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Communique

The University of Montana School of Journalism



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New building plans reflect growth, needs

A building site has been suggested for a proposed new journalism building, architectural plans are complete and an official national campaign to raise money is under way.

Dean Jerry Brown reports that the school has pledges of about \$6 million.

"For us to break ground on a new building, all we now need is an additional \$6 million," Brown said.

UM does not anticipate financial support from the state for the new building. "Given the economic and political climate, we were happy the 2001 Montana Legislature granted us spending authority to raise the funds from private donors," Brown said.

The Legislature must give its approval even to begin

raising private funds for university buildings.

John Talbot, former publisher of *The Missoulian* and an adjunct professor of media management until his retirement in May, is leading the national campaign, with assistance from Larry Elkin, class of '78. Both Talbot and Elkin are members of the Journalism Advisory Council. Meetings with potential supporters in New York City and Washington, D.C., are being planned.

The school outgrew its 1930s-era building in the mid-1980s, forcing the Radio-Television Department to be scattered in three buildings across campus. The proposed 75,500-square foot building would allow photo, broadcast and print students

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Julie gets more kudos

For J-School grad Julie Sullivan '85, the awards just keep on coming.

In 2001 Julie was part of a team of reporters at the *Oregonian*

who won a Pulitzer gold medal for public service reporting for their series exposing serious flaws in the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. The gold medal is considered



the most prestigious of the Pulitzer Prizes. Julie and three other reporters investigated and wrote the series, called "Liberty's Heavy Hand." The judging committee cited the *Oregonian* for "its detailed and unflinching examination of systematic problems within the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, including harsh treatment of foreign nationals and other widespread abuses, which prompted various reforms."

When she learned of the Pulitzer, Julie told the *Montana Standard*, her hometown paper, about her reaction: "I said I felt like (Academy Award winning actor) Russell Crowe, because of how he said in his speech that this is for all the kids who grew up without affluence or anywhere to go, and so this one is for Butte. And that got a great roar from the crowd because everyone

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Dean's report



Elsewhere in this issue you will see a report on the progress of our drive for funds for a new building and a request for your assistance. What you will not see is the role the Journalism Advisory Council has played in bringing us halfway to our goal.

In addition to Don Oliver, president, and Jill Thompson Black, vice president, the committee members include Shane Bishop, Ken Blackbird, Jack Cloherty, J.D.

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Over the past three years, about a third of this busy but devoted cross-section of alumni and friends have attended our twice-a-year meetings in person, and we have communicated with others through a network of snail- and e-mail.

The council has already proved its merit in providing professional, financial and political support — especially the latter.

When we were lobbying the Montana Legislature in January 2001 for "spending authority"— which means state permission must be granted to raise funds from private sources for our new building — the council members responded to the call by drawing on connections with legislators with whom they had family, school and business ties.

It was a pleasure to watch the political process at work and it was a special pleasure to see it succeed. Thanks to the quick and effectual work of the advisory council, we

got the spending authority and a five-year period in which to raise the funds. Obviously, we are already well ahead of schedule.

In fact, if we have not raised the \$12 million by the fall, we may be going back to the Legislature to seek state funds to put us over the top, which means we'll need to reactivate and extend our lobbying network. In that event, I hope you will join the council and other friends of this school in making it clear why this building is needed.

It comes down to this simple three-pronged pitch: We are pressing for a new building because enrollment is increasing, because we actually have no single building for journalism (not even the venerable Journalism Building, which is partially occupied by the School of Forestry) and because the profession is demanding graduates both grounded in the basics of reporting and editing and exposed to the multi-media delivery systems.

The new building, which was a dream of the late acting dean and professor Joe Durso Jr., will meet all those needs, and I believe it will also become a magnet for programmatic support.

I'm grateful for the leadership example set by the Journalism Advisory Council, and I'm confident we're going to reach our goal. Please fill out the form on the next page and join us in the good cause. Come the day we dedicate the new building, you can be on hand to take part of the credit.

Building Survey

The School of Journalism continues its fund drive for a new building, which will replace the Journalism building erected in 1936 and consolidate the print, photography and broadcast programs under one roof. These programs are now shoehorned into four locations around the campus.

About \$6 million has been committed by individual donors, bringing us nearly halfway to our \$12 million target. The next phase of our effort will be to solicit major corporate contributions crucial to our success.

You can help. Just complete the form below. Rather than make cold calls, we want to contact media executives who have worked with our graduates and are familiar with the quality of our program. We will be grateful if you'll list executives at your current place of employment (or former places) who may be in a position to help us. We also are interested in your professional positions and accomplishments. Feel free to list them on a separate sheet. You can fax the information to us at (406) 243-5369, or e-mail Dean Brown at jebrown@selway.umt.edu.

Many thanks to the more than 200 graduates who already provided this information when they returned the alumni survey form we distributed last year.

Mini-Survey

Your name and address:

Current employer:

Your accomplishments:

List executives at current or former places of employment who might help us raise funds for the new building. Please provide name, title, address and phone.

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J-school wins \$250,000 to launch online news site by and for Indian students



American Indian students from around the nation have their own online publication started this summer, thanks to a \$250,000 grant to the University of Montana School of Journalism from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Reznet (<http://www.reznetnews.org>) is the brain-child of J-School professor Dennis McAuliffe, UM's Native American journalist in residence and a member of Oklahoma's Osage tribe.

"Over the years some of us have been racking our brains about how to increase the number of Native Americans in journalism," said McAuliffe.

As it stands, of the seven tribal colleges in Montana, only two have school newspapers and offer journalism classes. McAuliffe contends there are so few American Indians in the profession because journalism simply isn't available to them.

Of the 56,000 journalists working at daily newspapers in the United States, only about 300 are Native Americans, according to a recent survey by the American Society of Newspaper Editors. The Native American Journalists Association believes that number is inflated and there are actually only about 100, said McAuliffe,

who serves as NAJA secretary.

Reznet could involve as many as 31 of the tribal colleges across the United States, many of which don't have school papers. So, says McAuliffe, Reznet will bring a paper to them.

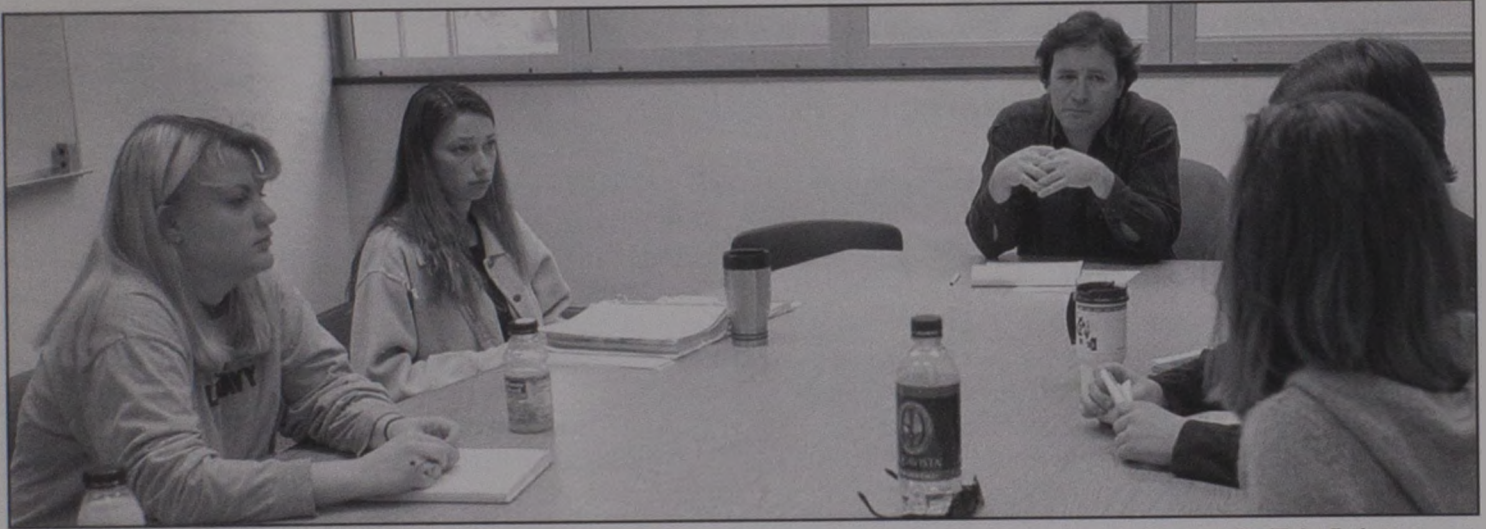
"It is intended to be the school newspaper for these tribal colleges without a newspaper," he said.

With the help of the grant, Reznet will be able to hire a staff of 20 reporters each year for two years. Some will receive digital cameras, enabling them to transmit their photographs by e-mail.

The student journalists will also get paid. "In order to show these kids that journalism is a viable profession," said McAuliffe, "we've got to pay them." Reporters will be paid \$50 per story and will write up to four stories per month.

Ultimately, the publication will provide aspiring Native American journalists with clips, which can help them get internships that will help them get jobs.

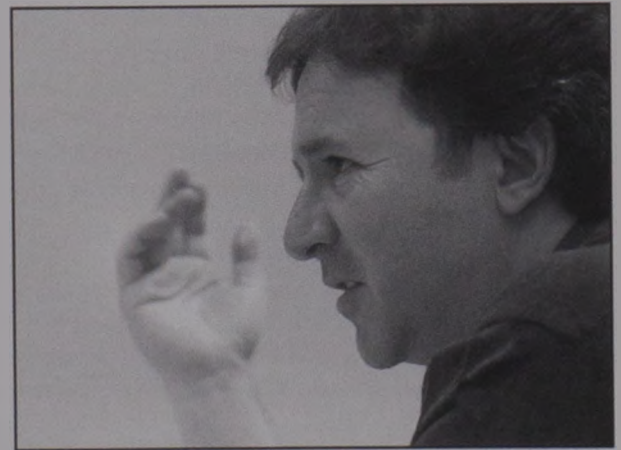
McAuliffe, previously an editor on the foreign desk at the Washington Post for 16 years, will be chief editor of the online publication, teaching student journalists from a distance via e-mail.



Photos By/Erin Painter

Jonathan Weber teaches a seminar on global communications to journalism students. Weber was the school's first Pollner professor.

Weber becomes first Pollner distinguished professor



The family and friends of T. Anthony Pollner, a 1999 graduate of the J-School who died in an accident in May 2001, have established an endowment that allows the school to bring a distinguished journalist to campus for a semester each academic year.

Jonathan Weber, former editor-in-chief of The Industry Standard and a former technology editor of the Los Angeles Times, was the first Pollner distinguished professor. Weber taught a seminar in spring semester 2002 and also served as a mentor to the staff of the Montana Kaimin.

Weber earned a degree in philosophy at Wesleyan University, then studied at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. He left before completing his master's to take a job with the Times, where he wrote for the San Francisco and New York bureaus before starting his technology column, "Innovation." Weber then left the Times to help start The Industry Standard, a weekly business magazine that lived

and died covering the dot-com craze.

Anthony Pollner was a reporter and Web master at the Kaimin and his work on the student paper was so important to him that his family wanted to include working with the Kaimin staff as a part of the Pollner professor's job.

While at the Standard Weber was named by Columbia Journalism Review as one of the top editors in the country. But the high-powered editor fit right in at the Kaimin newsroom. After Weber delivered the first Pollner lecture, in which he detailed the Industry Standard's meteoric rise and its precipitous fall, a Kaimin reporter asked him if his experience working with the Kaimin was humbling after his job at the Standard. He laughed and said it wasn't as different as some might imagine. But he conceded there was one difference.

"Adviser is different than editor-in-chief,"
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T. Anthony Pollner

Scholarship fund aims to help students emulate WSJ reporter and UM alum Jeff Cole

A legacy fund in the name of Jeff Cole, the University of Montana School of Journalism graduate and The Wall Street Journal aviation reporter who died in a plane crash in January 2001, will strive to develop reporters with the same fairness and competitive spirit that Cole took to work every day.

The Jeff Cole Legacy Fund will be used to award scholarships to students with qualities similar to Cole's, in addition to providing internships, guest lectures, workshops, and resources for UM's School of Journalism. Maria Little, Jeff's widow, hopes to raise \$500,000 for the fund and secure two UM internships a year with Dow Jones.

Cole had worked for The Journal since 1992, with a year-long stint at The Seattle Times in between. He graduated from UM's School of Journalism in 1981 and went on to work as the Missoulian's Deer Lodge correspondent and as a business writer. He first covered aviation when he joined the Everett Herald in Washington state and continued on the beat for the St. Paul Pioneer Press in Minnesota before landing a job at The Journal.

He was killed Jan. 24, 2001, in a plane crash near Denver after interviewing Atlas Air Chairman Michael Chowdry, the pilot of the Czech-built jet fighter that crashed soon after takeoff. Cole was 45.

Little, who had been friends with Cole for 10 years but only married to him for 17 months, got the news of the plane crash when she was away from home on business, she said. She was alone in a hotel room near Burbank, Calif., and knew she couldn't drive, so she waited for Bruce Orwall, The Journal's Los Angeles Bureau reporter and Cole's best friend, to arrive. As Orwall and his wife drove Little to their home, she said she remembers being in shock, but thinking, "I have to keep him alive in some way." That's when she thought of the legacy fund.

The Coles had bought 20 acres in Stevensville, and Little is proceeding with plans to build a home which she hopes will be finished this fall so that she can move there and realize the dream that the couple shared. "Jeff felt the journalism school gave him a chance for a real career," Little said. Before attending UM, he worked on a feed farm, and while he was a reporter for the

Missoulian he drove a UPS truck for extra money, she said. At the time he was married to his first wife and had two small children. "He was thinking about what he could do for his family," she said.

Although Cole was considered one of the top seven reporters by Dow Jones, he didn't live an extravagant lifestyle, according to Little. He often wore sweats and their neighbors didn't know he was a reporter for The Journal until after he died, Little said. He wrote many of his stories camped out on the dining room table in their 1,400 square foot home in Federal Way, Wash., she said.

"There will never be another Jeff Cole," Little said. "But through the legacy fund we can give students a wonderful start and bring out his best traits."

Tax-deductible contributions or stock contributions can be sent to: The Jeff Cole Legacy Fund, P. O. Box 24615, Federal Way, WA 98093, or to the J-School.

Blunt writes best seller

A memoir by J-School graduate Judy Blunt '91 is garnering exceptional reviews across the country and was for several weeks on the New York Times best seller list.

Blunt, who used her married name Matovich while she was in school, wrote the book "Breaking Clean" over a 10-year period. It's about her first 30 years of living in the harsh physical and emotional climate of eastern Montana. She left her husband and father-in-law's ranch in 1986 and came with her three children to Missoula, where she enrolled in journalism at UM.

The New York Times wrote about her book: "Judy Blunt is such a natural writer and this book is so good, it's unthinkable to imagine that she might have never pursued this craft, that she might have lived out her years as one of the dutiful and voiceless ranch women whose lives she honors in this book (even as she turns away from that life).

"While in school she juggled academics, child rearing and a job refinishing floors.

"This choice came at great cost to her family, to her community and to herself. But if there's nothing else that Judy Blunt learned from the tough people who inhabited the hard landscape of her upbringing, it was this: You do what you must do in order to survive. And what she had to do, in order to save her own life, was to leave her entire world behind so she could finally write about it."

In the book Blunt writes: "I rarely go back to the ranch where I was born or to the neighboring land

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School hires two new faculty

The University of Montana School of Journalism has signed on two new faculty members.

Sheri Venema, visiting assistant professor for the past three years, will fill a new tenure-track line in the J-school print department, and Teresa Tamura will be joining the school in the fall as an assistant professor of photojournalism.

Tamura got her undergraduate degree at Idaho State University in 1982. She went on to obtain her master's at the University of Washington in art, with an emphasis on photography. While earning her master's, she also worked 32-hour weeks as a staff photographer at The Seattle Times.

That's when she learned the most about photography, she said.

"Daily deadline pressure and interpreting assignments with fresh eyes were ongoing challenges in the newspaper world," Tamura said.

"Translating my thoughts and ideas into photographs, then getting direct feedback during classroom critiques gave me new perspectives from the art world."

Keith Graham, professor of photojournalism at the J-school, is looking forward to Tamura's understanding of both worlds.

"She is very thoughtful," Graham said. "I think she'll make students think about what they shoot and how they approach subjects."

Tamura is excited to make the move from Hailey, Idaho, to Missoula. "On a scale of 1 to 10 — 10 being the happiest — I feel 10-plus," she said.

She is looking forward to the intellectual challenge of teaching at a university as well as skiing, hiking and biking. "The area offers the best of both worlds," she said.

Tamura replaces photo professor Jackie Bell, who left in 2000 to join the faculty at the University of

Missouri. The position has been filled for the past two years by visiting assistant professors Laura Camden and Erin Painter.

On the print side, Sheri Venema has taught a cafeteria selection of UM journalism classes in the last three years — media law, beginning reporting, news editing, feature writing, multicultural reporting and others — and started the Grizzly Journalism Camp, a summer camp for high school journalism students.

She completed her undergraduate degree in English and education at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1969. She earned a master's degree in journalism at the University of Minnesota in 1983.

Venema's first reporting job was in Norwich, Conn., where she covered nuclear-powered submarines. Her most recent newspaper job — in the late 1990s — was

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Chips Quinn scholars

The UM J-School is one of the top producers in the nation of Chips Quinn scholars. UM has had 13 students selected for the Freedom Forum program, named for John "Chips" Quinn, a newspaper editor who died at age 34.

