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UM Charter Day program honors 7 for service

The University of Montana celebrated its 109th birthday Thursday, Feb. 14, by recognizing seven local men and women for their outstanding service to campus.

This year's honorees are community friends Sheila Callahan and Dr. William Reynolds; UM employees Becky Hofstad, Ken Dial, William McBroom and Dave Forbes; and student Martha "Marty" Birkeneder.

Reynolds, a longtime UM friend and faculty affiliate, received the Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award from the UM Foundation. Named for UM's president during 1981-86, the Bucklew award recognizes Reynolds for 20 years of service as a volunteer fundraiser for the UM Foundation's annual Excellence Fund Business Drive. Reynolds served as a UM Foundation trustee during 1991-96.

Missoula on-air radio personality Sheila Callahan of KMSO-Mountain FM took home the Montana Alumni Award from the UM Alumni Association. As station general manager and owner since 1985, Callahan has been one of UM's strongest and most public supporters.

Forbes, dean of the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, received the Robert T. Pantzer Award, which honors the 1966-74 UM president who strove to make the University a more open and humane learning environment. Dean and professor since 1988, Forbes has turned the school around, making its

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Callahan



Reynolds



Hofstad



Dial



McBroom



Forbes



Birkeneder



Sally Daer

Paxson School teacher earns excellence award

Dedication to her students, effectiveness in the classroom and a zest for teaching have earned Missoula's Sally Daer the Maryfrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence.

Daer, a fourth-grade teacher at Paxson School, was chosen for the award by The University of Montana School of Education. It was presented to her at the 13th annual UM Education Reception, held Feb. 16 on campus.

The \$2,000 Shreeve Award was established in 1992 to honor Maryfrances Shreeve, a master elementary teacher who taught for 37 years in Montana before her death in March 1998. The award recognizes teachers who go the extra mile both inside and outside of the classroom.

Daer is a master teacher who truly cares about each child in her classroom, said Paxson's principal, Joseph M. Stauduhar, in his nomination letter.

"She makes [an] extraordinary connection with students with an ease that

seems very natural," Stauduhar wrote. "I believe the foundation for her success with students is built on respect and the belief that what she does in the classroom each and every day will make a difference in their lives."

Daer was born in Pittsburgh and moved with her family to Bozeman, where she attended kindergarten through grade 12, graduating from Bozeman High School in 1961. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Montana State University in 1965, followed by a Master of Education degree from UM in 1968. She has continued her education over the years at both UM and MSU.

A one-room rural school in Bozeman, Anderson School, provided Daer's first teaching experience in 1965. She went on to spend 35 years in Missoula County Public Schools, teaching at Willard, Roosevelt and Paxson elementary schools.

In a letter of recommendation, Missoula businessman and city councilman John Engen remembered being a fifth-grader in Daer's class more than 25 years ago.

"She was the first Ms.

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Bennett presents UM law lecture

One of the country's most prominent political newsmakers will present the fifth installment of the William B. Jones and Judge Edward A. Tamm Judicial Lecture Series at UM.

William J. Bennett, former U.S. education secretary and drug czar, will speak at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, in the Montana Theatre. His lecture is titled "Why We Fight: War and Morality in the 21st Century."

The Jones-Tamm Lecture Series is presented by UM's School of Law to enhance understanding of the judicial system. Previous speakers have included FBI Director



Bennett

Louis Freeh and U.S. Supreme Court associate justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Clarence Thomas.

Bennett served as secretary of education and chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities under former President Ronald Reagan and as director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy under former President George Bush.

In 1993 Bennett co-founded Empower America, a nonprofit organization that encourages free markets and individual responsibility through direct action with the media and government.

Bennett has written and edited 14 books, including "The Book of Virtues," "The Children's Book of Virtues" and "The Death of Outrage: Bill Clinton and the Assault on American Ideals." His next book, "Why We Fight: Moral Clarity and the War on Terrorism," will be released in April.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Bennett earned a bachelor's degree from Williams College, a doctorate from the University of Texas and a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School.

