has worked as a consultant for unions and public interest organizations since retiring after nearly 20 years as legislative director for the United Auto Workers in Washington, D.C.

Kay Blaszek Boll, '57, retired in 1997 as a middle school principal and now supervises student teachers at Cal-State Bakersfield.

Bob Gilluly, '57, has retired after a distinguished career as a reporter and editor at The Great Falls Tribune. Bob, who now lives in Anaconda, recently published "One Man's Montana," a collection of his Trib columns.

Farrell C. Stewart, '57, retired last spring from the university relations department at Montana State University-Billings.

Virginia McBride Altman, '56, has been teaching art history, specializing in the ancient arts of Egypt, Greece and Rome, at UC-Davis, UC-Berkeley and Cal-State Hayward.

Kim Forman, '56, teaches classes in the Communications Department at Seattle University and is enjoying semi-retirement after 25 years with Burlington Northern Corp. communications.

Ann Thomson Beaman, '55, retired in 1997 after nearly 14 years as an aide for several Florida state legislators, including a speaker of the state house.

Carla Beck, '55, reports that she's retired from paid activity. Nevertheless, she's producing a newsletter for a small Episcopal parish in western Maryland and doing peer support and advocacy for families with loved ones suffering from depression and manic depression (bipolar) illness.

Virginia Smith, '53, is lecturing and writing on religion and religious education. Virginia, who lives in Billings, recently produced a series of eight videos called "Scripture from Scratch," plus a participant manual and facilitator's guide. The project also entails a monthly publication that she co-edits.

Ross M. Hagen, '52, has retired after 54 years in the news and public relations business, including 17 years with The Associated Press in Helena, Denver, Atlanta, Birmingham and Boston. His career took him from the Selma march to the Masters Golf Tournament, from the 1964 GOP national convention to Sen. Edward Kennedy's accident at Chappaquiddick. "It has been one heck of a ride that was launched by UM's first-rate J-school," he says.

Doug Dean, '51, is driving a school bus for disabled children for Beach Transportation in Missoula. "I still play golf every day and make all the Griz home games," he reports.

M. William Stelman, '51, and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 50th anniversary. He retired in 1992 after 42 years of educational and practical communications work, including 28 years at the University of Idaho.

Jean K. French, '50, is vice president of Client Editorial Services for Coffey Communications in Walla Walla, Wash. The company produces magazines and newsletters for the hospital and managed care industry.

Sterling Soderlind, '50, is enjoying retirement in Short Hills, N.J. He writes us that he enjoys reading the Kaimin on the Internet. He hopes to attend the 50th anniversary of his Rhodes Scholar Class of 1950 next year.

40s

J.J. Wuerthner Jr., '49, underwent open-heart surgery last spring but says he's doing well. He retired for a month in 1988, but has worked ever since for the U.S. Census Bureau's National Health Study. He lives in Springfield, Va.

Keith Crandell, '49, is a columnist for The Villager, a community weekly in Greenwich Village, New York City. He also works part-time for a local senior citizens' advocacy organization. He was named to the Village Hall of Fame in 1996. He and his wife have four children, one of whom is practicing journalism.

Jean Bartley Freese, '48, has been volunteering and doing freelance writing and editing after her retirement in 1991 as wire editor of The Miles City Star.

Jean E. Dineen Caton, '47, reports that she is retired and "goofing with the computer." "I still occasionally address my

friends with the Ed Dugan expression, 'Dear Brethren and Cistems,'" she writes.

Lorraine E. (Griffith) Lindahl, '45, lives in Minneapolis, Minn., where she does resettlement and advocacy work for refugees.

Jack Hallowell, '42, is enjoying retirement after a distinguished career in news and public relations. Jack, who retired in 1995, lives in the Denver area. He was among the American soldiers who liberated the German concentration camp Dachau. After the military, Jack returned to Montana and worked at The Great Falls Tribune and later became executive secretary to Gov. Tim Babcock. In 1973, Jack moved to the U.S. Department of Energy where he worked as a liaison officer until 1985, when he became a public affairs representative for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver.

After a friendship of nearly 60 years, **Betty Ellen McGuin**, '42, married **Jack McGuin**, '42, on August 2, 1997. They met as freshmen at UM in 1938. She studied journalism and he majored in fine arts. She later returned to UM in 1968 to earn a teaching certificate and he picked up an MFA degree in 1953.

Verna Green Smith, '40, is the volunteer editorial director for the Oasis Institute in St. Louis, Missouri. Verna, who earned a doctorate after J-school, says hopes to see all her classmates at Homecoming next year for their 60th reunion.