The latest Chipster, as they are called, is Tia Monteaux, a junior from Great Falls, who received a Chips Quinn internship to work at the Great Falls Tribune in the summer of 2002.

The internships provide \$1,000 scholarships to college students of color who are pursuing careers in journalism. The interns work at daily newspapers

around the country and are paid \$400 a week as reporters, copy editors, photographers and designers.

The school has been aided in the Chips Quinn program by Professor Dennis McAuliffe Jr., who came to UM in 1999 under a Freedom Forum grant to serve as the school's Native American Journalist in Residence. He's been affiliated with the school ever since, also serving for two years as a Freedom Forum diversity fellow. In that capacity he visited dozens of campuses across the country to recruit minority students into journalism. McAuliffe is a former night foreign editor at the Washington Post and a member of the Osage tribe.

1948 alumnus leaves the J-School a generous bequest — and a mystery

On Oct. 8, 1946, Frank Lambert Kurtz submitted a "personal history" required of incoming students by Journalism Dean James L.C. Ford. He opens by telling of a life-long hope that a remote relative would tap him on the shoulder and say, "You are the heir of a ten million dollar estate." For the Dillon native, the old man he pictured dictating his will and making Frank wealthy never materialized.

But for the School of Journalism, Kurtz himself became a version of that generous kinsman. After his death on Sept. 17, 1999, at age 76 in Omaha, Neb., UM officials were informed that Kurtz had bequeathed his entire estate, amounting to almost half a million dollars, to the School of Journalism. The gift was not earmarked, nor was it accompanied by any explanation.

Immediately, Dean Jerry Brown and other faculty members began to look into the history of the mysterious benefactor.

The Dean Ford files and an obituary in the Dillon Tribune provide only an outline of Kurtz's life — and perhaps a clue to his high regard for his alma mater.

Kurtz was youngest of the six sons of Oliver and Bertha Fjested Kurtz. Oliver was janitor at the high school in Dillon for 20 years, and he and his wife wanted a girl, but with Frank's birth "they finally gave up."

In the essay for Dean Ford, Kurtz wrote, "My young life in Dillon was probably the same as thousands of other boys in small western towns. There was the usual swimming hole in the river, the skating pond, the church picnic and the town bully. Aside from the fact that I nearly drowned while learning to swim, grazed my foot with a .22-cal-

iber bullet while hunting rabbits and fell off a galloping horse, life wasn't too exciting."

Young Kurtz proved to be a talented musician, and when he graduated from high school in June 1941 he followed the encouragement of his band director and passed the test for admission into the Navy School of Music, Washington, D.C.

Training before and after Pearl Harbor (his transcript shows a course in "tuba, st bass"), he was assigned in November 1942 to a 20-piece band aboard the U.S.S. Indiana. For 30 months, Kurtz made music and began to develop an appreciation for "the world's greatest writers," listing among them Lin

Yutang, Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, Chekhov, Ibsen, Thoreau, Emerson and Richard Wright. "I realized that music didn't hold enough interest for me to make it my profession," he told Ford. "I want to express myself with words, not melodies."

Matriculating at the university in 1946, apparently aided by the GI Bill, the 23-year-old Kurtz transferred credits from the Navy School, Willamette University and the University of Washington. At UM he sold ads for a Missoula radio station and earned mostly Bs and Cs. In fact, he earned an A in only two journalism courses, Reporting II and Principles of Advertising. Yet he was
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Talbot says goodbye to teaching



John Talbot, the Renaissance man whose most recent career was teaching media management at the School of Journalism, turned in his grade book at the end of the Spring 2002 semester.

Talbot's zest for life is reflected in his resumé. He is a singer, a bicyclist, a crusader for more public land and fewer billboards, the former publisher of the Missoulian and a former CIA man. His service to Missoula, to newspapers, to the Journalism School and to dozens of other causes has been long, steady and

affectionate.

When he became Missoulian publisher in the 1970s, Talbot had already served his CIA stint in Paris in the 1950s and had handled international flight operations for TWA. He ended his Lee career in the 1980s as a vice president for newspapers.

He has sung with the Missoula Symphony Chorale for 30 years. He is a founding director of the International Choral Festival and serves on its board. He also helped create the Five Valleys Land Trust in 1988 and sits on that board as well. And he's on the board of SAVE, a non-profit trying to reduce the number of billboards in Montana.

Former J-school Dean Charlie Hood first asked Talbot to teach a media management course in 1984. Talbot has been at it ever since, offering the course each spring.

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J-school again in Top 10 in Hearst Awards

Individual awards to J-school students pushed the University of Montana into 10th place in this year's prestigious Hearst Journalism Awards competition.

The top 10 finish follows UM's sixth place overall finish nationally the previous year. In 2001 the UM photojournalism program placed second in the nation after the year-long competition and student Brenna Chapman won second place in the photojournalism championships. The overall school rankings are based on a school's combined point totals in the monthly competitions in photojournalism, print and broadcast categories. More than 100 accredited undergraduate journalism programs compete in the Hearst awards, considered the Pulitzers of college journalism.

In the 2002 rankings, UM's J-school won 10th place in both the photojournalism and broadcast news divisions of the competition.

"Considering the competing programs, most of whom out-

strip us in resources and student populations, our winning in the top 10 in overall achievement is remarkable—and wonderful," said J-School Dean Jerry Brown. "The high finish represents national recognition of the depth and breadth of talent in our students and faculty."

The Hearst awards cap a year-long competition in which schools accumulate points. The competition includes six contests in writing, three in photojournalism, two in radio broadcast news and two in television broadcast news each school year, beginning in October and ending in April.

The monthly competitions honor the top 10 winners with awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. The schools receive matching grants.

The following J-school students won individual awards in the contest for the 2001-2002 school year:

- **Peet McKinney**, a senior photo student, won 6th place in the sports and news photo category

- **Jamey Daniel**, also a senior photo student, tied for 19th place in the sports and news photo category

- **Lindsey Lear**, a junior in broadcast news, won 14th place in the radio feature competition.

- **Damaris "Madie" Beltran**, a senior in broadcast news, placed 15th in TV News.

- **Johanna Feaster**, a junior in broadcast news, placed 15th in the Radio News competition.

- **Robin Catterton**, also a junior in broadcast news, placed

18th in Radio News.

- **Chad Dundas**, a senior in print journalism, placed 18th in opinion writing.

- **Courtney Lowery**, Kaimin editor and a senior in print journalism, tied for 12th place in feature writing.

The Hearst Journalism Awards, funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, are presented annually under the auspices of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.

McGiffert recognized for vigorous defense of First Amendment

J-School Professor Emeritus Bob McGiffert, who taught First Amendment principles to a generation of UM students and has battled passionately for open government, is the recipient of the 2002 Montana Free Press Award.

"I was stunned, surprised, touched and totally pleased," said McGiffert, who retired from full-time teaching in 1991. He accepted the award at the J-school's annual Dean Stone Night on April 5. The annual award is given jointly by UM's schools of journalism and law.

McGiffert's legacy of pushing for open government lives on in Montana journalists who were once his students, noted Professor Clem Work, who now teaches the Media Law class. McGiffert also served for many years on the board of directors of the Montana Freedom of Information Hotline.

"For years, while teaching media law here at UM, he was pretty much Montana's lone expert in mass media law, with his special passion being the people's right to know about their government," Work said in presenting the award.

—Lindsay Henderson
J-School Web reporter

Sharon Barrett named UM's top teacher

Journalism Professor Sharon Barrett was honored with a Distinguished Teaching Award at the annual UM faculty and staff awards in April.

Barrett, now in her 21st year at the J-school, was pleased with the tribute.

"It's also kind of scary because, as I said in my 'acceptance speech,' I'm sure it will come as a surprise to some of my students," said Barrett. "But those are the ones who will keep me on my toes."

Each year the UM president's office throws a bash to honor the dozen or so faculty and staff members nominated in several categories. The \$1,000 Distinguished Teaching Award is bestowed on faculty with a history of excellent teaching who have had a long-term impact upon their students.

A native of Indiana, Barrett graduated from Indiana University in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and English. She went on to the University of Wisconsin where she earned a master's in English in 1967.

—Lindsay Henderson
J-School Web Reporter

Impressive Interns

Students in the J-School continue to capture impressive internships across the country.

Included among the most recent is Jason Begay, who is working this summer at The New York Times as the paper's James Reston intern. Begay will work on the Times' metro desk for 10 weeks with the possibility of the internship extending beyond that. He is one of four reporting interns selected by the Times for the summer.

Begay, a native of New Mexico, has worked previously in internships at the Oregonian, the Oakland Tribune, the Wichita Eagle and others. He got his start in journalism working at the Navajo Times. He was a reporter for the Kaimin.

Courtney Lowery, 2001-02 Kaimin editor, won an American Society of Magazine Editors internship and is working this summer at the Chronicle of Higher Education in Washington, D.C.

Tiffany Aldinger and Nathaniel Cerf, both of whom work on the copy desk of the Kaimin, were selected for Dow Jones internships. Aldinger, a native of Glendive and a designer for the Kaimin, is working as

a copy editor this summer at the Kansas City Star. Aldinger will be a senior this fall. Cerf, a Chicago native who just finished his first year of graduate studies, is working for the Argus Leader of Sioux Falls, S.D.

Aldinger and Cerf began their internships with week-long intensive copy-editing camps. Their paid internships will last 10 weeks, and they will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship upon completing their internships.

UM students have won 11 Dow Jones internships over the last three years. The internships are awarded on the basis of competitive examinations. UM Dow Jones interns have worked at the Columbus Dispatch, Dow Jones New Wires in New York City and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the San Jose Mercury News, the Arizona Daily Star, the Mankato (Minn.) Free Press, the Deseret (Utah) News; and the San Luis Osbispo (Calif.) Tribune and the Middletown (N.Y.) Times Herald-Record.

Outside of Montana, recent interns have worked at the Tennessean, the Oregonian, the Baltimore Sun, the Associated Press, the Seattle Times, the Minneapolis Star Tribune and at Rolling Stone, as well as at other papers nationwide.



Margaret E. MacDonald

Two more J-grads named Distinguished Alumni



Jeff Cole

Margaret E. MacDonald is known as the "church lady" in Billings.

The late Jeff Cole was a reporter with a cowboy attitude.

Both are graduates from The University of Montana's School of Journalism whose careers led them along divergent paths, but they do have one thing in common: they were honored by UM as Distinguished Alumni last fall.

MacDonald and Cole received the awards at the University's 2001 homecoming celebration, bringing the total number of J-School graduates who've received Distinguished Alumni awards to 42. The journalism school leads the campus in producing Distinguished Alumni award winners.

MacDonald, executive director of the Montana Association of Churches, was raised in Glendive. She attended UM during the Vietnam War, a time of national and campus unrest, she said. Students staged numerous anti-war demonstrations and strikes, many of which she took part in.

"I was an activist, involved with the anti-war movement," she said. "I was also very engaged with the community and did volunteer work in Missoula."

MacDonald graduated in 1974 and began her career working as a community organizer for the Northern Plains Resource Council. In 1990 she became the Executive Director of the Montana Association of Churches.

MacDonald is renowned for her work combating hate crimes in Billings. After several acts of anti-Semitic violence in 1993, she organized a campaign in which thousands of homeowners displayed paper menorahs in their windows to promote solidarity.

MacDonald's campaign, which adopted the

slogan "Not in our Town," earned her national recognition and numerous awards.

"Margie is unique in her ability to discern quickly moral principles and then to follow through by speaking for justice," wrote a Billings resident in a letter supporting MacDonald's nomination for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Cole, who graduated from UM 20 years ago, died in a plane crash in January 2001 while on assignment for the Wall Street Journal.

He began his journalism career at the Missoulian, where he worked as business editor. He worked for newspapers in Minnesota and Washington until he was hired by the Wall Street Journal in 1992.

Cole worked as the aerospace editor for the Journal, where he was respected as a tenacious and accurate reporter, said his wife, Maria Little. Cole's editors once told Little that her husband was responsible for as many as 20 percent of the Journal's scoops.

"My husband was all about the truth," she said. "He sought it out in any corner. He was comfortable sitting in a smoky bar as he was in a CEO's office to find out the truth."

Cole was known for his personality as well as his talent in the newsroom. He would often talk about reporting the way a cowboy would talk about roping a big steer, according to Journal editor Steve Lipin. Cole would say, "Together we're gonna lasso this baby down."

Little accepted the Distinguished Alumnus award on behalf of her husband. Also on his behalf, she recently accepted the Memorial Award from the New York Financial Writers Association and the Boeing Decade of Excellence Award.

"The award from the University of Montana would be the one he would be most proud of," she said. "He loved this institution and this faculty."

BLUNT

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where I bore the fourth generation of a ranching family. My people live where hardpan and sagebrush flats give way to the Missouri River Breaks, a country so harsh and wild and distant that it must grow its own replacements, as it grows its own food, or it will die. Hereford cattle grow slick and mean foraging along the cutbanks for greasewood shoots and buffalo grass. Town lies an hour or more north over gumbo roads. Our town was Malta, population 2,500, county seat of Phillips County, Montana, and the largest settlement for nearly one hundred miles in any direction. ...

"'Get tough,' my father snapped as I dragged my feet at the edge of a two-acre potato field. He

gave me a gunnysack and started me down the rows pulling the tough fanweed that towered over the potato plants. I was learning then the necessary lessons of weeds and seeds and blisters. My favorite story as a child was of how I fainted in the garden when I was eight. My mother had to pry my fingers from around the handle of the hoe, she said, and she also said I was stupid not to wear a hat in the sun. But she was proud.



Blunt

My granddad hooted with glee when he heard about it.

"'She's a hell of a little worker,' he said, shaking his head. I was a hell of a little worker from that day forward, and I learned to wear a hat."

Blunt was on a several-city book tour in the spring and was interviewed by reporters across the country, including on the Today Show and National Public Radio. Reporters from the New York Times and People magazine were in Missoula and the Times reporter went back to Phillips County with Blunt on one of her rare visits to eastern Montana.

The memoir earned a 1997 PEN/Jerard Fund Award of \$4,000 and a 2001 Whiting Writers' Award of \$35,000.

Blunt is an adjunct assistant professor in UM's English department, where she earned a master's degree.

CUSTER'S LAST GIFT

*Billings Gazette prize
funds scholarship for
Native American student*

After staff members of the Billings Gazette won \$5,000 for excellence in news, they decided to give some of that money to the University of Montana as a scholarship for a deserving journalism student.

"Our staff, many of which are UM alumni, wanted to invest in the future of continued good journalism education," said Steve Prosinski, Gazette editor.

The award, Lee Enterprises President's Award

for Excellence in News, was given to the Gazette for its work on a series marking the 125th anniversary of the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

The series ran over nine days and was created with a team of 10 reporters, photographers and editors, many of whom have "Missoula in their blood," Prosinski said.

Members of the Gazette's winning team voted to give \$500 to UM, which will go to a Native American journalism student to help with books or tuition. It also represents the reporters' commitment to journalism education, Prosinski said.

The Battle of the Little Bighorn — on the Little Bighorn River just south of Hardin, Mont. — resulted in the deaths of nearly 500 soldiers and Indian warriors on June 25, 1876. The battle, also called "Custer's Last Stand," included notable historical figures Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer along with Sioux leaders Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. Custer and the five companies under his control were wiped out in one of America's worst military disasters.

Class Notes

2000s

Paige Parker '00 is a reporter at the *Oregonian*, covering education.

Emily Phillips Hefter '00 is a general assignment reporter at *The Tennessean*, covering Rutherford County. Some of the more interesting stories on her beat have included an interim police chief who shot another officer while playing quick draw and a city manager who used tax money to buy a Rolex for the city attorney. She's the lead census writer at the paper, training other reporters in Excel. Also at the Nashville paper is **Lisa Williams '00**, who is a designer for the sports pages.

Scot Heisel '00 left an editing and design job at the *Eastside Journal* in Bellevue, Wash., to take a design job at *The Missoulian*.

Holding down the fort in Bellevue is **Matt Thompson '00**, a sports reporter at the *Eastside Journal*. Matt recently won a first place award in sports news reporting from the Society of Professional Journalists.

Kevin Van Valkenburg '00 is a reporter at the *Baltimore Sun*. He spent three weeks in Salt Lake City as one of two *Sun* reporters covering the Olympic games.

Julie Sarasqueta '00 is a copy editor for the *Idaho Statesman* in Boise.

Nate Schweber '01 was an intern at *Rolling Stone* in New York City. The Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center occurred soon after Nate

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arrived in NYC, and he wrote an account of the scene's aftermath for the *Kaimin*. He recently took an internship with the *Village Voice*.

Jennifer Perez '01 is a reporter for the *Great Falls Tribune*. She covered court news until her recent move to the *Hi-Line* to cover northcentral Montana.

Emily Jones '00 is a reporter for the *Idaho State Journal* in Pocatello. She covers Bingham County, Fort Hall and environmental issues for the *Journal*.

Jason Mohr '01 is a reporter for the *Red Wing Republican-Eagle*, Red Wing, Minn. He writes: "I've learned a lot about open-meeting laws and such as I have had to square off with our county administrator time and time again for information. My editor likes to raise hell, so that's good."