The Jones-Tamm Lecture Series honors the memory of two former Montanans who had distinguished careers on the federal bench in Washington, D.C. Both Jones and Tamm were trial judges on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia; Tamm also served on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. The two judges had strong ties to Montana and its law school. ☛

2002 'Odyssey of the Stars' brings Hollywood to Missoula

Two UM alumni — one who works behind the scenes and another who acts in front of the camera — will be honored during the second annual "Odyssey of the Stars, A Celebration of Artistic Journeys" on campus this spring.

The star-studded event begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, in the University Theatre. All proceeds will go toward UM School of Fine Arts scholarships.

Emmy-award winning set designer John Shaffner and movie-television actor J.K. Simmons will be inducted into the School of Fine Arts Hall of Honor during the production, which will feature performances by Department of Drama/Dance students and faculty and music by top UM ensembles and soloists.

Fine arts Dean Shirley Howell said the stage event provides the school the opportunity to applaud the success of special alumni who have come to UM to stand in the spotlight and share their artistic gifts.

For more information about tickets or sponsorships, call 243-4970. Sponsors receive preferential seating and tickets to a meet-the-stars reception and other benefits.

John Shaffner

From magical moods and perfect sitcom sets to the super spectaculars of David Copperfield, the "American Music Awards," and, yes, even the 2000 National Republican Convention — this UM alumnus has designed them all, yet you may not recognize his face. John Shaffner, a Missoula native and three-time Emmy award winner for set design, started his theatrical career on the stage of Missoula's Sentinel High School.

He studied stage design at UM under the guidance of technical theatre Professor Bill Raoul before graduating in 1974. After completing his Master of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon, his professional design work took him coast to coast, including stints with the Los Angeles Opera Repertory Theatre and the Production Company of New York.

He was "discovered" by the New York Shakespeare Festival and designed "The Taming of the Shrew" set that featured Meryl Streep and Raoul Julia. From the stage he expanded into the field of television and film. Teamed with fellow production designer Joe Stewart, Shaffner has designed sets for television hits "Friends," "The Drew Carey Show,"



Shaffner



Simmons

"Dharma and Greg," "Three Sisters," "Inside Schwartz," "Nikki," "Veronica's Closet," "Jesse," and "Hope and Gloria," as well as sets for "The Emmy Awards," the "Jerry Lewis Telethon" and 10 David Copperfield specials, in addition to settings for the Presidential Inauguration and the Olympics.

A list of talent that has performed on stages set by Shaffner include Carol Burnett, Whitney Houston, Natalie Cole, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Bill Cosby, Graham Nash, Willie Nelson, the Oakridge Boys, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and many others.

One of the country's top set designers, Shaffner still finds time to assist young hopefuls trying to break into the business, and he continues to work closely with the School of Fine Arts at UM.

J.K. Simmons

He's a television guest in America's living rooms almost every day, and chances are you've seen him in one or more of a dozen movies, but you may not know that his career started at UM.

Actor J.K. Simmons has captured the hearts of Montanans since he first took the stage as a vocal performance major. Participating in University choirs and UM's Opera Workshop, and inspired by music faculty, he later became active in musical theater. Simmons appeared in Missoula Children's Theatre productions and spent several summers performing with the Bigfork Summer Playhouse.

After his starring role as Charlie Russell in the premiere of Richard Riddle's "Cowboy," he was encouraged to head to New York. The rest is history. Numerous Broadway and film roles, from "Guys and Dolls" to "The Mexican," have put his name in lights and on the big screen. His credits include "The Gift," "For Love of the Game," "The Jackal," "Hit and Runway," "Above Freezing," "The First Wives Club," "The Ref" and others.