30s

John A. Willard, '38, is enjoying retirement in Billings after a distinguished career in news and public relations. He helped create UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research and worked as a reporter for Montana dailies and as an outdoor columnist for regional newspapers and magazines. He wrote and published six books on Western history, wildlife and art. From 1970 until his retirement in 1981, John managed Burlington Northern Railroad's public relations efforts in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and North Dakota.

Celia Caffin Risen, '35, has recently published "Some Jewels of Maine, Jewish Maine Pioneers." Along with her degree in journalism, she has a master's in guidance and counseling from the University of Cincinnati. Before her retirement, she worked as a social worker and teacher in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Maine and Ethiopia. She lives in Bethesda, M.D.

OBITUARIES

George Crawford Adams, a former editor of The Anaconda Standard and the last Kaimin editor to be elected by the student body, died Nov. 18, 1997, in Great Falls. He was 88. Adams began his 39-year newspaper career with The Montana Standard in 1933. He later worked for the wire services in Butte and in 1938 became editor of The Anaconda Standard. He retired in 1972 as editor of the Montana Standard's Anaconda Bureau.

Rita Gray Beatty, a 1952 graduate of the School of Journalism, was killed on Oct. 13, 1997, in a fire at her home in Green Valley, Ariz. Rita worked on the Kaimin during her UM years. She wrote "The DDT Myth," published in 1972. She taught music and painted with oils. She and her husband, Benjamin W. Beatty, moved to Green Valley after his retirement from high school teaching in Silicon Valley. The couple operated a flonist business. Rita is survived by her husband in Green Valley and four children.

Margery Hunter Brown, described by colleagues as "a beacon of integrity" who shaped the history of Montana and its law school, died in January 1998. She was 69. Brown, who held degrees in journalism ('50), political science, history and law from the University of Montana, was an expert in natural resource law, environmental law and Indian law. From 1976 to 1993, she was a faculty member of the UM School of Law, serving as assistant dean, associate dean and acting dean. She was a founder of the UM Indian Law Clinic, the first of its kind in the nation. She was an associate justice on the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' Court of Appeals, a member of the Montana Human Rights Commission and a member of the Montana Constitution Convention Commission. She and her husband founded the Bigfork Summer Playhouse. Before her legal career, Margery worked as a reporter and editor for The Great Falls Tribune, as an instructor at Northern Montana College, and as an editorial associate with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in Madison.

Maibelle Mohrher Christy, who came to Montana as a child in a covered wagon and earned a journalism degree from UM in 1926, died Jan. 26, 1999, in Park Ridge, Ill. She was 97. At UM, Christy earned varsity letters in basketball and fencing. She also was a member of the school's rifle team. After her graduation, Christy had several careers. In addition to teaching in a one-room school, she worked as a reporter, nurse, secretary and social worker, not retiring until she was 80 years old.

Charles Henry Crouse, a real estate broker and federal agriculture specialist who attended UM's School of Journalism, died Aug. 19, 1998, at his home in Bozeman. He was 81. Crouse served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II, and later worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Stabilization and Conservation Service. A member of several civic and fraternal organizations, Crouse also worked with the Montana Historical Society and the Gallatin County Historical Society.

Shirley Scott Gianelli, a 1945 graduate of the School of Journalism, died Aug. 2, 1997, in Monterey, Calif. She was 75 and had suffered from Parkinson's disease. Born in Great Falls, Gianelli had lived in Pebble Beach, Calif., for 23 years before her death. She was a homemaker who was active in parent-teacher organizations. Gianelli, whose husband of 50 years, William Gianelli, had been an assistant Army secretary and chairman of the Panama Canal Commission, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

William D. "Scotty" James, longtime editor of The Great Falls Tribune and a 1941 UM graduate, died July 13, 1999, in Great Falls. He was 83. Executive editor of the Tribune from 1968 until his retirement in 1983, James fought to improve the state's mental hospitals and was known as a strong supporter of higher education. He was honored by the Montana Newspaper Association as a Master Editor in 1996. As a UM student, James was editor of The Montana Kaimin. He later worked at papers in Helena and Lewistown and in North Dakota and Utah before joining the Tribune as a reporter in 1947.

Robert E. Jones, a 1934 UM journalism graduate, died May 21, 1998, in Missoula, the city where he was born and whose growth he later helped guide. He was 86. Jones was a civic leader who campaigned for three new bridges over the Clark Fork River, helped plan the construction of St. Patrick Hospital and served as president of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce. He served as a flight instructor in the U.S. Naval Reserve and later became a real estate developer. Well-known as a local historian, Jones liked to note that he was born on Rattlesnake Creek near its junction with the Clark Fork River, a spot visited more than a century earlier by Meriwether Lewis.