Nick Gevok '01 reports the birth of his daughter, Leticia Camille, last Oct. 19. Nick is a reporter at the *Bozeman Chronicle*. About his daughter, he says: "She comes into the office sometimes and already likes looking at the paper. I think she shows promise in the business."

Patia Stephens '00 is a writer, editor and Web designer with University Relations, where she works on several UM publications. One recent project was the winter 2001 *Montanan* cover article, "Sedimental Journey: Following the path of Glacial Lake Missoula's flood waters." Other examples of her work are online at <http://www.patiastephens.com>.

Anna Rau '00 is a cops and courts reporter for *KTVB* in Boise, Idaho.

Ben Shors '00 is a staff writer for *The Spokesman-Review*. Shors covers Post Falls, Spirit Lake, Rathdrum and Athol.

Jennifer Sens '00 was a photographer for the *Daily Reporter-Herald* in Loveland, Colo., did graduate work at the University of Florida and landed a summer internship this summer at the *Roanoke (Va.) Times*.

Sam Dean '00 is a photographer at the *Roanoke (Va.) Times*. He won an award of excellence for "VMI Women's Final Days" in the 2002 *Pictures of the Year* competition.

Lindsey Nelson '01 is a staff photographer at the *Whitefish Pilot*.

Lisa Zimmerman '01 is the overnight/morning show producer at KHQ-TV in Spokane. Her boss, KHQ News Director Patricia McRae, visited UM recently as part of the Knight Foundation Broadcasters-in-Residence program.

Christina Kindwall '00 just concluded work as an associate producer on *Super Surgery: To Walk Again*, part of a powerful series on high-tech surgery running on the Discovery Health Channel this summer. Christina works for Screaming Flea Productions in Seattle, which contracts with all the Discovery channels. On *To Walk Again*, Christina got a credit as both associate producer and grip.

Tamara Sternoff '00 was hired by CBS News New York as a researcher after concluding a successful CBS internship in spring 2001. Tamara works on a number of projects for which the History Channel contracts with CBS. Of a series on weapons that aired last march, Tamara said, "Many of you will find them pretty boring but check them out if you want to see what I've been doing for the past eight months, or if you like to watch stuff blow up."

Hilary Hutcheson '00 continues her weekend anchoring and weekday reporting at KPAX-TV in Missoula. Hilary and husband Shane are expectant parents this fall. Hilary is under contract to KPAX and thus fends off "Are you available?" calls she gets from TV execs who see her on the air while on Whitefish ski trips.

Andres Bentley '01 is a producer for the city cable system in Fort Worth, Texas. She was a production major at UM but quickly learned the editorial side of TV while also using her talents as a photojournalist and video editor.

Adding to the group of UM alums working at KGW-TV in Portland is its newest producer, **Aaron Murphy '00**

who moved over from the assignment desk of Northwest Cable News. Aaron and Patience Llewellyn, a fixture in student government while at UM, announced their engagement recently. Patience is in law school at Lewis & Clark in Portland.

Garrison Courtney '00 left the weathercasting business at KEZI-TV Eugene, Ore., to join the PR staff of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Seattle. These days he's spending a lot of time at the busy U.S.-Canadian border at Blaine, Wash.

Marni Hughes '01 says she is "growing every day" as a reporter for WKJT-TV in Fort Wayne, Ind. She's working general assignment and is happy to have an on-air job fairly close to her hometown, Dublin, Ohio. The first people she ran into in Fort Wayne were producer/director Claudia Johnson, formerly of the UM Broadcast Media Center, and her husband Greg Shoup, former KPAX weatherman.

Lyndsay Mammen '01 is the morning anchor at KFBB-TV in Great Falls. She's also just been appointed to the board of directors of the Montana Epilepsy Association. Lyndsay landed the KFBB gig after a summer stint in the D.C. office of Sen. Conrad Burns, spending every spare dollar riding the Metroliner to New York see her beloved Yankees play.

Larissa Smith '00 works in marketing in Colorado Springs. Larissa's son, born while she was still in school, continues to grow and give his mother fits, but she and he are reportedly handling that quite well.

Tracy Townsend Mangold '00 is in her second year as morning show producer at WGBA-TV, the NBC station in Green Bay, Wis. Tracy recently married Jess Mangold of Chester, who is in the Navy. With the world situation as it is, Tracy says they're ready to move about anywhere

depending on Jess's next assignment.

Linda Tracy '01 became famous while in school when the Missoula City attorney went after some outtakes of footage she shot of the July 2000 Hells Angels fracas in downtown Missoula. She won her case in district court, and now is learning the more mundane (but important) side of television. She's promotions director for KTMF-TV Missoula and all the Max Media stations around the state.

Keli Wenz McQuiston '00 was last heard from as an anchor at KTVH in Helena. She recently married her longtime boyfriend, a graduate of the UM business school.

1990s

Ann Arbor Miller '94 is wrapping up work for a master's degree in photography from Ohio University. She spent spring 2001 shooting in New England, the summer working for Knight-Ridder in Minnesota, and the fall as a newspaper photographer in New Hampshire. She and fiancé Wade Kline expected to land last spring in Fargo, N.D. She won third place for issue reporting in the 2002 Pictures of the Year competition.

Ray Stout '96 is a reporter for the Western News in Libby, and covers public schools, natural resources and other news and feature stories.

Laura Olson '95 is managing internet marketing for Harrah's Las Vegas Casino & Hotel and the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino. She says she loves the single life in Las Vegas and would like to hear from J-School friends. Her email is lauraolson@yahoo.com.

Betsy Cohen '98 is a reporter at the Missoulian, covering education.

Joel Reese '94 is a reporter for the Chicago Daily Herald.

Jill Seigmund '93 is executive director of the Glacier Institute in Kalispell. The Glacier Institute provides public programs that promote a balanced understanding of the science of ecology and human interaction with the environment.

Stuart Thurkill '99 was part of a picture editing team at Sun Publications that won a first place award in picture portfolio editing in the 2002 Pictures of the Year competition. The Sun's entry was for newspapers of less than 100,000 circulation.

Paul Stasso '93 is in his eighth year as senior paralegal for David Rodli Law Offices in Missoula. He also owns and operates OnTrack Designs, a Missoula-based Web development company. He and his wife, Vicki, have four children.

Gina Boysun '92 is the Web designer for the Spokesman Review. Her team was recently honored as a finalist in Web reporting by the Scripps Howard Foundation's National Journalism Awards. You can view the project at www.spokesmanreview.com/library/civilrights/. Gina and her husband, Geoff, a designer for sports at the S-R, have two children, Allie, 3, and Grace, 1.

Mercy Davison '96 is town attorney in Normal, Ill. She reports she's having great fun at her job, dealing primarily with design and development standards for the fast-growing community. She and husband Bill just bought a home, a one-room school-house on two acres. They oversee four laying hens and 28 chicks, but expect to find themselves much busier in October with the arrival of their first child.

Lori Edmo-Suppah '95 received a Catherine L. Hughes Fellowship for

2002 from the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education. Hughes is the founder and chairperson of the Washington, D. C. area-based Radio One Inc., the largest African American-run broadcast company in the United States. Lori is also treasurer of the Native American Journalists Association and was a journalist in residence at the University of Idaho School of Communication for the 2001-2002 school year through a grant from the Freedom Forum.

Deirdre Hathhorn Eitel '91 reports that she's beginning her seventh year as a photographer at the Bozeman Chronicle. "I have started taking summers off to preserve what sanity I have left," she reports. "I have two kids, Morgan, 4, and Pipi, 3; a house that we have been building ourselves for six years that still has no walls, doors or shower; and a husband that has a whackier schedule than I have."

David Stalling '90 is conservation editor of The Bugle, a publication of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Kathy McLaughlin '93 has left the Lee State Bureau to return to China where she recently spent a year working as a journalist. Kathy is bureau chief and reporter in Ningbo, China, for a Hong Kong-based company that publishes a number of magazines on Asian exports. Replacing Kathy at the Lee bureau in Helena is **Jennifer McKee '97** who took the job after stints at the Billings Gazette and Albuquerque Journal. For the last two years Jennifer has worked in Santa Fe, covering the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the U.S. Energy Department's biological weapons research. She also covered environmental issues in northern New Mexico. She joins bureau chief **Charles Johnson '70** and **Ericka Schenck Smith '01**.

The investigation, arrest and first trial of accused child murderer and cannibal

Nathaniel Bar-Jonah has been a focus of the reporting done by **Kim Skornogoski '98**, who covers the police beat for the Great Falls Tribune. Kim and **Matt Oschner '98**, who is an editor and designer at the Tribune, were married last summer.

John Firehammer '90 is a staff writer and new media editor at Coffey Communications, which produces publications for the health care industry. Coffey, which has its headquarters in Walla Walla, has its own J-School alumni roster, including **Joan French, Jill Black, Dave Kirkpatrick** and **Rob Leubke**.

Lisa Meister Firehammer '90 teaches language arts and social studies at Pioneer Middle School in Walla Walla. Lisa and John's son, Max, is 4.

Tara Turkington '94 is teaching feature writing at the Natal Technikon in Durban, South Africa. (She says a technikon is a "professional training tertiary institution.") She has worked as a copy editor and designer for an investigative weekly, as a reporter, teacher, heritage manager and a tourism development manager, and has freelanced stories and photos for magazines and newspapers.

Kevin Anthony '93 is a sports writer for the Coeur d'Alene Press.

John MacDonald is in Helena as news editor at the Associated Press after several years with the AP in South Dakota.

Amber Underhill Beckner '90 is a copy editor and designer at the Great Falls Tribune.

Ibon Villelabeitia '95 is a reporter at the Reuters Bureau in Bogota, Colombia.

Tofer Towe '97 lives in Portland, Ore., where he works in a print shop and takes classes at Portland State University. He plays drums with The

Brother Egg. Their new CD, "Snowflake and Fingerprint Machine," is doing well in both the U.S. and in Europe, where it received a good review in the London Sunday Times.

Erin Billings '95 is a staff writer for Roll Call Daily, covering the U.S. Congress. Before taking that job, Erin covered the Montana state capitol for Lee Newspapers for six years.

Thomas Bink '91 joined National Post Online as web designer in March of 1999 and was recently promoted to oversee art direction for the site. National Post is Canada's fastest growing national newspaper. Before joining National Post Online, Tom helped launch JournalExtra, the Edmonton Journal's Web site. In 1994, Tom had the distinction of being the youngest editorial writer in the Southam newspaper chain.

Karen Chavez '97 is outdoors reporter at the Asheville Citizen-Times in Asheville, N.C.

Marlene Mehlhaff Feist '91 is the public affairs officer for the City of Spokane. She and husband Russ have a son, Zachary, 5.

Seth Kantner '91 had a story, The Swan, published in Prairie Schooner, a literary magazine of poetry, short stories, and essays, published by the University of Nebraska. Seth lives in Ambler, Alaska. His work has also been published in Outside magazine.

Sonja Lee '98 left her reporting job at the Longmont (Colo.) Times-Call to take a job as a reporter at the Great Falls Tribune.

Sherry Loberg '91 is a journalism and Title 1 teacher at Hot Springs High School, advising students in the publication of the Little Baldy Press.

Mike Lockrem '97 is in his second year as commissioner of the Northern Sun

Intercollegiate Conference. He is also working on his master's in sports management at the University of Minnesota. Mike lived two years in Colorado where he was an assistant commissioner for the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference before taking the job in Minnesota. He plans to be married in August.

Gordon Terpe '99 is a Web and advertising designer for The Bookstore at The University of Montana, where he works on MontanaGrizzlies.Com and other Bookstore-hosted Web sites. He lives in Missoula with his wife, Brandie. Terpe '01 UM sociology/psychology.

Karl Rohr '90 is a Ph.D. candidate in history at the University of Mississippi and a visiting lecturer at Western Carolina University, where he's taught a wide range of history classes. He says: "I am finishing my dissertation on the Road to Nowhere controversy and the politics of wilderness legislation in the region of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. My wife, Elaine, and I have a 7-year-old son, Robert. These aren't mountains by Montana's definition, but we love life in the Smokies!"

Melissa Harper Lapham '91 has been the administrative assistant and art show coordinator at the MonDak Heritage Center in Sydney for more than four years. She has a jewelry design business. She is married to UM alum Brett Lapham.

Joe Kolman '92 is a general assignment reporter at the Omaha World-Herald, doing computer-assisted reporting projects. "I've written stories on felons who are foster parents,



trucking companies with poor safety records, lottery grant distributions, parking ticket scofflaws and airport/airline security violations," he says. He says he misses Montana and the mountains. "I buy lottery tickets weekly with the hope that one day I will be able to start a statewide Montana daily, hire all my friends at outrageous salaries and set the state on fire until we run out of money."

Dan McComb '93 started a design firm, Visual Contact, in Seattle in September 2000. Visual Contact specializes in Web design and development and its services include logo design, icon design, and human interface design.

Tomoko Otake '95 is a reporter with the Japan Times in Tokyo.

Ryanne Williams '99 is the senior photographer in the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota. She reports: "My job is to assist in the management of a fully equipped digital and black and white film studio, teach students, faculty and staff short courses on photographic lighting, techniques, film processing and developing, digital audio, video and photographic editing programs, and shoot architectural documentation of student work and historical preservation around the midwest for the college's archival slide collection." She recently finished a B.A. in English literature and is working on a fine arts degree. In spring 2003 she plans to start a two-year registered nursing program, then plans a few years off before starting work on a master's degree in art or public health journalism.

John Smithers '97 is an assistant news editor at the Missoulian.

Kortny Rolston '97 is a reporter at the Post Register in Idaho Falls, as is **Corey Taule '95**. The two J-School grads were in the unenviable position

of helping cover their former publisher's run for governor. A recent review by a professor hired by the newspaper to critique its coverage called it "tough, but fair" and commented at length on Corey's "stylish story" about the publisher's opponent, calling it a "fine piece of writing and journalism."

Katie Oyan '99 is a reporter — soon to be copy editor — at the Great Falls Tribune. Katie wrote a piece published on the Chips Quinn Web site recently about why she's decided to move from reporting to copy editing. She wrote: "My love of the English language nudged me into journalism, but I chose reporting for the same reason I once wore big bangs and leg-warmers."

"Yep, it was a coolness thing. ... I thought that in the newspaper game, reporters were the quarterbacks and copy editors warmed the bench."

"I thought reporters were to Batman as copy editors were to Robin."

"In the rock concert in my head, the reporter was the lead singer and the copy editors the backup singers mumbling their oohs and aahs from the dim part of the stage."

But after working at the Contra Costa Times and the Tribune she learned her real calling, she says.

"Cool is when a copy editor swoops in and saves Joey Reporter's hide when his lede reads like a forklift instruction manual."

"Cool is a headline that ropes readers like the Lone Ranger ropes bad guys."

"Cool is getting to wear jeans to work every day."

"Cool is figuring out what you're good at and doing it."

Brian Howell '94 is editor of Madison Magazine, a monthly lifestyle and business magazine in Madison, Wisc. He had previously worked at the Wisconsin State Journal after several years at the Missoulian. He and wife Pat have three children, Kate and

Allison, both in college at UW-Eau Claire, and Joseph, 14.

John Stucke '93 left the Missoulian in 2000 for a Halloween start date at the Spokesman-Review to write about manufacturing, labor and agriculture on the business desk. He joined **Lorie Hutson '96** (senior paper 2000) who had moved to Spokane in January to work for a neighborhood news section of the Spokesman, called the Valley Voice. They met while working at the Montana Standard in Butte and were married July 15, 2001, in the Fort Missoula gardens following a take-cover rainstorm, then honeymooned in the Canadian Rockies.

Amy Joyner '91 reports she is busy completing freelance articles for The Missoulian's atHOME Sunday section and the HOMEFRONT section in The Billings Gazette. "I have developed a niche writing about home construction, real estate, design and décor," she says. Her son Jackson just finished first grade.

Beth Emter '94 has been the communications coordinator for the Montana Stockgrowers Association since 1996.

Michael Jamison '90 works for the Missoulian, covering Flathead Valley news and special features. He reports that his wife, Ann Catherine Turner, is teaching graduate classes at Endicott College in Boston via the Internet, making both of them computer commuters. Their son, Galen, was born at home in the North Fork Flathead River Valley on June 15, 2000.

Amy Pribyl '99 works at KGW in Portland. She reports: "UM grads **Alex Lynch, Teresa Bell** (kgw.com), and myself are pretty excited. Alex won an AP award for Best Spot News, kgw.com, and with Teresa's help, picked up the AP award for best Web site; I received a Telly and our station won an Edward R. Murrow for overall excellence."

Bruce Ely '97 spent three weeks photographing the Olympics for the Oregonian. His boss, **Patty Reksten**, reports that it is a sometimes dangerous job. "Crampons were required for photographers who braved the hills for skiing events," she says. "Two photographers tumbled down the ice-injected slopes, suffered broken bones and were airlifted out." Bruce has been at the Oregonian two years.

Roger Renville '92 is a correctional officer at the Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility in Miles City.

Fuyuan Shen '93 is an assistant professor of communications at Penn State. His major area of research is advertising and media psychology. His publications have appeared in the International Journal of Advertising, Mass Comm Review, and Proceedings of the American Academy of Advertising. Before joining the Penn State faculty, he taught advertising and communications at Bradley University and the University of South Dakota. He received his Ph.D. in mass communications from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1997.