Early television work included roles in "Homicide: Life on the Street" and his performance as Benny Southstreet in the PBS special "Guys and Dolls." He is perhaps best known for his recurring roles as psychiatrist Dr. Emile Skoda on "Law and Order" and Vern Schillinger on HBO's series "OZ." In the midst of a very successful career, his Montana connections remain strong as he returns to the stage where his odyssey began. ☛

Montana Artist—The Montana Museum of Art and Culture, formerly known as the Museum of Fine Arts, is hosting an exhibit titled "Theodore Waddell: A Retrospective, 1960-2000." The Waddell retrospective runs through March 31 in the Henry Meloy and Paxson galleries, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The show features more than 80 works spanning the artist's career, ranging from early abstract painting and minimalist sculpture of the 1960s to vividly colored contemporary landscapes. Considered one of Montana's most important contemporary artists, Waddell was born in Billings and raised in Laurel. A former UM art faculty member, Waddell left the University in 1976 to work full time as a rancher and artist. He finds inspiration in the landscapes, livestock and seasons of Big Sky Country.

Egg Hunting—UM will host its second annual Easter Eggstravaganza at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, on the Oval in front of Main Hall. The Easter egg hunt is for children ages 1 through 9, and a variety of candy and prizes will be given away. Monte the bear will be on hand to sign autographs, and the Easter Bunny will be hopping around. The event will be divided into sections for different age groups. Event sponsors include UM, KECL-TV, the Missoulian, Southgate Mall and Montana Rail Link. Last year thousands of kids turned out and vacuumed up the candy and prizes within minutes. For more information, contact Bridgit Sommer at (406) 549-3645.

Clean Bus—Recycled waste cooking oil from UM's Dining Services fuels a new University shuttle, which has been dubbed the Bio-Bus. The shuttle transports students from the Dornblaser Field parking lot to the center of campus, and it runs on an alternative fuel called biodiesel, which is produced in Missoula by recent UM graduate Erik Pritchard and environmental studies graduate student Paul Miller. Associated Students of The University of Montana purchased the Bio-Bus in its continuing efforts to offer transportation options that improve Missoula's air quality.

Campus Giving—More than 600 bighearted UM employees pledged a record amount for Montana charities during the 2001-02 Charitable Giving Campaign. Staff and faculty members gave \$86,400, which is \$3,400 more than a year ago. The average donation was \$140, up \$10 from last year. During the Charitable Giving Campaign, campus volunteer solicitors distribute informational packets to UM employees, who then can use checks or payroll deductions for their donations. Employees can distribute their donations equally to all nonprofit organizations involved in the campaign or designate individual charities.



Brawn Equals Brains—UM student-athletes excelled in academic achievement as well as sports during fall semester 2001. The student-athlete cumulative grade-point average was 2.97, and more than half of the students received a 3.0 GPA or higher. Fifty of UM's 283 student-athletes made the Dean's List, which requires a 3.5 GPA, and 19 earned a perfect 4.0.



Little Nest poses for a photo in 1941 near Pryor on the Crow Indian Reservation.

Crow Collection—A small but rich collection that examines many aspects of Crow Indian culture is now available at the Mansfield Library. Housed in the K. Ross Toole Archives, the collection provides resources on the language and customs of the Crow and includes numerous 1930s photographs. The collection came to UM from the late Fred W. Voget, a noted cultural anthropologist and American Indian ethnologist. His widow, Mary Kay Mee Voget, a 1939 UM graduate, chose UM for the collection over the Smithsonian Institution and Yale University. Voget's life and research were devoted to recording and preserving the Crow culture and way of life. His contribution to ethnology was intended to improve the lives of American Indians and to promote understanding and respect for diversity. Voget was an adopted member of the Crow Tribe who spent part of every summer with them in Montana. He died on May 8, 1997. For more information, contact archivist Jodi Allison-Bunnell at (406) 243-2053.

More Home Games—The 2002 Grizzly football schedule includes a school-record seven home games during the regular season, including three in a row in September. Montana opens its home schedule against the University of Albany in New York, a I-AA member of the Northeast Conference. UM then plays Division II power Northern Colorado, the team current Griz head coach Joe Glenn led during

1989-99. The Griz then open Big Sky Conference play Sept. 21 against Idaho State for Homecoming. After that, a non-conference contest against I-AA independent Southern Utah is UM's only October home game. In November, UM will have conference showdowns against Northern Arizona, Sacramento State and Montana State.