Robert P. Lathrop, a retired executive editor of The Great Falls Tribune and member of the Class of '37, died Feb. 8, 1998, in Great Falls. He was 83. Lathrop began his 44-year newspaper career as a tough crime and general assignment reporter for The Great Falls Leader, where he worked alongside Joseph Kinsey Howard. He was named city editor of both the Tribune and Leader in 1965 and was later managing editor of the Leader until it folded in 1970. He became associate editor of the Tribune and later executive editor. Survivors include his wife, Lucy, and one daughter.

Thomas C. Mather, a prominent Great Falls business and member of the Class of '41, died in March of 1988 in Great Falls. He was 81. After stints in the wholesale grocery and distributing businesses, Mather established Tom Mather and Associates, a real estate development firm that developed many Great Falls-area subdivisions. In 1996 he sold the business and opened Mather Realty, a home-based property management firm. He is survived by two daughters and two step-daughters.

Thomas E. Mooney, a 1932 UM graduate who founded the Montana state news bureau for Lee Newspapers, died Feb. 25, 1999, in Las Vegas. He was 87. After leaving the University, where he was editor of The Montana Kaimin, Mooney covered the Montana Legislature for The Helena Independent Record. He later became managing editor of The Montana Standard in Butte, but returned to Helena to launch the Lee State Bureau. Called a "protector of the English language" by one former colleague, Mooney resigned from Lee in 1968 to become press secretary for then-Gov. Tim Babcock. A series he wrote about the state's criminal code earned him an award from the State Bar of Montana in 1970.

Aline Mosby, the first woman assigned by a major news service to cover the Kremlin and later Beijing, died Aug. 7, 1998, in Escondido, Calif. She was 76. A 1943 graduate of the School of Journalism, Mosby covered everything from Hollywood gossip to world affairs during her 50 years as a journalist. She joined United Press International in 1943. She opened the UPI's Beijing bureau in 1972. That assignment followed her work as a correspondent in Moscow, where she interviewed a young Lee Harvey Oswald, who had renounced his U.S. citizenship. A Missoula native, Mosby served UPI in Hollywood, Paris and New York City before retiring in 1984 to freelance for various magazines and newspapers, including The New York Times. She received an honorary degree from UM in 1985.

Henry J. Pratt, who worked for the National Park Service for almost three decades, died June 20, 1997, at the age of 67. After receiving his bachelor's degree from UM in 1952, Pratt joined the U.S. Army, serving in Okinawa as a public information officer during the Korean War. He joined the National Park Service in 1957 and before his retirement in 1984, he had earned a master's in public administration from American University and worked in Yellowstone, Grand Teton and Great Smoky Mountains national parks and in Park Service offices in Omaha, Denver and Washington, D. C. Henry published more than 1,000 articles in such publications as The Saturday Evening Post, Elks Magazine and the Army Reserve Magazine.

Warren N. Reichman, a former Missoulian city editor and longtime publisher of The Madisonian, died Sept. 2, 1997. He was 78. Reichman graduated from the School of Journalism in 1947 but his college years were interrupted by World War II. He served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. After the war, Reichman and his wife, Wilma, settled in Missoula, where he worked as The Missoulian's city editor. In 1952 he bought The Madisonian in Virginia City and ran the paper for 18 years. In 1970, he went to work for Aircraft Pinters in Bozeman. He retired in 1983.

Hearst Foundation gives UM \$200,000 for endowed fund

With the help of a new grant, UM will be able to bring to campus expert professional journalists to share their knowledge with students and faculty at the School of Journalism.

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation has presented UM with a \$200,000 check to create an endowed fund that will allow print and broadcast journalists to visit the school. The establishment of the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Fund for Visiting Professionals recognizes the school's position as one of the top journalism programs in the nation.

"These endowments have been established at a number of leading J-Schools in the past decade," wrote Thomas Eastham, vice president and western director of the Hearst Foundation in a letter announcing the grant. "The purpose is to help build bridges between those who teach journalism and those who practice it."

Journalism Dean Jerry Brown envisions top journalists visiting campus for several days to several weeks at a time.

"This grant reflects the vision and effort of Carol Van Valkenburg and the late Joe Durso, both of whom saw the need for funds to enrich the program by attracting prominent guests speakers," Brown said. "Journalism students always need a fresh flow of working pros to complement their classroom instruction."

Professor Van Valkenburg sees the grant as an acknowledgment of UM's excellent journalism program. It is also, she says, a reflection of students' top-notch performances in the annual Hearst Journalism Awards Program, widely referred to as "the Pulitzers of college journalism." UM finished fifth overall in the 1999 competition.