Kyle Wood '96 is a deputy prosecuting attorney in the Criminal Division of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Seattle. He received his J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law in June 2001 and was admitted to the Washington State Bar in November. He lives in Seattle with his wife, Sheryl Cababa, and their 5-year-old daughter, Sofia Cababa Wood.

Greg Rec '97 recently marked his fifth year at the Portland Press Herald. He reports: "Memorable assignments include the Super Bowl this past year, three trips to New York City for September 11-related coverage, sailing on a schooner for a week, hiking in Canada for 10 days and there's

more, but I'll stop. Suffice it to say that after five years, I still love my job and am having a blast doing it." He was married last July. "Fellow alums **Steve Adams** and **Derek Pruitt** made the trip to Maine for the wedding, which was a clambake in a cow field along a lazy river."

Patricia Sullivan '95 is a general assignment reporter for the Grants Pass Daily Courier. She recently won a first-place award for lifestyles coverage from the Society of Professional Journalists Pacific Northwest Chapter for a series on the increasing number of single people. "I served as team leader and writer on that project," she says. "I won third place in spot news reporting in the same contest, for team coverage of a couple taking their children from state custody at gunpoint."

Kim Robinson '96 is director of corporate communications and investor relations for Engage, Inc., a provider of software solutions for advertisers, marketers and publishers, in Andover, Mass.

Ken Spencer '95 reports that he's still earning gray hair as editor of the *Prairie Star*, a publication devoted to agriculture that is published in Great Falls.

Shaun Tatarka '94 is a copywriter for Wendt Kochman, Montana's largest advertising agency. He lives in Great Falls.

Anna Johns '99 is nearing the end of her three-year contract as a news producer for WSAV-TV, the Media General NBC station in Savannah, Ga., where her husband, Jason Ruby, a UM business graduate, produces the station's Web site. Kalispell native Anna is job hunting in the Northwest but also is being wooed to become part of Media General's historic convergence project involving the Tampa Tribune, WFLA-TV and tbo.com (Tampa Bay Online).

Ben Harwood '99 is a sports producer at the Detroit CBS/UPN duopoly, WWJ-TV and WKBD. Ben had stints at Fox Sports Net, Los Angeles, and KGW-TV Portland before heading home to Detroit for his current job.

Meg Oliver '93 is the 5 and 11 p.m. anchor at KGPE-TV Fresno, after leaving WWJ-TV and WKBD in Detroit. Before she left, Meg was nominated for three Emmys in the Detroit NATAS competition. Wedding bells in the offing for Meg in October, to a lawyer she met when both were in a wedding in Texas a year ago.

Bonny Kohrman '93 works for a marketing firm in Detroit and was married last summer to a British co-worker. The two chose the Vancouver area's Whistler ski area for their wedding. Oliver, Harwood and Kohrman hosted RTV Chair Bill Knowles on a brief Motor City visit last summer. They attended a Tiger game at Comerica Park and spent time across the street at Detroit's famous Hockey Town bar.

Colleen Kriley '98 continues her career in CBS Hollywood, where she has been a crew member of *General Hospital* and a number of other programs shot on the network's Hollywood lot. Colleen married a co-worker last summer and lives in suburban Glendale.

Jeanette Lamphier Slade '95 continues to pull huge audiences as weekend anchor at KTVQ in Billings. Jeanette has been a reporter and anchor at KTVQ since her graduation. She is married to a Billings police detective and is a new mother.

Amy Marchei '93 works in PR at Mercedes-Benz in her native Connecticut. Amy worked for a while for the Fox station in Hartford, but the German automaker made her an offer she couldn't refuse.

Kenna Hoyer '97 is earning her master's degree in international business at Seattle University. Kenna worked for Missoula's Z100 (KZOQ) for years during and after college. She briefly cracked the Denver radio market at KOA but moved on for a top-notch educational opportunity.

Meghan Flesh '98 returned a year ago to her native St. Louis, where she is a sales and special projects specialist for KSDK-TV, the NBC station. Meghan had been a producer on Chris Myers' *Goin' Deep* show on Fox Sports Net in Los Angeles, but found herself jobless when the show was cancelled. A veteran horsewoman, Meghan teaches equestrian skills on weekends and just bought a house.

Teresa Bell '91 reports for www.kgw.com, the Web site of Portland's Belo-owned NBC affiliate, KGW-TV. She recently covered the search for climbers on Mount Hood that involved the crash of the rescue helicopter. She called it the "biggest story of my career." Maybe her Web career, but as a reporter for a TV station in Fort Myers, Fla., Teresa covered the Valujet plane crash in the Everglades. Bell was a reporter and anchor in Winston-Salem, N.C., but moved to where she always wanted to live, Portland.

Kim Eiselein Blau '98 works at the *Columbian* in Vancouver, Wash.

Frank Boyett '91 is senior staff writer at *The Gleaner* in Henderson, Ky., where he covers government, education and the courts. He was one of 34 journalists selected to attend a week-long training program in May at the University of Mississippi designed to help journalists better cover tax-exempt organizations. The program, operated through the school's journalism department, is funded by the Knight Foundation.

Frank Field '91 just signed a two-year contract extension on his morning anchor/weather job at KVOA-TV, the NBC affiliate in Tucson. Frank had a brief fling in the Internet business but decided he preferred TV. He spends his spare time running in just about any reputable marathon he can find.

Andre Verloy '96 is a staff writer/researcher at the Center for Public Integrity, a non-partisan non-profit that does long-term investigative journalism. He works on the Center's international projects covering issues like arms trafficking, organized crime, smuggling and terrorism.

Jennifer Neibauer Dillman '94 completed law school at the University of Toledo and is working as a lawyer in the Cleveland area. Before heading to law school Jennifer was a weather reporter at KULR in Billings.

Tracy Johnke '96, a native of Montana's smallest county (Petroleum), is working on a master's in economic reporting at American University in Washington, D.C. To study full time, Tracy took a leave of absence from her job as a broadcast editor at Associated Press headquarters in D.C.

Lonny Nielson '93 continues his long-running gig in the marketing department at KGW-TV in Portland. Lonny works on audience research and development.

Heather Roberts Homann '95 is a reporter and morning anchor at KOTA-TV in Rapid City, S.D., but not for long. Her husband has been accepted into a Ph.D. program at the University of Wyoming, so Heather is looking for media work in Laramie or in her native Cheyenne.

Chris Goode '95 lives in his native Lexington, Ky., but is on the road a lot for Weather Services International. That's a Boston-area firm that pro-

duces weather graphics for TV forecasters. Chris is happily remarried and looks forward to his annual visits to the NAB convention in Las Vegas, where he links up with old classmates and professors.

Rebecca Louis Bullock Gaylord '91 is the morning show producer at Kansas City's WDAF-TV. Rebecca's husband Eric is a photojournalist at the same station. Rebecca won the 1999 RTNDA Edward R. Murrow for small-market sports reporting when she worked for KOLR-TV in Springfield, Mo.

Julie Dolson '91 interned at the Rubin Postaer & Associates advertising agency in Santa Monica, Calif., and is still there. She is a producer and director on a variety of TV commercials the agency produces.

After a production stint at KOB-TV Albuquerque, **Kelley Fincher '99** is living in Vacaville, Calif., managing a Barnes & Noble and waiting to hear how the U.S. Air Force will look upon her application for Officer Candidate School. While the Pentagon makes up its mind, French-fluent Kelley headed for a vacation in France and Belgium. She is also an accomplished French horn player and has worked in several musical groups wherever she's lived.

Jake Schimke '98 is in Veracruz, Mexico, where he had landed a job teaching English. Jake had been dabbling in the Internet business in Portland when things went south, so he decided to go south too.

Terry Meyers '91 produces the 6 p.m. news at WNBC-TV in New York. Terry moved over to the NBC flagship station after a number of years as a news executive producer for rival WCBS-TV.

Quinton Richardson '90 who had been a producer for ESPN in the Bay Area, is now an assistant football

coach at Northern Arizona. The Lumberjacks head coach is ex-Grizzly defensive coordinator Jerome Souers, who tapped his former star cornerback to coach his defensive backs. Quinton is 0-2 vs. the Grizzlies so far. He returns to Washington-Grizzly Stadium with the 'Jacks on Nov. 2.

Kerri Lee O'Farrell '90 has announced plans to run in the Dublin Marathon as part of a fund-raising effort for the Arthritis Foundation. Kerri works part-time for Screaming Flea Productions in Seattle, co-owned by her husband, Chuck. Kerri formerly produced the popular Northwest Afternoons show on Seattle's KOMO-TV. She's a fairly new mother as well.

Paul Bergen '93 (officially Paul Bergen-Henengouwen) has left his job as news director at KXLF-TV Butte to assume the same post at KBTB in Beaumont, Texas. Paul is married to **Amy Gannett '93**. Amy and their two girls have just joined Paul in Texas. Amy has worked in cable television production and advertising in Helena and Butte.

Chris Dawson '94, who worked for years as a reporter and photographer for the CTV station in North Bay, Ontario, is now a successful freelance photographer and producer. Chris, an amateur goalie in his native Lethbridge, produces segments for Canada's Rink Rats show dealing with youth hockey and also does an occasional on-air report for The Weather Network north of the border. Chris and wife Lee Anne are proud parents of Leah, born in April 2002.

Ted Bauer '94 is an assignment editor for the news and public affairs A-Channel in Calgary. Ted, a Medicine Hat native, interned at WJXT in Jacksonville, Fla., and worked there for a number of years before returning to Canada.

Karen Coates and Jerry Redfern '90 spent a month last summer in

Cambodia gathering stories and photographs from areas too dangerous to visit on their last lengthy sojourn in Asia. (See Montana Journalism Review, 2000.) Jerry quit his job as chief photographer at the News-Review in Roseburg, Ore., and in December they set off on the first part of a two-year journey to gather information from around the globe for their freelance work. After the first trip, expected to last between six and nine months, they plan to make Missoula their home base between world travels.

Ed Zink '93 is a deputy county attorney for Yellowstone County. He was recently deputized as a special U.S. attorney with the full-time assignment of prosecuting gun crimes in federal court.

1980s

Cheryl Buchta '88 is a reporter for the Standard-Examiner in Ogden, Utah.

Mike Dennison and **Sue O'Connell**, both '81, live in Helena where Mike is the capitol bureau chief for the Great Falls Tribune and Sue is communications director for the National Institute on Money in State Politics, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that compiles and analyzes state-level campaign finance information. They have two sons, Tyler and Sean. Sean edged out Brendan Work, J-prof Clem Work's son, for the state spelling bee championship this spring.

Kevin Twidwell '88 left his job in Seattle where he worked as an attorney at Davis Wright Tremaine, a law firm that specializes in representing media and communications clients.

He and his family moved this summer to Missoula, where his wife, Tracey, will clerk for a federal magistrate and Kevin will join Garlington, Lohn & Robinson. When not working Kevin reports that he teases his two children, Allison 6, Linda, 3, or goes trail running. He ran his first 100-mile race last summer in Vermont and ran the Western States 100 Mile Endurance Run in June.

Lori Getter '87 is the public information officer of the Wisconsin Department of Emergency Management.

Ed Bender is research director at the National Institute on Money and State Politics. Ed helped develop many techniques for researching state campaign-finance data in his seven years as research director for the Money in Western Politics Project of the Western States Center.

Michael Kustudia '85 (senior paper '88) is a researcher, writer and organizer with the Sustainable Communities Program of the National Center for Appropriate Technology in Missoula. He also serves on the board of several groups, including the Clark Fork River Technical Assistance Committee, Citizen Advocates for a Livable Missoula and the Sustainability Alliance of Western Montana. On the side, and "at a glacial pace," he's working on a book of essays about the far-flung social and environmental effects of US foreign policy on a watershed in the Dominican Republic.

After eight years as editor of the Pike Place Market News, a community monthly in Seattle, **Joanne De Pue '84** is working as a writer in the central development office at the University of Washington.

Doug Loneman '85 of the Bozeman Chronicle has won the NPPA Region 9 Photographer of the Year award for the fifth consecutive year.

Gary Weins '84 is assistant manager of the Montana Electric Cooperatives Association, based in Great Falls.

Susan Chisholm '84 was recently promoted to deputy news director at Maine Public Radio in Portland, where she's worked for nine years. In the last year she won two second place awards from the Public Radio News Directors Inc. for investigative/enterprise reporting and continuing coverage. She's an occasional contributor to National Public Radio where you can hear her work on Morning Edition and All Things Considered.

Michelle Cunningham '88 is an assistant director on the public affairs staff at Southern Illinois University. She and her husband have a son, Rhett.

Getting a first-hand look at the 2002 Iditarod was Great Falls Tribune outdoors reporter **Mark Downey '88**. He reported on four-time champion Doug Swingley of Lincoln, who announced a day into the race that he wasn't competing this year to win, but to take a "victory lap."

Jim Bruggers '81 left the Contra Costa Times in California to take a job as environmental reporter at the Louisville Courier-Journal. Jim is president of the Society of Environmental Journalists.

Dave Kirkpatrick is a staff writer in the custom services department at Coffey Communications. He lives in Cincinnati, where his wife is completing her medical residency. Word on the World Wide Web is that Dave is planning to run his first marathon.

Laurie Williams '84 is assistant managing editor at the Tri-City Herald in Washington. She writes, "I supervise 17 reporters and four photographers... Last summer, I coordinated a public access project in Washington in which journalists statewide posed as ordinary citizens and requested public documents. You can see the results in "Washington: Your right to know" at www.openwashington.com." She's active in SPJ, including serving two terms on the national board of directors. Laurie is married and has a son who turned 2 in July.

Kyle Albert '84 is editorial director of PCS Education Systems Inc. in Boise, Idaho.

Michelle Troxel '88 is unit manager for "Evening Magazine" at KING TV in Seattle, where she has worked for seven years. "A big accomplishment for us this year was successfully broadcasting our program live from the Olympics. It was quite a process since our daily show is taped." Michelle's unit also produces a weekend program called "Northwest Backroads" that has taken her to Montana on occasion.

Kevin McRae '88 is a labor relations specialist for the Montana Department of Administration. His wife, **Beth McLaughlin '90**, recently took a job as the human resources director for the Montana Supreme Court, which in July became known as the Judicial Branch with the addition of District Court employees. They report that their "best accomplishment is Clara Dorothy, who was born on Oct. 14, 2000."

John Bulger '84 is chief clerk and court administrator for the district court judges in Missoula County.

Karen Atkison '89 is a technical editor for Stone & Webster in Denver.

Rita Munzenrider '83 was promoted to director of University Relations at the University of Montana in January. She has been with the department for seven years, most recently serving as assistant director and News Bureau manager. Rita worked for several Montana dailies and weeklies in news and advertising for 14 years, including 11 years as a reporter for the Billings Gazette.

Perry Backus '83 is a photojournalist at the Montana Standard in Butte.

Ron Selden '86 is a freelance writer based in Helena. He is a prolific writer whose stories about Native Americans and environmental issues have been widely published.

Karl Baker '88 is the satellite and uplink coordinator for station KOLO-TV in Reno, Nev.

Ken Pekoc '88 is the public information officer for the Department of Public Health and Human Services in Helena. He reports that Kevin McRae took \$6 from him in their last poker game and John MacDonald won \$4. On a serious note, he's writing a grant application to the CDC for funding to train health department and hospital personnel how to effectively disseminate information during a health crisis or bioterrorism attack.

Christian Murdock is a photojournalist with the Gazette in Colorado Springs.

Clark Fair '82 is an English teacher in Kenai, Alaska. He was selected by students at Skyview High School to give the commencement address in June 2001. Telling graduates about his several careers, he advised them that success in life comes from how well they will handle change.

Shane Bishop '86 is a producer for Dateline NBC. He recently discovered a link that pointed to a serial killer having murdered a woman in Umatilla, Fla., in 1984. He found the suspect had received a traffic ticket in Umatilla, and Shane contacted police there to see if they had files on any victims whose deaths matched the killer's pattern of murder. They found a match, thanks to Shane's sleuthing. Shane and **Erika Colness Bishop '87** plan to move to Ashland, Ore., in September, where he'll continue his work for NBC.

Paul Tash '84 is owner of Tash Communications in Butte. He reports: "Tash Communications remains a small public relations and advertising firm with clients throughout Montana ... and beyond when good fortune finds us."

John Engen '88 is serving on the Missoula City Council. He works in public relations and, with his wife, Tracy, owns a travel agency.



Carlos Pedraza '87 is director of clearinghouse services for ETR Associates, a nonprofit organization in Santa Cruz, Calif., providing education, research and training services and publications in public health, community development, and national service. He oversees the National Service Resource Center, the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse, the Senior Corps Technology Center, the Tobacco Education Clearinghouse for the state of California, the California Children and Families Commission Clearinghouse, and EpiCenter, the online database of effective practices in community service.

Despite the fact Jerry Holloron once told **Verina Palmer '87** to change her major, she says she somehow managed to have a 15-year journalism career at newspapers in Arizona and Washington. She retired in 2000 after her name was published on the cover of Editor & Publisher and she met Don Henley. Within months, she began freelance writing for her former editors, who feared her state of mind as a stay-at-home mom. Verina now is a board member for the Valley of the Sun Society of Professional Journalists in Phoenix. She is 16 years past the deadline for her senior paper.

Nick Ehli '88 is an editor and sometimes writer at the Bozeman Chronicle. He serves as a member of the Chronicle's editorial board and in 2001 edited the newspaper's first book, *The Gallatin Collection*, a photographic history of Bozeman and the surrounding areas. He is editing a second book for the Chronicle that will detail the stories of local WWII vets. Nick also serves on the board of directors for Eagle Mount, a non-profit organization that helps people with disabilities participate in outdoor activities. He and his wife, Crystal, live in Bozeman with their two children, Bridger and Mackenzie.