Language Days—UM's foreign languages and literatures department will host its 20th annual Foreign Languages Day Event on Friday, March 8. More than 500 high school students and their teachers from across Montana will attend foreign language courses and presentations. Students will choose from a wide selection of cultural and academic offerings, including Arabic 101, study-abroad opportunities, Peace Corps and Classics Jeopardy, just to name a few. Events will include a presentation of a classic Japanese play, starring artists David Crandall and Yukie Iitomi. Students and teachers also will attend an international luncheon with UM faculty and administrators. For more information, call 243-2401.

Computer Help—Students living in UM residence halls have something most of us would like to have: a neighbor close by who will help them set up and effectively use their computers. Every residence hall on the UM campus has a live-in Resident Technology Assistant — a student who agrees to work 20 hours each week to help students with their technology needs in exchange for room and board. The Resident Technology Assistants Program is the brainchild of Matthew Fisher, assistant director of information systems at UM's Residence Life Office. Fisher molded UM's program from bits and pieces of those at other universities and then expanded it to better fit student needs and schedules. Because they live in the residence halls, UM's RTAs are available whenever students have computing problems. "Most students are in classes during the day," Fisher said. "RTAs are there to help students sort out problems in the evenings — when most of them are working on assignments."

Senator Pays Up—Fritz Hollings, a U.S. senator from South Carolina, fulfilled a wager placed with Sen. Max Baucus by reciting the UM fight song in front of his colleagues on the Senate floor last month. Hollings was forced into the recital when his home-state Furman Paladins were defeated 13-6 in the Division I-AA championship game by the Grizzlies on Dec. 21. In his rendition, "Up With Montana" came out in a stately Southern drawl, except his voice rose to a high-falsetto when he said, "and the squeal of the pig will float on the air, from the tummy of the grizzly bear." Afterward Baucus said, "This was a fair wager and all in good fun. Sen. Hollings was a good sport about the whole thing, and I can certainly say I've never heard the fight song recited in quite that way."

Top Teacher — continued

I'd ever known, and, along with my mother, helped engender in me a deep respect and appreciation for women," Engen wrote. "She was a role model for both boys and girls. And she did it all with a fine sense of fun and a contagious laugh. ... Ms. Daer is one of a handful of teachers who helped shape my life in wonderful ways."

Another former student, Ralph Sample, also has three children who have been taught by Daer.

"I personally was not a great student and most likely not an easy person to teach," Sample wrote. "I did not have a big interest in school. I do remember how she made school interesting so that you were learning without realizing you were."

Sample's son Kyle wrote: "I don't think there were boring days in her class. Well, maybe there were. The boring days were when we had substitutes."

Daer engages her students by planning fun, interesting projects and bringing her own enthusiasm for music and athletics to class. Her students take field trips to Helena, learn about science through class rabbits, and correspond with students in Marshfield, Mass., through a pen pal program Daer initiated in 1969 with a fellow teacher.

Several recommendation letters spoke of Daer's kindness and sensitivity. One colleague and parent, in particular, wrote of Daer's response during the Vietnam War, when her classroom received some of the first Vietnamese children to come to the United States.

"We were not prepared to educate them," wrote Irene Hiller. "Language was a definite barrier. There were no programs in place to help teachers. Sally faced the challenge full force. Her first comment was, 'This is public education, and we will help educate them.'"

"She spent many hours developing lesson plans, revising plans that did not work, making sure that the parents of the children were involved and welcome in the community," Hiller continued. "She worked hard to be sure that the children and families had warm clothing. She helped the children to feel welcome with their classmates. She worked hard to help the children understand things that others take for granted. She was their friend as well as their teacher."