"We have been doing very well in this program for many years," Van Valkenburg said. "That's part of what catches their attention. They know that our students are very good because they stack up well against journalism students from across the country."

In a letter to former Interim Dean Joe Durso, who initiated the endowment proposal before his death in 1998, Eastham praised the school's awards and academic attributes, as well as its "deep concern for the people of Montana."

"The Native News Honors Project is especially notable — not only giving students rich experience in throwing light on state problems, but is itself an extraordinary public service," Eastham wrote. The eighth annual Native News report, "Horizons: Preserving the Past, Securing the Future," was distributed throughout the state in June.

Deliberations are under way about how best to use the \$200,000 grant, which has been invested. Most likely, Van Valkenburg said, interest and part of the principal will be used to bring in visiting professionals starting next spring.

Kinney

Kinney is considered a state treasure in Colorado, where he has worked since 1969 in both commercial and public television. His long-running and popular news show, "State of Colorado," is a thought-provoking and insightful look at contemporary issues.

"He has not gone the way of popular sound-bite broadcast journalism," wrote one Coloradan in a letter supporting Kinney's nomination for UM's Distinguished Alumni Award. "His name has become synonymous with integrity in broadcast journalism in our state."

Kinney started the program on Denver's public television station in January 1979. Almost two years earlier, he had lost his job as a reporter at one of the city's commercial TV stations after consultants suggested he be dumped as "too old and not of star quality."

"State of Colorado," which he produces and anchors, brings together news makers and reporters to discuss local, state and national issues.

Kinney, who started his own production company in 1986 to produce "State of Colorado" as well as television documentaries, has won regional EMMY Awards, a Silver Circle Award last year from the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences, and a bronze award at the New York Film Festival for a documentary.

A Missoula native, Kinney showed early promise. He got a job at his high school radio station and then worked for Missoula station KGVO as a UM journalism student.

Within a year of his graduation in 1964 — with degrees in both sociology and journalism — he was working for CBS in New York, rubbing shoulders with Walter

Brown

ism program fought for funding, fenced with intrusive politicians and fended off a merger with a communications department is that alumni are a valuable and essential ally.

Those who hold the fate of journalism schools in their hands—provosts, presidents, regents and legislators—pay attention to alumni, especially those in state, regional and national media positions.

Alums who value what they learned in J-School and who have supported the University make all the difference when it comes to defending a tradition of instruction and in making certain subsequent generations have similar opportunities.

I have been encouraged greatly in my conversations with alums. It's heartening to realize that a continuum exists from the past, through the present and into the future.

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"It was the thrill of a lifetime to be inside CBS," Kinney told an interviewer from The Denver Post in 1998.

He stayed with CBS until 1969, helping produce news stories on the nation's fledgling space program before moving his young family to Denver.

Kinney took up running in 1984, and has twice put his second passion in service to the first. In the early 1990s, while he was president of the Denver Press Club, Kinney ran across Colorado to raise \$5,500 for a club scholarship fund.

In 1993, Kinney decided to run across Montana, his home state, to raise money for a UM journalism scholarship that would honor his two mentors at KGVO: Don Weston and Ron Richards. That run, which spanned 666 miles and took him 15 1/2 days, raised more than \$11,000 to endow the new scholarship fund. As of June 30, 1999, the Weston-Richards Scholarship Fund had an endowment of \$32,908.

In 1994, Kinney's wife, Ann, created a new scholarship in honor of her husband. The Donald W. Kinney Scholarship Fund, started with \$10,000, has grown to an endowed fund of \$22,050.

Earlier this year, Kinney wrote to development officers at the University with a modest request. He wanted his first name and initial removed from the name of the fund. And he sent along a gift to give that fund — now called simply the Kinney Scholarship Fund — "a little boost," as he called it: a check for \$5,000.

Letters supporting Kinney's nomination praise him as a man of integrity who has done much to further his profession.

"You, as a University," said one letter writer, "should 'pat yourselves on the back' for turning out such a fine individual."

The strengths of this school point to the challenge that brought me here. As one key administrator from a major Midwestern university said recently, "The University of Montana School of Journalism deserves to be known across the nation as the best of its kind."

To do so will not require a shift in emphasis.

To preserve our approach to journalism education, to reward a productive and devoted faculty, to recruit and retain talented students and to help them become productive professionals—that will remain our primary objective.

And the secondary will be to raise our national profile, so that folks in Alabama and elsewhere take notice.

I invite you to call, write or to stop by for a visit when you are back on campus. This new dean will appreciate your advice and assistance.