David Reese '88 wears a number of hats at the Kailispell Inter Lake, including outdoors editor, features writer for the Montana Life section, contributing editor to the paper's Flathead Business Journal and special projects editor, designing and editing specialty publications. He previously worked at the Bigfork Eagle and Whitefish Pilot and was founding editor of Montana Living magazine and Montana Golf, which he sold in 1999.

Dave Fenner '85 (senior paper '98) has been the associate copy editor at Vanity Fair since September 2000. He and his wife, Nikki Walter, a 1990 UM graduate who is a management consultant at Deloitte Consulting in East Brunswick, N.J., have a 19-month-old daughter, Madeleine. They live in Metuchen, N.J.

James Conwell '86 lives in Great Falls with his wife, Jennifer, and two boys, Jack, 5, and Henry, 2. In February, he left his job as the pro se staff attorney for the U.S. District Court, where he worked primarily on prisoner petitions for writs of habeas corpus, and on complaints of civil rights violations. He is a career law clerk for U.S. Magistrate Judge Carolyn Ostby.

Scott Hagel '81 is director of communications for the Buffalo Bill Historical Museum.

Jo York '89 has returned to campus to manage the office of the university center with the longest name: "Rural Institute: Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service."

Theresa Walla '84 (senior paper 2000) is assistant perspective editor at the Chicago Tribune.

Dan DeWeese '82 is self-employed with Circle of Communications doing communications, editing and design work. He lives in Excelsior, Minn.

Scott Gratton '84 is at the Brown Law Firm in Billings, practicing civil litigation, trying products liability, personal injury and insurance cases. He reports that he takes pride in working only 10 months a year and recently returned from kayaking the Futalafu in Chile after snowboarding in Canada for a week. He has two sons, Sam, 12, and Zach, 9. "I miss the J-School and still look at that time as some of my happiest in all my life," he said.



Greg Gadberry '82 is in his seventh year as assistant director of the Maine Film Office. His wife, Susan, a former reporter, is an editor and publications designer with her own business and home schools their sons, Ben, 13, and Brian, 11. "We visited UM on a road trip two summers ago, where my sons

laughed at my Senior Seminar photo. My oldest, who already loves writing, has decided it would be really cool to go to J-school in Missoula," Greg said.

Natalie Munden Ringland '87 is director of development for Touch Alaska, a Web site designed to provide an international marketplace for the traditional arts of this northernmost tip of Alaska.

After 13 years as the Missoulian's crime reporter, **Michael Moore '86** moved over to the business/projects beat. He covers business as a beat, but is expected to work on two or three major projects each year. Moore — who recently married a state prosecutor, thus his retirement from the crime beat — won the 2000 Best of the West award for general reporting for a 12-page series on the Montana Supreme Court. He is married to Suzy Boylan-Moore and has one child, Kate, 17.

Stephanie Kind '88 is a language arts teacher and cross-country ski coach at Kenai Central High School in Kenai, Alaska.

Maureen Lennon '83 is a partner with Garlington, Lohn & Robinson in Missoula, where she has been since graduating from law school in 1989. She practices primarily employment law. Her two sons, Lee J. and Christopher, both attend UM.

Greg Lakes '80 is heading into his third year as editor of Headwaters News, a novel online news service and project of UM's O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West: <http://www.headwatersnews.org>. He reports: "I'm also about half way through the MBA program at UM's Business School, where I occasionally take the same class as my older son, and I still find time for seasonal bouts of kayaking, snowboarding, hiking and helping to coach my younger son's soccer team."

After only six months at the Missoula office of the Montana Job Service, **Barbara Kennedy '83** was promoted to business consultant, a job in which she assists businesses with their human resource systems, procedures and practices. "I now have three grandchildren and a fourth on the way. I still don't feel like a grandma—whatever that's supposed to feel like," she says.

Marlee Miller '85 was named in March as senior vice president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. She had been senior vice president and then interim president and chief executive officer of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce before taking the L.A. post. When she left Sacramento, the Bee featured her in a story about "significant" people leaving Sacramento for L.A. "I view this move to LA as just a detour in life before I move back to Montana," she says.

Shane Morger '80 is vice president for public relations for Crown Dodge.

Jim O'Day '80 became director of development for Intercollegiate Athletics at UM in 2001. He had been assistant director of the Grizzly Athletic Association for three years after selling his family newspaper, the Western Breeze in Cut Bank, in 1998. Jim and his wife, Kathy, have three boys: Chris, 17, Kevin, 16, and Brian, 11.

Gary Moseman '83 is chief editorialist and managing editor for the Great Falls Tribune, a posting he's held for 14 of his 19 years at the Trib. He's past president of the Montana Newspaper Association, president of the Montana Newspaper Foundation, and a member of the J-School advisory panel. He and his wife, **Jeannie Young '76** have a 13-year-old daughter, Nora.

Gordy Pace '86 directs the multimedia development group in the Information Technology Office at UM. He works with people on campus to develop DVDs, CDs and Web applications with video, motion graphics and Quicktime VR movies. He also works to provide the infrastructure to deliver courses online and through internet-based video conferencing. He and his wife, Laurie, have a son, Tanner, 8.

Ginny Merriam '86 covers social issues and health/medicine at the Missoulian. During fall semester, she returned to the J School again to teach Editing I in the old senior seminar room, joined by the ghosts of mentors. She was recently one of 12 writers at Lee Enterprises papers chosen to begin its new storytelling initiative. The writers will develop and then teach a traveling workshop for Lee reporters.

After more than 11 years as the staff writer for We Alaskans, a publication of the Anchorage Daily News, **Doug O'Harra '82** moved to the metro staff in the fall of 2000. He writes about science and the environment primarily, but says he does a mix of stories. "In the past few weeks, for instance, I've had stories about sea lions, invasive species and tracking fish into the deep ocean with satellite transmitters. But when it snowed almost 3 feet in one day — breaking Anchorage's 24-hour snowfall record — I spent two days reporting on snow plow jockeys."

Todd Goodrich '88 continues work as a photographer for UM's University Relations. He says he's trying to steer the office toward a change from film to digital photography.

Glenn Thane '86 recently received an award from Montana Ace Hardware for his good work, team spirit and attitude. Glenn works in the Missoula store.

Natalie Phillips '82 will start a Ted Scripps Environmental Reporting Fellowship at the University of Colorado in September. She has been at the Anchorage Daily News since 1991, covering primarily environment and science issues. She also teaches a class in environmental reporting at the University of Alaska Anchorage and is Time magazine's Alaska correspondent. She has a 2-year-old son, Dashiell.

Pauline Ranieri '82 is director of alumni travel at the University of Washington. She oversees the UW Alumni Tours program, implementing and planning all trips and activities. She is now in her 11th year at the alumni association. Before joining the staff, Pauline served as tour manager and operations supervisor at Contiki America and as tour manager at Contiki Europe.

Chris Ransick '88 teaches English and journalism at Arapahoe Community College in Englewood, Colo.

Dan Rapkoch '89 is director of community and customer relations for Continental Energy in Butte. He is also co-owner with his wife, Claudia, of Rapcomm Communications Solutions, a satellite technology business.

Sam Richards '83 is assistant editor of the San Ramon Valley Times, a newspaper published in conjunction with the Contra Costa Times in California's Bay area.

James Skranak '86 is working for the Forest Service in the Timber Stand Improvement Shop in St. Maries, Idaho. He's been there 12 years and says he likes the diversity of the job.

Deborah Richie Oberbillig '88 continues to write as a freelancer and own the business, Deborah Richie Communications. "I just received

word that a 16-page special section I wrote for the Sept./Oct. 2001 issue of *Wild Outdoor World* (a children's magazine) is a finalist in The Association of Educational Publishers 2002 Distinguished Achievement Awards program. The feature is titled "Fire-loving Wildlife," she reports. "My writing work takes me to such exotic locations as Okmulgee, Okla., where I tromped around in muddy, humid, tick-filled, snaky wetlands... Closer to home, you can see interpretive signs I completed for Garnet Ghost Town — edited by none other than my dear friend and professor emeritus Bob McGiffert." She is married to Dave Oberbillig and they are parents of Ian, 5.

Janice Zabel '86 is a teacher at Sutter Middle School in Sacramento.

Tom Walsh '89 is a business reporter at the Boston Herald. His finest achievement to date, he reports, is his 4-month-old daughter, Emily. In July Tom planned to begin a 6-month child-rearing leave of absence from the paper.

Jill Thompson Black, formerly an editorial writer at the Oregonian, is a staff writer in the editorial services department of Coffey Communications, a health services communications company based in Walla Walla. She and her husband, Dan, former publisher of the Kalispell Daily News, live in Kalispell. Jill is a member of the J-School Advisory Council..

Stuart Wakefield '87 completed his master's degree in communication disorders in 1993 from Eastern Washington University and works as a public school speech-language pathologist in the North Kitsap (Wash.) School District. He says: "On the personal side I'm playing in a local country/blues/rock band playing original tunes as well as covers. Our Web site is www.rickallyn.com."

1970s

John Paxson '72 is author of "A Golden Trail of Murder," published by Avalon Books. The murder mystery, which is set in Montana, is John's second book. He has a third, "Elvis Live at Five," which explores the more strident side of talk-show television, coming in the fall from St. Martin's Press. When he's not writing mystery stories he is vice president and bureau chief in London for CBS News. In that role he is responsible for all CBS News coverage in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and South Asia. John reported, seven weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks, that he had teams in Pakistan, northern Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Bahrain. His wife Lucrezia, a former ABC News correspondent, is working on a master's degree at King's College in London.

Another London journalist is **Dale Faulken '75**, who is chief sub-editor at Reuters, where he has worked for eight years. He edits business and economic stories, including news about foreign exchange, capital markets, macroeconomics and money laundering. Dale has been married for 22 years and has lived in London since 1978. He has an olive farm in the mountains of Andalusia in southern Spain and reports he has visions retiring in two or three years to "a nice quiet country life."

JoAn Mengel Bjarko '75 and her husband, Mike, are owners and publishers of the North Forty News, a monthly advertiser that circulates in Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Peggy Kuhr '73, former managing editor for content at the Spokesman-Review, is the new Knight Chair in

Journalism at the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Her work will focus especially on press leadership in communities. Peggy had been at the Spokesman since 1986, after working at the Hartford Courant and the Great Falls Tribune. A member of the board of directors for Associated Press Managing Editors, Peggy is program chair for the 2002 APME conference. She was a Michigan journalism fellow and has a master's degree in organizational leadership from Gonzaga University, where she taught occasional classes.

Craig Reese '78 is a copy editor at the Eastside Journal in Bellevue, Wash. Craig lives in Bellevue with his wife Lisa and 2-year-old blue heeler cross Zephyr.

Rob Dean '77 is managing editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican. Rob continues to fund the \$700 Norman A. Johnson award that he established to honor the memory of Johnson, a J-School alum who died in 1981.

Ronnene Anderson '73 is a part-time copy editor at the Edmonton Journal in Alberta, where her husband, Mark Pepler, is a professor of microbiology at the University of Alberta. They have two sons, Matthew, an apprentice welder in the oil and gas industry who lives in Calgary, and Neil, a student at UA. Mark and Ronnene celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Oxford, England, where they were married.

Robin Tawney '71 is president of the Nature Center, affiliated with the Montana Natural History Center. She continues her writing and conservation advocacy and serves on several public service agency boards, including chairing the Cinnebar Foundation and the Phil Tawney Hunter Conservation Endowment of the Montana Wildlife Federation.

Christine Torgrimson '73 is a communication and development consultant living on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. A Canadian sculptor, Charles Breth, whom she met at the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, proposed to her and lured her to the Gulf Islands in 1997, where she's now a Canadian immigrant. Tina works primarily with land trusts and conservation organizations throughout the Western U.S. and Canada.

Larry Elkin '78 has changed the name of his business from Larry M. Elkin & Co to Palisades Hudson Financial Group LLC, with office in Scarsdale, N.Y. He started the firm nine years ago and now employs nine people. Larry is the author of "Financial Self-Defense for Unmarried Couples" (Currency Doubleday) and publishes a quarterly newsletter on personal financial planning, Sentinel. He's a frequent speaker to professional groups and has made more than 100 radio and television appearances. He's also a member of the J-School's advisory board.

Moraine Roderick Byrne '78 is senior vice president of marketing for Health Dimensions Group. She is also the founder of Moraine Byrne Associates, Columbia, S.C.

Mike Thompson '76 has been Meeker (Minn.) County attorney since 1990. He has lived in Litchfield, a rural community about 75 miles west of Minneapolis, since 1981. He says his J-School education and writing skills have been a great help in his law practice. Mike is married and has two middle-school-aged children. "It's hard to believe it's been almost 27 years since leaving Missoula. Living on the plains, I cherish every chance to visit the mountains. Thanks for the education."

Wayne Arnst '72 is a longtime photographer for the Great Falls Tribune.

Kate Whitney '76 has been working in Helena for the state Public Service Commission since 1988 and is currently the chief of the PSC's compliance & public information bureau.

Carey E. Matovich '75 is an attorney in Billings with the firm of Matovich and Keller.

Carmen Winslow '75 is an associate editor at the Montana Standard in Butte.

Charles Johnson '70 continues as chief of the Lee State Bureau in Helena. Chuck and Pat Hunt were married in July 2000 in Helena. Chuck oversees a troupe of UM J-school alums at the bureau, including Ericka Schenck Smith and Jennifer McKee. Both Erin Billings and Kathy McLaughlin worked there until recently.

Ken Berry '70, who had been executive vice president of Oahu Publications, owner of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, has been named director of sales/special projects for The Honolulu Advertiser. The Star-Bulletin was purchased by British Columbia-based Black Press Ltd.

Also at Coffey is **Joan French '78**, who is vice president of editorial services. She lives in Walla Walla.

Sam Roberts '75 is special events director at the McLean Community Center in McLean, Va.

Dennis Unsworth '78 started a consulting/freelance firm two years ago, Unsworth & Associates. Its focus is better communication in the public sector, particularly as regards public works projects. Previously he was spokesman for the Montana Department of Transportation for 16 years. Dennis is also a jazz drummer of some note. He has played with the Wilbur Rehmann Jazz Quartet for almost 20 years and recently started playing with the Tim Drackert Group,

which recently did the annual spring benefit for Montana Community Shares at the Myrna Loy Center in Helena.

William Cook '78 is an assistant attorney general with the natural resources section of the Oregon Department of Justice.

Jan Davis Weiner '70 is executive director of public affairs for Merck & Co., a worldwide pharmaceutical and research company. She lives in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Heidi Gasser Thomas '72 is owner of Suncatcher Publications in Mount Vernon, Wash. She provides newsletter and desktop publishing services.

Marjorie Bennetts '73 is the owner and president of M. Bennetts Public Relations in Marina del Rey, Calif. She notes that she never planned on a career in pr, but loves it and tells interns that journalism will take them into any profession because they can research and write. She celebrated her 50th birthday last year with a trip to Ireland, Wales and England.

The Oregonian's senior editor for suburban news is **Kay Black Balmer '74**. She oversees five suburban bureaus with about 60 reporters and editors who write for all sections of the paper. Previous to taking that job, Kay was recruitment director for the paper and proudly reports she had a hand in bringing a virtual J-School hall of fame to the Oregonian. UM grads include: **Patty Reksten, Randy Rasmussen, Bruce Ely, Heidi Williams, Julie Sullivan, and Paige Parker.**

Richard Bangs '73 was publisher of the Douglas County News-Press in Castle Rock, Colo., but left to take a job as adviser to the student newspaper at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton.

Susan Bangs '71 in an assistant principal at Highlands Ranch High School in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Nedra Bayne '70 is general manager of Gro Media Inc. in Spokane. She also serves on Spokane Ag Expo board of directors and is an ambassador for the American Crop Protection Association.

Donna Syvertson '73 continues as a reporter at the Missoulian, doing general assignment work "covering some of this and some of that," she reports. Last year she visited Norway, met two shirt-tail relatives, "admired the wonderful scenery and thought about moving," she says, adding: "I'm still thinking."

Tom Wettach '74 is a child and family therapist at the Lancaster Behavioral Health Network in Lancaster, Pa.

Ronald L. Wilcox '77 worked for several years as a reporter and editor at newspapers in Wyoming, including the Casper Star-Tribune, then attended law school at the University of Denver. He is a partner in private practice with Hill & Robbins, P.C. in Denver, where he specializes in complex civil litigation with an emphasis on antitrust and consumer class actions. He and his wife Jane, and their 12-year-old son Ryan returned from a 10-day trip to New Zealand in March 2002, where they attended a wedding at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, where the America's Cup is housed.

Ken Dunham '70 is executive director of the Inland Northwest Chapter of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) in Spokane, Washington.

Janelle Fallan '74 is vice president for strategic programs for the Spokane Chamber of Commerce.

Lorraine Edmo '70 is Education Program Specialist for Research and Policy in the Office of Indian

Education, a position she has held for three years since successfully working to get President Clinton to pass an executive order on American Indian and Alaska Native Education. Before that she was, for six years, executive director of the National Indian Education Association. She and her husband, Jerry Cordova, a member of the Taos Pueblo tribe, are parents of a daughter, Lauren, 13. An older son, David Lee, lives in Fort Hall, Idaho.