Runners-up for the Shreeve Award were Susan Kay Rowe, fourth-grade teacher at Hellgate Elementary School in Missoula; Anne M. Audet, first-grade teacher at Muldown Elementary School in Whitefish; and Jean Driggers, a teacher at Bissell School in Whitefish. 🐾

UM Calendar

Drama production—Feb. 28-March 2, March 5-9, "The House of Bernarda Alba," 7:30 p.m., Masquer Theatre, Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Tickets \$11/general, \$10/students and senior citizens. Call 243-4581

Artist's reception—March 1, "Recent Paintings" by Jay Schmidt, 5-8 p.m., University Center Gallery. Free.

Faculty and Guest Artist Series—March 1, pianist Steven Hesla, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets \$6/general, \$4/students and senior citizens.

UM Student Concerto/Aria Competition—March 2, Music Recital Hall. Call 243-6880 for more information.

Basketball—March 2, Grizzlies vs. Montana State (KPAX-TV), 7:05 p.m., Adams Center.

Multimedia stand-up comedy—March 3, Machomer, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$15/student, \$18/general. Call 243-4051 or (888) MONTANA.

Concert—March 4, Sam Bush, bluegrass, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets are available at Tic-It-E-Z locations, \$19/advance, \$21/day of show. Call 243-4051 or (888) MONTANA.

Multicultural film series—March 7, "Girls Around the World," 7 p.m., University Center Theater. Call 243-5776 for more information. Free.

Opera Theatre and UM Symphony Orchestra—March 7-10, "Die Fledermaus," Missoula Children's

Theatre. Tickets \$18/evening, \$12/matinee. Call 243-7529 for more information.

Concert—March 7, Asleep at the Wheel, 8 p.m., University Center Ballroom. Tickets available at all Tic-It-E-Z locations or call (888) Montana or 243-4051.

Concert—March 8, UM Jazz Bands, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets \$3/general and \$2/students and senior citizens.

Montana Campus Compact—March 9, ICEBREAKER: A Celebration of Service, annual fund-raiser, Holiday Inn Parkside, Missoula. Silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and live music by Bob Wire and the Fencemenders and Critical Martini. Public welcome. Tickets \$5. Call Jessica McCrossin at (406) 243-5177, ext. 3.

Lecture—March 11, "Twenty-Five Years After Love Canal: Reflections on the Evolution of the Superfund," 7 p.m., North Underground Lecture Hall. For more information, call Kristi Denney, 549-7381, or Neva Hassanein, 243-6217.

Concert—March 16-17, Missoula Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. Call 721-3194 for ticket information.

Spring Break—March 18-22. UM and Missoula Public Schools.

President's Lecture Series—March 25, "The Relevance of Philosophy to Life" by Hilary Putnam, Harvard University, 8 p.m., University Theatre.

Winners — continued

pharmacy program the 25th-ranked nationwide and the seventh-ranked based on federal grant dollars per Ph.D. faculty member.

Dial, professor of biological sciences, received the George and Jane Dennison Faculty Award. Known internationally as an expert on bird flight, Dial and his UM flight lab have been featured in Smithsonian Aviation and Space Magazine, U.S. News & World Report, Scientific American, and National Geographic. He hosted a television program, "All Bird TV," and was featured in other specials that aired on the Discovery and Animal Planet channels.

Hofstad, administrative assistant in the Department of Economics since 1985, earned the George and Jane Dennison Staff

Award. She has been active in improving the staff working environment on campus through her involvement with the local chapter of the Montana Public Employees Association. Hofstad also served two terms as second vice president of the UM Staff Senate.

McBroom, a sociology professor, received the Montana Faculty Service Award. A faculty leader, McBroom chaired the Faculty Senate during 2000-01 and served as president of the University Teachers Union during 1997-98 and UTU chief negotiator during 1998-99.

A first-year graduate student in sociology and criminology, Birkeneder won the Student Service Award, presented by the Associated Students of The University of Montana. She has served as ASUM student resolution officer and as an undergraduate-graduate student representative for the sociology department since 1999. 🐾

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