Daryl Gadbow '75 is a reporter for the Missoulian covering both the outdoors and general news.

John Halbert '77 covers city news, agriculture and the environment for the Miles City Star.

Kevin Giles '74 is an editor at the Star Tribune in Minneapolis, supervising reporters and copy editors at night. Previously he was editor of the Bismarck Tribune in North Dakota. He has worked for three Montana newspapers, including the Independent Record in Helena, and is currently writing a book about the 1959 riot at Montana State Prison. He is married to the former Becky Curtis of Helena and they have three daughters, one of whom is a University of Montana forestry graduate.

Larry Hammon '72 is a distance education associate at Oregon State University.

Lexie Verdon Barr '77 left her job as assistant editor of the Washington Post's weekly Health tab last year to become deputy editor of PM Extra, a Washington Post entity created in 2000 to generate copy for the Post Web site. She is a liaison between the Post newsroom and the Web people, getting stories from Post staffers and making them available to the Web. Lexie's husband, Steve Barr, writes the Federal Diary column that appears in the Post.

Lynn Ingham '76 opened the Advertising Age Group sales office in San Francisco five years ago. "San Francisco was the hub for most of the advertising-related internet frenzy so it was especially interesting working for the trade publication of the advertising, marketing and media industry in this office through the heyday. I now manage the San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago sales offices for Advertising Age and am responsible for all things ad-related for Ad Age, Ad Age Global, AdAge.com and all other properties or projects related to this publishing group," he reports.

Rich Kaudy '72 is an attorney with White & Steele in Denver. He reports: "I am past president of the 400-member Colorado Defense Lawyers Association (and have rested on my laurels ever since and do they smart) and received awards from the Defense Research Institute for contribution to the civil litigation defense bar. My children are ages 10 and 12, so I will continue my contributions to the University in hopes they can gain entrance to the University without the political influence I needed, coming from Butte High School."

Joel Kleinman '72 left his job at the American Radio Relay League to become managing editor of QST, a magazine covering news and practical information about public radio.

Jay Kohn '76 has been at KTVQ in Billings since 1998. He is assistant news director and co-anchors the 5:30 and 10 p.m. weekday newscasts. He and his wife, Judy, have three children, Melanie, 23, Jeff, 17, and Andy, 13.

Rich Landers '75 is in his 25th year as outdoors editor for The Spokesman-Review and his 18th year as far-West region field editor for Field & Stream magazine. The Outdoors section he produces each week has won first place four years in a row in the news-

paper outdoor section contest for newspapers of all sizes that is sponsored by the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

Gordon Dillow '77 is a columnist for the Orange County Register. He says: "I'm growing consistently older, balder and more conservative as a columnist for the Orange County Register. And as much as I enjoy sunny, 80-degree days in February, I still miss Montana."

Ken Woolsey '70 is in his 25th year at Montana State University-Billings, where he is director of public relations. His major project at present is working on commemorating the school's 75th anniversary.

Jon Krim '77 left his job as executive editor of TheStreet.com, a New York-based online financial news service, in April 2001, and joined the Washington Post as technology policy writer in June 2001. He reports: "It's been a challenge going back to writing, and not being able to order people around anymore, but I'm enjoying it. Mostly, it's great to be at a newspaper that celebrates the values of tough, independent journalism. Our daughter, adopted from China, is now 6 and enjoying kindergarten. For some strange reason, she is always extremely eager to express her opinion. My wife and I are still trying to figure out how this happened."

Dee McNamer '73 is an associate professor of creative writing at the University of Montana. She's the author of three books, the most recent of which is "My Russian," published by Houghton Mifflin. Her stories, essays, reviews and journalism have appeared in The New Yorker, The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Miami Herald, Doubletake and Outside. She has received an NEH Fellowship in Journalism and has been a Thurber Writer in Residence at the Thurber House in Columbus, Ohio.

Lorna Milne '79 is an adjunct professor of English at Carroll College and a freelance writer. She lives in Helena, with her husband Michael and their daughters Ryann and Shauna. Her work has appeared in Mothering, The Boston Globe Magazine, Walking, Orion, The Gettysburg Review, Northern Lights and other periodicals.

Lynn Morrison-Hamilton '74 is a member of the Montana University System Board of Regents.



Kathie Moriarity Newell '77 is public relations manager for Northern Montana Health Care in Havre. She has been a trustee for Havre Public Schools for about 12 years and was a member of the award-winning Montana School Board of the Year for 2000, and a recipient of the Montana School Board's Association's Marvin Heintz Award. She and her husband, Pat, have two college-age sons, Nathan and Nick.

Mike Pantalone '75 has the best winning percentage (.922) of any collegiate men's soccer coach in the country. He was also awarded the NSCAA/NISOA National Merit Honor, given to one college coach annually (2-year or 4-year/men's or women's) based on professional reputation and ethical standards. For the past 13 years he has coached at Yavapai College in Prescott, Ariz.

The peripatetic journalistic career of **Joan Melcher '73** has taken her from freelance writing to editing and writing for the National Center for Appropriate Technology's A.T. Times to working as communications director for an environmental non-profit in Santa Barbara, Calif., to freelance editing of trade books. Currently, she is editor of UM's Montana magazine. She says she "continues to pursue an

avocation of dramatic writing (to little apparent success), having written more screenplays and plays that haven't been produced than I want to talk about."

Dan McIntyre '72 was married in June 2001 to Jan Kleeman, a New York City native and attorney. He continues his job as associate dean of the graduate faculty of New School University (formerly New School for Social Research) in New York City. He says he misses Montana but stays in close touch with his family, most of whom still live there.

In 2001 **John Kafentzis '75** celebrated his 25th year at The Spokesman-Review where he designs page one and writes editorials. "My wife, Teresa, and I are still enjoying our tandem—we logged more than 800 miles last year," he reports. John wrote an article for the 2001 MJR about how riding a tandem took the same trust and teamwork as putting out a paper.

Clair Johnson '79 is in her 19th year as a reporter at the Billings Gazette. She continues to cover environmental issues, especially coalbed methane development in southeastern Montana. In February the federal courts were also added to her beat.

Patty Reksten '90, director of photography, and **Randy Rasmussen '77**, deputy director of photography, and the Oregonian picture editing staff won four picture editing awards in the annual international Pictures of the Year competition for 2001. Their picture editing portfolio for 2001, which included 33 pages (many of which were pages that dealt with the terrorist attack and aftermath) placed second in the international competition. They also won second and third place in the multiple news page categories and an award of excellence for a single news page. The picture editing staff received an award of excellence in the 2001 picture editing portfolio from the Society of News Design

competition as well. Patty has been at the Oregonian since 1998.

Bart Rayniak '73 is photo assignment editor for The Spokesman-Review.

Ken Robertson '70 is executive editor of the Tri-City Herald in Washington. He reports that the paper recently won a McClatchy President's Award and \$2,000 for its 10-page special edition coverage of Sept. 11. Overall, he says, the Herald has won 28 awards so far this year. One of Ken's columns won a first place. It warned of the dangers of fire in the summer of 2001, drawing on work by Norman Maclean and Richard Rothermel about the deadly Mann Gulch fire. Ken says his youngest graduates from high school soon and then will head off to Western Washington University. Another son is writing would-be novels at New York University and his eldest, a UM graduate in 1995, is running a Head Start program in Vancouver, Wash.

Don Schwennesen '72 left his job as publisher of the Bigfork Eagle to join his wife, Rose, selling real estate in the Flathead Valley for Partners West Realty. The Schwennesens also grow grapes and cherries in a small orchard along the east shore of Flathead Lake.

Barry Smith '74 is special counsel in the National Labor Relations Board's Division of Operations-Management in Washington, D.C. He had been serving as a senior attorney in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services before his appointment in November 2000.

Gayle Shirley '77 is working as the public information officer for Montana Secretary of State Bob Brown. She's also his staff adviser for the state Board of Land Commissioners, which administers the 5.2 million acres of school trust land in Montana. Her 12th book, "More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Colorado Women," came out in April,

published by Globe-Pequot Press. It's her third book in the More Than Petticoats series, which she initiated with Remarkable Montana Women. Her husband, **Steve Shirley '75** has had his activities limited by health problems, but Gayle says he closely follows political and civic affairs and dabbles in writing and is "probably the best-informed person in the state when it comes to current events."

Eileen Sheehy '79 is a social studies teacher at Billings West High School as of 2001-02; the previous 10 years she taught social studies at the Billings Career Center, a vocational high school. She holds National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification for teaching high school social studies. Her first-born, Vincent Pavlish, will attend UM in the fall.

John Shook '70 lives in Knoxville, Tenn., and reports he hasn't been back to Missoula since a trip in 1975. He says: "After graduation in 1970 I landed a job in Knoxville at a fairly new PBS station and 32 years later I am still here. This has been a fun job. My duties are mainly technical and I help keep the station on the air, although at a small station I've done most everything. Now we are entering the HDTV era which will be exciting and expensive."

1960s

Vernon G. Nelson '61 retired after 35 years with Olin Co. in Redmond, Wash. He had worked previously at Boeing as a writer and as a reporter at the Seattle World's Fair. Vernon is living in a nursing home, afflicted with Alzheimer's disease.

Tom Flaherty '62 is author of a book with Jim Kscinski titled "Jocks and Socks: Inside Stories from a Major League Locker Room." Kscinski was a longtime manager of County Stadium visitors' clubhouse in Milwaukee and the book details his anecdotes about, as he put it, "slinging jocks around." Flaherty retired in 2000 after a 40-year career in newspapers, the last 28 with the Milwaukee Journal and, after a merger, the Journal Sentinel. A highlight of his career was his election as president of the Baseball Writers Association of America in 1982 and duty that summer as master of ceremonies at the Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony. He and his wife, Carolyn, retired to Red Lodge, his hometown.

George Peck '68 reports that he's left the "topsy-turvy world of health care" and is now vice president of the Aurora (Colo.) Chamber of Commerce, which has about 1,200 members. An R-TV major, he says he still keeps his hand in by doing voice overs and occasional reporting work for KACT-TV in Aurora.

Mary Pat Murphy '69 is a writer and editor living in Kalispell.

Roger Barber '67 is provost and senior vice chancellor at Montana State University-Northern in Havre.

Lo Anne Wagner '63 visited the J-school in late May and reports she's just getting back to work after caring

for an ill family member for 16 years. She worked in public relations in Washington, D.C., was a writer and rotating night editor for President Nixon's news summary staff and was a member of the domestic policy staff in the Reagan White House.

Joining Lo Anne in her J-School visit was **Fran Hervol Tyler '65**, who says she hadn't been back to the UM campus since the '60s. She worked in advertising at the Spokesman Review and at newspapers in Seattle, but says she raised her family and moved back to the area that was always home, Moyie Spring, Idaho.

Mary Ellen Myrene '65 works with Community Colleges of Spokane.

Kay Ellerhoff '67 is executive editor of Wild Outdoor World, a children's magazine published by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. WOW has received multiple awards from the Educational Press Association of America for Distinguished Achievement in Educational Journalism. It has also been the recipient of two Parents' Choice Honor Awards.

Ross Carletta '65 is a copy editor at the Oregonian.

Georgianna Taylor '68 writes a weekly column about gardening for the Missoulian.

John Bennett '63 is director of public affairs for the Rocky Mountain region for Conoco.

Ruth James Towe '62 is completing her 14th year as the director at the Moss Mansion Historic House Museum in Billings. She plays an active role in tourism promotion in Billings and with the Billings Cultural Partners. She reports that right after Sept. 11, she, husband Tom and son Tofer (a '97 J-School grad) took a trip to Greece and Egypt, which she called "quite an adventure."

Kathe McGehee Randle '69 is a licensed professional counselor. She lives in Polson.

Printer Bowler '63 taught a class in publication design for the J-School during the summer session. Printer is the president and owner of Heartland Journals in Missoula and author of *The Cosmic Laws of Golf* (and everything else), a book about how to use intense contemplation to improve your golf and other pursuits.

Paula Wilmot '67 continues to work as a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune.

Ray Dilley '65 is general manager of Nebraska Public Radio. He had been general manager for NPR station WJHU in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was credited with revitalizing the major market station. His accomplishments include founding Vermont Public Radio and launching NPR Worldwide during his term there as project manager.

Dan Foley '65 is an associate professor of journalism at the University of Tennessee. His research interests are in database reporting and in coverage of courts, judges and the criminal justice system. He has created several databases of appellate court opinions and analyzed the outcomes by types of cases, by differences in judges' voting tendencies and by similar factors. A goal is to make database information on judges and courts readily available to the public, especially in jurisdictions where voters elect or retain judges.

Lyle Harris BA '62, MA '67 reports he "turns in the woods of western Washington." Actually, he turns wooden bowls on his lathe. He and Betty spent fall semester 2000 in Nepal where Lyle taught with the SANN Institute under a study-abroad program from Western Washington University where Lyle is a journalism professor. They also trekked over the

Throung La, world's highest pass at 17,600 feet. Their kids have left home, but the dogs are still there. His email: leh98284@Yahoo.com

Carol Riechmann '65 is a freelance writer living in Billings.

Gary Kimble '66 is director of Tribal Child Support Enforcement in the Department of Health and Human Services. The program will provide direct funding to tribes that want to develop and implement tribal child support enforcement programs. Gary had been commissioner for the Administration for Native Americans after having been confirmed by the Senate in 1994 as one of 13 senior appointees under Secretary Donna Shalala.

Zena Beth McGlashan '61 was a consulting editor for the photo collection "Remembering Butte, Montana's Richest City," published in November 2001 by the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, the World Museum of Mining and the Montana Standard. Zena Beth has a business in Butte, Wordz & Ink Publishing.

Mark Miller '67 is a professor of journalism at the University of Tennessee, a colleague of **Dan Foley '65**. His computer program, VB Pro, which does a content analysis of news stories and press releases, is being used in several countries. Mark is also a fellow of the Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research. He reports that in conversations with Dan, " 'What would Blumberg say?' is often our touchstone when we share particularly egregious examples of our students' work."

Ray Nolkamper '69 is in his 29th year as manager of member services at Glacier Electric Cooperative in Cut Bank. He publishes a monthly four-page insert in Rural Montana magazine. He's also active with the Glacier County Historical Society.

Pam Langley '69 continues to work out of her home for the Montana Agricultural Business Association, Montana Grain Elevator Association, Montana Seed Trade Association and the Association of Montana Turf and Ornamental Professionals. "I now email my newsletters to the printers—a definite change from watching pre-offset printing in Kaimin days," she writes. She has two children, Jeff, 25, a UM student, and Kari, 22, an MSU student.

Pat Vail '60 is a staff writer and administrative assistant for marketing and communication at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga. She says it was tough for her when UM played Georgia Southern for the national championship in football in 2000. Pat adds, "I am married still to Joel Vail almost 41 years. We met at the University of Montana the first day of our junior year as transfer students. We have three girls, Julie Barnes, Wendy Jacobson, and Amy Vail. Julie works for SMC Corporation as a corporate trainer in pneumatics, headquartered in Atlanta, Ga. Wendy is director of information systems for El Pollo Loco's corporate office in Newport Beach, Calif. Amy graduates in June from Cal Poly in Pomona, Calif., and has been accepted into the University of Glasgow's School of Veterinary Medicine in Glasgow, Scotland."

Nils Rosdahl '67 is completing his 16th year of teaching at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. He is adviser to the award-winning student paper, the Sentinel. The paper most recently won three firsts in SPJ national competition, the only two-year-college paper to earn a first place. It also was named best two-year newspaper. Nils also writes a weekly business column for the Spokesman Review. His daughter, Cory, is engaged to Todd Jasmin, son of Montana Board of Regents member Edwin Jasmin.

Bill Schwanke '67 is the new director of news for Missoula Clear Channel Communications radio station KGVO. Bill had most recently been executive director of the Grizzly Athletic Association. **Lynne Schwanke '68** continues to work as youth editor at the Missoulian.

John J. Schulz '62 continues as professor of international communication at Boston University, where he was last spring presented by the Greek community the first "Professor of the Year" award. Two years ago, he was also named by a group in Cambridge, England, to be included in their publication, "Significant People of the 20th Century." In January '02, he also became editor-in-chief of Global Beat Syndicate, sponsored by NYU's Center for War, Peace and the News Media. He writes or edits op-ed pieces that then are distributed by the Knight-Ridder and Tribune syndicates to over 400 newspapers of every size. After September 11th, Schulz found himself the center of much regional and national media attention as analyst, expert or commentator for TV, radio and print organizations "scrambling to find someone who knew anything about Afghanistan and the rest of that region and, as an added bonus, found my time as a combat fighter pilot additionally useful grist for their mills." Schulz reports he has two granddaughters, aged 2 and 5, and a golf game that comes and goes and drives him "slightly crazy, which for me was never a drive anyway, just a short putt."

Kaycee Clausen Schilke '66 reports she is the coordinator for student activities and leadership development at UM's University Center. "I also serve as the National Coalition Building Institute UM campus director," she says, which has as its goal eliminating prejudice and intergroup conflict. She also oversees several student programs.

Gary Svec '67 left his job as editorial page editor of the Billings Gazette and now focuses much of his time on his fiction work. In 2001 the Western Writers of America gave him its Spur award in the best short story category for his story, "All of Northing."

P.J. Wright '62 is director of sales and marketing for the Holiday Inn Parkside in Missoula.

Ann Glaze '69 is manager of policy and planning for the Oregon Commission on Children and Families. She lives in The Dalles, Ore.

Alice Lium '66 is a freelance science writer living in Baltimore.

Loretta Lynde '67 is a management consultant in Helena.

Emily Melton '65 left Kiplinger Editors after several years and is now assistant to the president of George Mason University. She lives in South Riding, Va.

Judith Blakely Morgan '60 is a freelance writer living in La Jolla, Calif. Her travel column for Copley newspapers won a gold award from the Society of American Travel Writers at its May conference in British Columbia. Judith is a member of the University of Montana Foundation Board of Directors, where she joins J-School alums **Don Oliver '58** and **Penny Peabody '61**.

Milo Moucha '66 is retired after work in government and with the U.S. Army. He lives in Holmes Beach, Fla.

1950s

Tom Anderson '52 and his wife were particularly affected by the terrorist attack on the Pentagon Sept. 11 because not only do they live only four blocks from the complex, but the crash destroyed an office in which Tom used to work. Tom was an Army officer for 24 years, retiring in 1976. He reports that he has done script writing and format design for CD-ROM training programs, but says he's much too busy to give time to real work. He and his wife divide their time between Falls Church, Va., and a golf community in the mountains of North Carolina.

Anne Thomas David, who is proud of the fact that her Swedish stubbornness helped her as she "hung in there" when her class of more than 40 dwindled to only 12 graduates in 1959, is living in Thousand Oaks, Calif., and using her artistic talents to produce beautiful quilts. She and husband Larry, who have two daughters and four grandchildren, travel at least once a year to Hawaii. She writes: "Just for the record, I confess that I *was* involved in the mistletoe caper involving faculty offices, I disavow *any* participation in the vandalizing of the Journalism Hall of Fame and I had absolutely nothing to do with the stuffed moose on the Dean's porch!"

Bob Gilluly '57 is retired from the Great Falls Tribune but writes a frequent column for the Trib on interesting aspects of Montana history. He lives in Anaconda, as does his brother **Jack Gilluly '63**, who retired after a long career working in newspapers in

Montana and South Dakota and in corporate communications.

Margot Luebben Aserlind '50 is a retired teacher, living in Livingston.

Gary A. Sorensen '57 is now officially retired, after a 30-year career in the U.S. Army and six years as vice president, public relations and membership, for a national association in Washington, D.C., then as marketing director for a business consulting firm in Missoula. He says it's great to be back home, living in Missoula again. Gary coordinated the all-class J-School reunion in 2000 and serves on the school advisory council.

William Evan Jones '54 reports that he has practiced law with the same firm for 43 years and is now senior partner of 30 lawyers in the Missoula firm of Garlington, Lohn & Robinson. He has no plans to retire.

After graduation from J school, **Jim Tutwiler '55** enjoyed a 30-year career in the U.S. Army with assignments in the United States, Europe and the Far East. He then worked for the Multinational Force and Observers in the Middle East (Egypt & Israel), followed by work as a public affairs manager and lobbyist for the Montana Chamber of Commerce. He is now a project manager and Governors' Cup golf tournament coordinator for the Montana Chamber Foundation. Jim lives in Helena with his wife, Lou Marilyn Vierhus Tutwiler.

Jerry Hayes '57 has retired from advertising and lives in Phoenix.

Frank Milburn Jr. '55 is retired and living in Sarasota, Fla.

Virginia Smith '54 is author of the book *God for Grownups*. She is also creator and general editor of *Scripture from Scratch*, a newsletter publication of St. Anthony Messenger Press, and co-author and presenter of the "Scripture from Scratch" and "World of the Bible" video series. Virginia taught for several years at Billings Central High School.

Lou Keim '53 reports he is enjoying retirement from public relations and managing. He lives in Whitefish and is a regular at UM's Grizzly Ride, an outdoor adventure for friends of UM and UM administrators.

Farrell Stewart '57 reports: "I remain an immature senior citizen who is thoroughly enjoying retirement. Translated that means I continue in my lavender stage of life practicing to be purple when I get old (if you've seen the poem 'When I Get Old I Shall Wear Purple'). I am on the MSU-Billings committee planning events to celebrate 75 years of existence and also continue being able to do their commencement program brochure."

Arthur Lundell '53 is retired as a weekly newspaper publisher and lives in Viroqua, Wisc.

Richard Wohlgenant '52 is a partner in the Denver law office of Holme Roberts & Owen. He has practiced with the firm since 1957. He concentrates his practice in general business law with an emphasis on banking. He has published articles on real estate topics in legal journals and is listed in "Best Lawyers in America" for the state of Colorado.

Ray Moholt '55 is retired as president of Moholt Marketing and Communications. He lives in Portland.

John Bansch '57 recently retired after a career as a sportswriter and assistant sports editor for the Indianapolis Star.

Carla Wetzsteon Beck '55 is a retired reporter, editor and press assistant living in Thurmont, Md.

Charlotte Kay Boll '57 is principal at Emerson Junior High in the Bakersfield City School District in California.

Ken Byerly '56 is retired as vice president and stockbroker for Merrill Lynch, which he joined after stints at the Washington Post and Newsday. He lived in Jericho, Vt.

Richard Champoux '58 retired as a history professor at Flathead Valley Community College. He lives in Kalispell.

Bernice Schutrop Nelson '57 is retired after careers in copy writing, advertising and on the staff of a U.S. Congressman. She lives in Billings.

Don Oliver '58 is retired after a long career with NBC. He was lured by the J-School into returning to UM for a semester in the fall of 1998 to teach radio-television courses and the print senior seminar. After that he was roped into heading the J-School Advisory Council and to serving on the board of directors of the UM Foundation. He lives in Woodland Hills, Calif., where he tries to improve his golf game by buying non-conforming clubs.

Al Cochrane '51 grows cherries near Flathead Lake, having retired from the U.S. Air Force.

Jo Ann La Duke Haley '56 spent sev-

eral years in public relations, counseling, instruction and ombudsman work for Lake City Community College in Lake City, Fla.

Richard Edgerton '59 operates a small business in Billings. He previously held jobs in public relations.

Kim Forman '56 is a priest in the Episcopal church. He lives in Seattle.

James E. Purcell '52 is a retired Silver Bow County judge in Butte.

James Graff '57 is retired as president of Advertising Edge in Billings.

Barbara Tidyman '56 reports she is enjoying her retirement in Tucson.

Don Zupan '52 is living in Pittsburg, Calif., after a long career in sports reporting.

1940s

Evelyn King '43 continues to write a weekly column for the Missoulian, as well as its holiday series "We Care," which describes families in need of help and western Montanans' response to their needs. She and husband Dick enjoy travel and golf outings and Evelyn spends a lot of time on volunteer work.

Verna Green Smith '40 is volunteer editorial director for OASIS, older adult service and information system, in St. Louis. A UM distinguished alum in 1982, Verna is kept busy with an array of volunteer work and enjoying her three sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jud Moore '48 is retired from the U.S. Forest Service. He lives in Missoula with his wife, **Mary Moore '48**, who is retired from UM Printing Services.

Roy June '48 is a retired attorney living in Joshua Tree, Calif.

Clary Kaufman Cory '43 was honored recently with the Great Falls Advertising Federation's Silver Medal award, given to a person who has made outstanding contributions to advertising. She was a columnist for many years for the Tribune and Leader.

Don Bartsch '40 has retired as associate editor from the Great Falls Tribune where he had a long career. He lives in Great Falls.

Alice Drum Blair '47 is an English as a second language teacher for Navajo and Latino children in Washington County, Utah. She lives in St. George. She had been a Realtor and ad agency production manager. Her husband, **Robert C. Blair '46** is retired after 20 years as editor of the editorial pages at the Salt Lake Tribune.

Duncan R. "Scotty" Campbell '41 is retired after a career as advertising manager and publisher of the Montana Standard in Butte.

Vinton A. Corwin '49 is retired from Exxon Corp. He lives in Houston.

Keith Crandell '49 works in Manhattan with Visiting Neighbors Inc., an organization devoted to serving New York City's elderly.

Jean Bartley Freese '48 is retired and living in Miles City after a career as a reporter, photographer and editor at various Montana newspapers.

Martin Heerwald '48 is living in Seattle after retiring from a career with United Press International.

Richard Kern '46 retired from the Marine Corps as a colonel and lives in Livingston.

Walter Larson '49 lives in Ellensburg, Wash. He owned and published weekly newspapers in Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Don Mittelstaedt '42 lives in Sierra Vista, Ariz., after retiring from work in copy editing, photography and reporting.

1930s

Ken Ingram '38 was one of four inductees into the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame in ceremonies Aug. 25, 2001. Immediately after graduating, he taught English and journalism at Fergus High School and then worked for a year as telegraph editor of the Lewistown Democrat News. After a one-year tour in the Army Air Corps, he worked at Lockheed, where he was honored for efforts to improve wartime plant efficiency. From 1947-57, Ingram was "Mr. Everything" at the weekly Fallon Standard which won several Nevada Press Association awards for community service and for commercial printing. He was reporter, assistant editor, advertising manager and administrator of the commercial printing operation. The induction program described Ingram as "a champion of the public's right to know and an unswerving proponent of the 'get it first, but get it right' school." Rollan Melton, former Reno Gazette-Journal publisher, who started his career as a Fallon Standard printer's devil when he was 15, called Ingram "the best and most influential on-the-job teacher" he ever had. In 1958, Ingram started Washoe Litho Print Company in Reno and ran it until his retirement in 1993.

Bill Forbis '39 divides his time between Big Arm on Flathead Lake and San Diego. He had a long career

at Time, Inc. as a correspondent, writer and senior editor and held editorial jobs at Time-Life Books, Money and Discover.

Geraldine Wilson McCarthy '30, a member of the University of Montana President's Club, recently celebrated her 93rd birthday with family and friends in Paradise Valley, Ariz. While at the University of Montana, she was sports editor of the Kaimin and a member to Theta Sigma Phi professional journalism fraternity. She continues to manage the Doc Wilson Ranch, near Lewistown, that has been in her family since 1919. Many years of her life were devoted to civic activities in Texas and Arizona including president of Phoenix Women in Communications. The family still treasures a photograph in the Kaimin of Geraldine in acknowledgment of her perfect score of 100 (100 bull's-eyes in 100 shots) for the girls' rifle team.

John Willard '38 is retired from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and lives in Billings.

Leland B. Taylor '36, who retired as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, was chairman of the board of Agronics, Inc. He lives in Albuquerque.

John Williamson '39 is a retired U.S. Marine Corps officer and small business operator. He lives in Weed, Calif.

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BUILDING

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to be in the same building.

The faculty has discussed the need for a new building for several years, but the need has become more urgent. "Enrollment has mushroomed — up more than 40 percent in the last three years — and our current facilities are stretched past their limits," Brown said. "We also need to move forward in teaching more multi-media courses. The faculty and advisory council have reviewed all the options and agreed that a new building is necessary."

A headcount of majors in fall semester 2001 revealed a total of 588, a record for the school.

The new building, designed by the architectural firm of Overland Partners Inc. of Bozeman, will unify journalism programs, provide sufficient classroom and laboratory space and include additional room for the Kaimin, KGBA radio and television studios.

Although no location has been confirmed, a campus plan specifies a site behind Jeannette Rankin Hall, northeast of the Liberal Arts Building.

Alums eager to assist in the project are invited to call the dean.

The architect's plans for the building can be found at <http://www.overlandpartners.com/Projects/design/Proj-design.htm>.



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Faculty Notes

Michael Downs will enter his third year as a visiting assistant professor this coming fall. Over the last two years he has filled in for various professors while they worked on research and writing assignments. In doing so, he has taught more than half a dozen different courses, including experimental courses in Current Events and Sports Reporting. This coming fall he will teach Current Events, Community News Service and News Editing.

Dennis Swibold spent the 2001-2002 academic year on sabbatical, working on history of Montana's press and the Anaconda Company. He also wrote a biographical study of Montana's muckraking lawyer, Christopher Powell Connolly.

Sally Mauk and Edward O'Brien recently won a first place in the SPJ Region 10 Pacific Northwest Excellence in Journalism contest ("Spot News Reporting" category) for live coverage of Montana reaction to the events of 9/11. Sally's summer schedule includes teaching a course in the school's Grizzly Journalism Camp, and attending the Public Radio News Directors association conference in Washington, D.C. in early August.

Sharon Barrett received the University's Distinguished Teaching Award for 2001-02. She also continues to write book reviews for the Chicago Sun-Times and to publish fiction and nonfiction articles in magazines and journals. Continuing a long-standing involvement with Latin America, she worked in Colombia and Peru off and on during the past five years giving workshops

to professional journalists and to students.

Visiting assistant professor **Denise Dowling** finished her second year of teaching in the Radio-Television Department. Students reaped the benefits of Dowling's successful application for a Broadcasters-In-Residence grant for the 2001-2002 academic year. Professionals from KHQ Television in Spokane visited campus for workshops, classroom lectures and one-on-one critiques of student work. UM was one of just 10 universities in the nation awarded the prestigious Knight Foundation grant. Denise has also coordinated student award entries with much success. Seven student entries won Society of Professional Journalists regional Mark of Excellence Awards, and three first-place winners advanced to the national competition.

Clem Work received a \$5,000 grant from the Kurtz fund administered by the School of Journalism, to help him complete his book on the Industrial Workers of the World and suppression of speech in Montana during the World War I period. He plans to spend most of the summer working on it, particularly on the stories of people prosecuted under sedition laws for criticizing the government. In the fall, he will also be receiving some research assistance from RTV honors student Lindsey Lear, who won a university-based undergraduate research scholarship tied to the project.

Gus Chambers, an adjunct professor in RTV, has won a gold award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for his 60-second promo spot about a university's

role during troubled times. The spot was created after Sept. 11, and includes narration of words of poet John Masefield by UM President George Dennison and video from a remembrance ceremony held on the Oval. The promo also won a gold award from the Admissions Marketing Report.

Ray Ekness recently captured third place in the video news category of the 2002 International BEA Festival of Film, Video and Media Arts. His winning entry — which he shot, wrote and edited — profiled John "The Yank" Harrington, a 97-year-old button accordion player from Butte. Ray, who was an adjunct for several years while he worked at UM's Broadcast Media Center, was hired as a tenure-track faculty member in 2001, replacing Greg MacDonald.

Dean Jerry Brown was elected to a committee that directs the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Awards program. The Hearst Steering Committee meets twice a year to evaluate the program and confront new issues in journalism education that may affect the competition.

In fall 2001 **Carol Van Valkenburg** became the first chair of the new print journalism department in the School of Journalism. The Board of Regents approved a new administrative structure for the school, which now consists of a print journalism department and the radio-television department. Carol spent much of academic year 2000-01 trying to live up to the Freedom Forum Teacher of the Year Award she received at the outset of the school year. She was one of

three journalism professors nationwide to receive the honor, which came with a \$10,000 check. She continues occasional summer stints on the foreign/national copy desk at the Philadelphia Inquirer. Carol brags that she's most proud of son Kevin, who received a journalism degree from UM in 2000, and is a reporter for the Baltimore Sun.

Keith Graham is now the director of the photojournalism program. He has worked on improving both the undergraduate and graduate photo programs this past year, both of which are growing. He served on 10 committees this academic year, including three university committees, one of which he served as chair. Keith is also serving on the steering committee for a photographic exhibition at the Art Museum of Missoula. He has started work on a book project on Carol Guzy, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winning photographer for The Washington Post. He has also started research on a photo documentary project on Montana family ranches.

Bill Knowles just completed his second year as chair of the Radio-Television Department. However, much of his time still goes into JOUR 100, the intro/survey course he began teaching when Prof. Warren Brier died in the late '80s. Bill's wife, Sharon Weaver-Knowles, runs a successful "Kindermusik with Ms. Sharon" business in Missoula in addition to her private piano and voice teaching. So on one level of their home, Bill is screening some of the 140 video clips he uses each semester in JOUR 100, while piano music from "Twinkles" to Bach drifts down from upstairs, while Karelian bear dog Tipper barks. Noisy house. Bill has been invited to defend our J-school's traditional hands-on, do-it-till-you-get-it-right style of teaching on a panel discussion at the AEJMC convention in Miami Beach in August. He'll be taking on European theoreticians and others who may not understand that hands-on places like

Montana teach a lot of theory, but in very small doses while students are making their journalistic mistakes.

Denny McAuliffe ended his diversity fellow duties with the Freedom Forum and has turned his full attention to teaching and to overseeing Rez Net, the Web newspaper for tribal colleges, which you can read about elsewhere in this issue. In June he spent three weeks at the American Indian Journalism Institute at the Neuharth Center at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. He'll spend the rest of the summer back on the foreign desk at the Washington Post.

Sherry Devlin, a Missoulian reporter and adjunct faculty member who regularly teaches reporting for the school, won a Scripps-Howard Foundation Award for environmental reporting in 2001. Her series of stories focused on how the forest fires of 1910 that swept across Idaho and Montana changed the way fires were fought, leading to a forest service policy of stopping fires at all costs. That philosophy, since abandoned, led to a build up of fuel in the forests, resulting in devastating fires later in the century. Her award came with a \$2,500 check, which she was presented at the National Press Club.

Former faculty

Former Dean **Charlie Hood** continues to enjoy his life in Prague, where he teaches in and directs the small journalism program he established nearly two years ago at Anglo-American College, a private college established for Eastern European students after the Velvet Revolution. In past months he helped negotiate the college's first journalism scholarship, funded by The Prague Post, taught a special class for visiting Western European students at Prague's Charles University and spoke at conferences about press responsibility in former communist

countries. Next year he will get teaching help from a New York Times editor who will become the college's first-ever Fulbright fellow. For the past four summers Charlie has worked in Paris as an editor for the International Herald Tribune, but he will take the 2002 summer off to do some writing, to travel in Europe with his wife Jana, who also is a college teacher in Prague, and to return home to Missoula for a visit.

Jerry Holloron is a copy editor at the Seattle Times. Jerry wrote an absorbing piece about the newspaper strike in Seattle that was published in the 2001 issue of the Montana Journalism Review. Jerry spends much of his time doting on his two dogs, Zippy and Kadi. He's even been known to send out e-mail pictures of the two of them, though he'll never admit it.

Greg MacDonald, who retired from full-time teaching at the J-School in 2000, is president and CEO of the Montana Broadcasters Association.

Patty Reksten is director of photography at the Oregonian. She reports she is still jogging, still gardening. She enjoys getting lots of e-mail from Montana grads and says her walls at work are littered with photos. "Some things don't change," she says.

Ed Dugan drops by the J-School regularly to pick up the steady flow of mail he still gets from alums and to keep the faculty entertained. He still makes the rounds of the Missoula Farmers' Market on weekends and occasionally joins a few faculty in cut-throat poker games. Queries about how he's doing are always answered with the famous Dugan flair: "Well, I'm still vertical!"

Nathaniel Blumberg continues to keep the Montana media on their toes. His journalism critique, *Treasure State Review*, which he began publishing in 1980, is now online at <http://www.nathanielblumberg.com/>. He

also recently published a book, "Charlie of 666: A Memoir of World War II," which was nominated for the 2002 Distinguished Book Award from the Society of Military History. He continues to enjoy life on the shores of Flathead Lake, near Bigfork. His email is blumberg@cyberport.net.

SULLIVAN

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knows about me and Butte."

This May she learned she had won a national award for feature writing from the Society of Professional Journalists for an Oregonian story titled "This is How We Live," a searing account of one couple's struggle after their nearly 2-year-old twins were diagnosed as autistic.

Ten years ago, one child out of 5,000 was afflicted with autism. Today, the incidence is one in 500 children, Julie found.

From the story: "As the girls grew, they grew harder to control, bolting out of cars, jumping off the top of dressers and stairs and running into walls. They stripped in Target, screamed in the supermarket and smeared feces on their bedroom walls. Inside [the house], they moved like Sherman's army, breaking pictures and knickknacks, drawing on walls. Rachel would hit Renee so hard she would sob. Renee urinated all over the house. Donna pulled up the soiled rug in the girls' bedroom and put down industrial carpet and eventually, linoleum. The girls pulled up the linoleum and ate the adhesive."

Julie's story placed first in

SPJ's feature writing category for newspapers with a circulation of 100,000 or greater.

Julie previously worked for The Spokesman-Review, where her work won the Best Newspaper Writing Award for short news writing from the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

She is married to Jim Springhetti, who is a desk editor at the Oregonian. They have two children, Joe and Rose, who keep them on the run.

POLLNER

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Weber said. "If the editor says this should happen, it happens. If an adviser says this should happen, maybe it will happen."

Weber did help the Kaimin put out its first-ever breaking news Web edition when the house a UM professor shared with her gay partner was destroyed in an arson fire. The fire occurred on a Friday and the paper posted several editions Friday night and over the weekend until its next printed publication.

The Pollner family came from New York and London for the first Pollner lecture on April 22. Anthony's parents, Ben and Alice Pollner, brother, Edward Pollner, and sister, Amy Moritz, and their spouses were in Missoula and plan to return in October when the second Pollner lecture will be delivered.

In the first year the school will benefit from two Pollner distinguished professors. Weber's tenure was for spring semester, but starting in fall 2002, the Pollner professor will teach each fall semester.

Tom Cheatham, an NBC producer and former UPI reporter, will be the second Pollner professor.

Cheatham, whose resume reads like a journalist's choose-your-own-adventure story from the mid-1960s to the present, will move from Durango, Colo., to teach fall semester 2002.

Cheatham began his career with UPI in Chicago in 1965, while earning his master's degree at Northwestern. In 1967 he was assigned to Vietnam, where he covered the major battles of this period: Tet, Khe Sanh, Con Thien, Hill 875,



Cheatham

Hill 881, and the battle for Dak To. He suffered shrapnel wounds in a mortar attack at Con Thien, requiring a month on the hospital ship Sanctuary. During his UPI tenure he was also overnight foreign editor in New York, bureau chief in Tel Aviv, European news editor and London Bureau chief.

He joined NBC in 1977, returning to Tel Aviv as bureau chief until 1981, when he was assigned to New York. In New York he was foreign producer for NBC Nightly News, supervising all foreign stories. He won two Emmy awards for coverage of doping at the 1988 Olympics. Cheatham was also senior editor at Christian Science Monitor from 1990-93. He taught for the 1993-94 academic year at UM and has since worked as a producer for NBC and a documentary film maker.

He'll teach a seminar on the topic of war correspondence, as well as work with the Kaimin staff.

FACULTY

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covering the poultry industry in Arkansas, which she says was her favorite beat ever.

"In addition to pure business reporting, it had labor and environmental issues," she said. "Plus, I learned more about technology — how a 6-week old chicken becomes a chicken McNugget — than I thought possible."

In between submarines and chickens, Venema was a reporter and bureau chief at the Hartford (Conn.) Courant for six years. She first came to Montana in 1992 and taught as an adjunct in the J-school for three years. She returned in the fall of 1999 as a visiting professor.

This time, she plans to stay.

"We had a strong group of candidates and Sheri was outstanding among that group," said Carol Van Valkenburg, chair of the J-school's print department. "She has great professional credentials but also a great record of teaching and service at UM. The faculty saw her as someone who will continue to make strong contributions to both the school and the university."

— Lindsay Henderson
J-School Web Reporter

KURTZ

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highly regarded enough to be tapped into Sigma Delta Chi, and he led a drive to raise funds for the professional fraternity. He also edited the 50th anniversary special edition of *The Montana Kaimin*.

Kurtz impressed his dean and professors as hardworking, of high character and responsible. Ford recommended him for admission to New York University School of Commerce, to study advertising, and Professor Ed Dugan recommended him for residence at the International House.

For several years after graduation Kurtz kept in touch with the school. He apparently completed his degree at NYU, worked in retail in Washington, D.C., returned to Montana for a brief stint at a Great Falls radio station and by 1959 was an advertising copywriter for an Omaha agency. In the alumni survey, he reported that he was spending most of his time writing radio, newspaper and TV ads for Mutual of Omaha, the Bob Considine show on NBC radio and the "Keep Talking" TV show on CBS and ABC.

After that report, the trail in the J-school files fades. The Dillon Tribune's obit said: Kurtz "retired after teaching for an extended period of time in Omaha Public Schools. Frank loved to travel and traveled around the world."

"The scant record we have in the files indicates that Frank Kurtz found real support from Dean Ford, professors Dugan and Olaf Bue, and perhaps others," said Dean Brown. "They gave him not only enthusiastic letters of recommendation but also a career boost. They recognized and encouraged his talent, and obviously he never forgot."

Funds from the Kurtz endow-

ment are already being put to good use.

"With part of the earnings we have created research and publication grants to support faculty projects," Brown said. "Professors Dennis Swibold and Clem Work are completing books connecting Montana's press history to important national trends in jurisprudence and media management — and they have been given a leg up, thanks to Frank Kurtz. We need more of his character."

Earnings will also be used to support the fund-raising effort and to supplement the salary for a systems technician. "Our operating budget is paltry," Brown said, "and we are using the Kurtz fund sparingly to fill gaps in state funding. This fund will help us remain strong and competitive."

Alumni who remember Frank Kurtz and have details to add to our understanding of his life and works are invited to correspond with the school.

Obituaries

Lem Price '01, a gifted photojournalist who was about to start his first full-time job as a newspaper photographer at the Topeka Capital-Journal, was killed in a car accident in Missoula on April 20, 2002. He was 24 and the father of two children. Lem had completed several internships, the most recent at the Associated Press in Seattle. He had also interned at the Santa Fe New Mexican, where J-alum Rob Dean is the editor.

William Bellingham '42, who was Kaimin editor in 1941-42 and became a decorated war hero, attorney and community leader, died April 8, 2002, in Billings. He served with the infantry in Europe, then earned his law degree in 1948, but was called back to service during the Korean war. On that tour of duty he received the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star Medal. Bellingham received the Montana Bar Association's highest honor, the William J. Jameson Award, and also was recognized with UM's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Dan Vichorek '69 died suddenly at his home outside Helena in February 2001. A former Marine, he was a Kamin editor who encouraged and defended student protests against the Vietnam War. He became a police beat reporter for the City News Bureau in Chicago, then returned to Montana where he worked as a technical editor for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality until his death. He also wrote humor columns for Montana Magazine.

Mel Ruder, a friend of the J-School who received an honorary doctorate from UM in 1998, died Nov. 19, 2001. Mel created Montana's most successful weekly newspaper and was the first Pulitzer Prize winner for journalism in the state. He founded the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls in 1946, and served as its publisher, editor and photographer for 32 years. Mel won the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished general local reporting for his coverage of the 1964 floods that devastated property around Glacier Park and the Flathead Valley. He contributed more than \$200,000 to the J-School, saying he wanted the money used in whatever way the school chose.

Ray Fenton '43, who helped establish and operate the first accredited public relations firm in Montana, died Aug. 20, 2001, at his home in Helena. Ray had been an instructor in journalism at UM for the 1946-'47 and 1948-'49 school years. In 1960 he and his wife, Mary, who also graduated from the J-School in 1943, joined Joe Renders in forming Public Relations Associates in Great Falls. In 1982 he and Mary formed Fenton & Fenton communications consultants. Mary died in 1984. The family has established

a scholarship fund in both Ray and Mary Fenton's name at the School of Journalism.

Vivian Paladin, 83, longtime editor of Montana The Magazine of Western History, died in late May 2002 in Fort Worth, Texas. While attending the J-School she worked at the Montana Kaimin, then worked at the Pioneer Press in Cut Bank and the Havre Daily News. She began work at the Montana Historical Society in 1958.

Jeff Cole '81, aerospace editor of the Wall Street Journal, died Jan. 24, 2001, in a plane crash in Denver while he was on assignment. *See related stories in this issue.*

Josephine Laura Blumberg Loewen, daughter of former Dean Nathaniel Blumberg, died Jan. 7, 2001, of hypothermia. She was 46. Her father was dean of the School of Journalism from 1956 until 1968. Loewen earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from the University of Montana in 1994 and had worked as a photographer for the Missoulian.

Kevin Crough died Jan. 14, 2001, in Bigfork, where he was editor of the Bigfork Eagle. He died of alcohol and drug-related causes, according to newspaper reports. Kevin was editor of the Kaimin for a brief period and also put together the publication that commemorated the Kaimin's first 100 years.

William Emery '50, a former advertising salesman and columnist for the Long Beach (Calif.) Press-Telegram, died Sept. 17, 2001. He was 77. He was also an accomplished Dixeland trombonist. He lived in Los Alamitos.

Marianne Hodgskiss Waye '51 died Dec. 16, 2001, in Bellevue, Wash. She was 72. She was a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune in the 1950s. She had lived in Burien, Wash., since 1966.

Mike Dukik '49, died March 9, 2000, in St. George, Utah, from cancer. He was 77. For 19 years Dukik was the pro at Wing Point Golf and Country Club on Bainbridge Island. In 1988 he moved to Ronan to help establish the Mission Mountain Golf Club. A year after graduation from the J-School he won the New York amateur golf championship. In 1965, he won the Oregon Open.

John Reed '99, Kaimin editor in 1999, died at his home on March 25, 1999, an apparent suicide. After graduation he had worked at Continuing Education on campus,

but had to leave the job due to mounting depression.

Edward Dolan, '47, who for four decades was a reporter and editor at the Sacramento Bee, died April 10, 2000, in Sacramento. He was 79.

Paula Jellison '85, an ASUM vice president, died in 2000 of Hodgkin's disease at age 38. She was director of community relations in the office of the King County Prosecutor in Seattle.

Blue Tanttari '88 died Dec. 5, 2000, from a bacterial infection. She had also been fighting cancer. After graduation with a master's degree in radio-television, she produced conservation videos for soil and water conservation districts. She was working on a master's degree in natural resources conservation when she contracted cancer.

Patricia Brennan Taylor '38 of Wichita, Kan., died June 19, 2000, at age 83. She had been a reporter and editor in Great Falls and Casper, Wyo., and a contributor to the Wichita Eagle's "My Turn" column, Active Aging and the Montana Historical Society Journal.

Nicholas Michael Mariana died Aug. 20, 1999, in Portland, Ore., on his 86th birthday. He graduated from the J-School in 1937 and went to work for the Missoulian and KGVO radio. He worked for the Great Falls Electric's pioneer baseball team, then for the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland and later for the U.S. Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife.

OTHER REPORTED DEATHS

Mary Luebben Bradley '46
Charles Caraway '52
Barbara Hays Pendleton '36
Edward Chouinard '39
Elwyn Pepper '50
James D. "Brick" McElwain '50
Lawrence Wilkinson '50
Donna Persons Gordon '52
Allan Porter '54
Walter O'Donnell '55
Scott C. Leedham '55
Jewel Esther Moore '58
Mary Lou O'Neil Sennett '69
Doug Ellman '94

TALBOT

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Although Talbot is leaving the classroom, he's not leaving the Journalism School. He'll continue to serve on the J-School Advisory Council and to spearhead fundraising efforts for a new journalism building.

In his own words, here are his thoughts on leaving the classroom:

In 1984 when Dean Charles Hood asked me if I would be willing to develop and teach a news-media management course at the Journalism School, I was both interested and grateful. It was an interesting proposition because I thought of myself as somewhat of a student of management styles and skills and also because the idea of finding out if I could teach had great appeal.

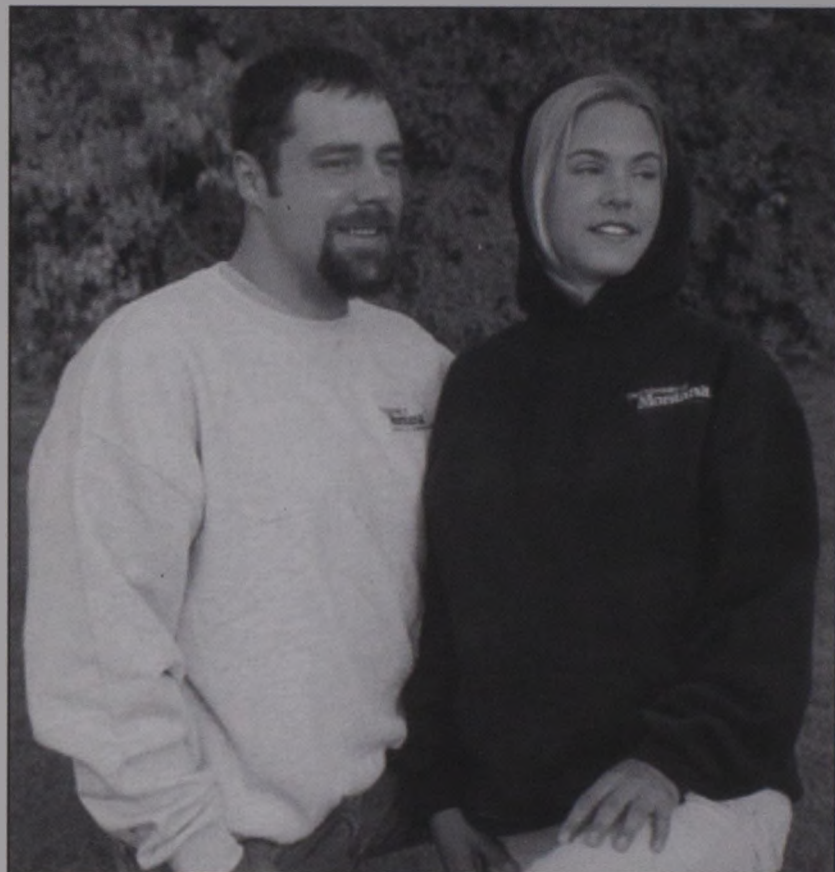
I was grateful because the prospect of giving up a job as a newspaper group manager for Lee Enterprises looked to me as though it would leave a very large amount of time on my hands, and I couldn't quite see a life of full-time work in the yard. It was also flattering to have a man who had been a good dean, as well as a good journalist, think I could do something so different from my past life.

Today, after teaching the course for 19 years, I can say I was absolutely right to be both interested and grateful. The attempt to make management of the news media interesting and relevant to about 700 students during those years kept me fascinated and engaged to an extent I find hard to believe. In satisfaction it was right up there with being publisher of a decent newspaper.

Today I am also more grateful than ever to Dean Hood for giving me the chance to teach and know these students and be part of a truly remarkable faculty. I say remarkable because I have never known a group working together who liked each other, helped each other and supported each other like the faculty at the School of Journalism. This group could be used as a case study in the Media Management class for its outstanding motivation, spirit and teamwork.

My very sincere thanks to Dean Hood and the other deans for their sensitive leadership and to the faculty members with whom I have been so proud to teach. The years with them have been wonderful years.

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